

6th Annual NERI Labour Market Conference

Tuesday 22nd May, 2018
Moyola Building, NUI Galway
Programme

09.35 – 10.10 Registration and tea/coffee – Foyer of the Moyola Building

10.10 – 10.30 Conference opening, MY127

- Welcome: Professor Alan Ahearne, Director, Whitaker Institute, NUI Galway
- Welcome: Patricia King, NERI Chairperson

10.30 – 10.50 Presentation from the Central Statistics Office, MY127

- Michael Connolly, Eoin Flaherty, and Yvonne Hayden, CSO National Accounts Division
 - *Productivity in Ireland*

10.55-12.30 1st set of parallel sessions (3 rooms)

Productivity and Skills, MY127

Session 1A, Chair: Dr Aidan Kane, NUI Galway

- Luke Rehill, Department of Finance
 - *Patterns of firm-level productivity in Ireland*
- Dr Adele Whelan, ESRI
 - *Educational attainment and skill utilisation in the Irish labour market: An EU comparison*
- Paul Mac Flynn, NERI
 - *A low skills equilibrium in Northern Ireland*
- Sorcha Foster, Oxford University
 - *The risk of automation of work in Ireland – both sides of the border*

Labour Market Transitions and Activation, MY124

Session 1B, Chair: Ciarán Nugent, NERI

- Dr Helen Johnston, NESCI
 - *Labour market transitions: barriers and enablers*
- Dr Paul Redmond, ESRI
 - *An examination of labour market transitions of minimum wage workers in Ireland*
- Ms Lucy Pyne, Pobal
 - *Evidence from the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)*
- Dr Nuala Whelan, Maynooth University & Ballymun Job Club
 - *The role of labour market activation in building a healthy workforce: Enhancing well-being for the long-term unemployed through positive psychological interventions*

Equality and the Labour Market: Gender and Age Dimensions, MY125

Session 1C, Chair: Dr Shivaun Quinlivan, NUI Galway

- Dr Lisa Wilson, NERI
 - *The gendered nature of job quality and job insecurity*
- Dr Karina Doorley, ESRI
 - *Taxation, labour force participation and gender equality in Ireland*
- Dr Mengyang Zhang and Dr Brídín Carroll, Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative, Department of Health
 - *Age-friendly workplaces: a positive ageing perspective*
- Dr Claire Keane, ESRI and Dr Caitriona Logue, University of Edinburgh
 - *The impact of free childcare policy on childcare and maternal supply decisions: Evidence from a regression discontinuity design*

12.30-13.15 Lunch – Friars Restaurant

13.15-14.50 2nd set of parallel sessions (3 rooms)

Pensions and Income Volatility, MY127

Session 2A, Chair: Dr Áine Ní Léime, NUI Galway

- Dr Michéal Collins, UCD and Dr Michelle Maher, Maynooth University
 - *Auto enrolment: into what, for whom and how much?*
- Dr James Stewart, Trinity College Dublin
 - *The roadmap for pensions reform; actuarial and other issues*
- Dr Jason Loughrey, Teagasc
 - *Household income volatility in Ireland*

Precariousness and Quality of Work, MY124

Session 2B, Chair: Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI

- Ciarán Nugent, NERI
 - *A time-series analysis of precarious work in Ireland: 2004-2016*
- Dr Sinéad Pembroke, TASC
 - *Living with uncertainty: The social implications of precarious work*
- Gail Irvine, Carnegie UK Trust
 - *Fulfilling work in Ireland*
- Ivan Privalko, Dublin City Council
 - *What do Workers get from Mobility?*

Trade Unions and Labour-Capital Relations, MY125

Session 2C, Chair: Dr John Cunningham, NUI Galway

- Dr Frank Walsh, UCD
 - *Assessing competing explanations for the decline in trade union density in Ireland*
- Dr Tom Turner, University of Limerick
 - *Tipping the scales for labour in Ireland? Collective bargaining and the industrial relations amendment) act 2015*
- Michael Taft, SIPTU
 - *A new enterprise model: The long march through the market economy*

14.50-14.55 Short break

14.55-16.15 3rd set of parallel sessions (3 rooms)

Economic Inactivity, MY127

Session 3A, Chair: Dr Lisa Wilson, NERI

- Stephen Byrne, Central Bank of Ireland
 - *A non-employment index for Ireland*
- Ms Anna Ludwinek, Eurofound
 - *The hidden potential of Europe's economically inactive*
- Anne Devlin, Queens University Belfast
 - *Why is work-limiting disability in Northern Ireland so high?*

Employment and Participation Trends, MY124

Session 3B, Chair: Dr Eithne Murphy, NUI Galway

- Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI
 - *Medium-term trends in the Irish labour market and possibilities for reform*
- Eamon Murphy, Social Justice Ireland
 - *An overview of labour market participation in Ireland over the last two decades*
- Dr Donald Storrie, Eurofound
 - *Recent and possible future developments of non-standard employment*

Collective Bargaining and Labour Market Institutions, MY125

Session 3C, Chair: Dr Alan Ahearne, NUI Galway

- Vincenzo MacCarrone, UCD
 - *Explaining the trajectory of collective bargaining in Ireland: 2000-2017*
- Dr Anthony Leddin, University of Limerick and Dr Paul Egan, University of St Andrews, Scotland
 - *Ireland's national wage agreements & macroeconomic performance: 1988 - 2008*
- Dr Daniel Higgins, NUI Galway
 - *Mainstream economics as secular authoritarianism*

16.15-16.45 Informal reception (Foyer of the Moyola Building) and close of conference
