

9th Annual NERI Labour Market Conference Webinar
Tuesday 6th July 2021
Draft Programme

09:20 – 09:50 Conference opening & plenary presentation from the Central Statistics Office

- Welcome: Mr Paul Mac Flynn, Co-Director of the NERI
- CSO Labour Market and Earnings Division – Introduction by Mr Morgan O'Donnell, Statistician, CSO
 - *Current and Planned Uses of the Revenue Real-Time Payroll Reporting (PAYE Modernisation) data for Labour Market and Earnings outputs of the Central Statistics Office*
- ***The use of real time data to enhance the Earnings and Labour Costs release*** - will be presented by Ms Louise Egan, Statistician, Labour Market and Earnings, CSO
- ***Use of Revenue data for Structure of Earnings Statistics*** - will be presented by Mr Morgan O'Donnell, Statistician, Labour Market and Earnings, CSO
- ***Development of an Employment Series*** - will be presented by Mr John Mullane, Statistician, Labour Market and Earnings, CSO

09:50 – 10:00 Break to prepare for next session

10:00 – 11:00 session 1

Inequality and Earnings

Session 1A, Chair: Dr Lisa Wilson, NERI

- Mr Ciarán Nugent, Economist, NERI
 - *Hourly Earnings Inequality in high-income EU countries and the UK- evidence from the Structure of Earnings Survey*
- Dr Barra Roantree, ESRI
(Joint paper with Dr Paul Redmond, ESRI)
 - *Earnings growth and inequality in Ireland: 1987-2017*
- Prof Frank Walsh, School of Economics, University College Dublin
 - *Non-Compliance with the National Minimum Wage*

Building a sustainable economy

Session 1B, Chair: Dr Aoife Ní Lochlainn, Irish Environmental Network

- Ms Sinead Mercier, Lecturer and PhD Researcher at the UCD Sutherland School of Law & Lecturer in Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University
 - *Ireland's Energy System: The Historical Case for Hope in Climate Action*
- Mr Paul MacFlynn, Co-director, NERI
 - *Covid-19 and the future of social security*
- Mr Paul Goldrick-Kelly, Economist, NERI
 - *Carbon Lock-in*

11:00 – 11:10 Break to prepare for next session

11:10 – 12:30 session 2

In job precarity

Session 2A, Chair: Paul Mac Flynn, NERI

- Dr Robert Sweeney, Senior Economic & Policy Analyst, TASC
 - *Job Quality in the Irish construction sector*
- Dr Michelle O’Sullivan & Dr Juliet MacMahon, Department of Work & Employment Studies, University of Limerick (Joint paper)
 - *Wage theft & the legal enforcement of migrant workers' rights: a case study of Portuguese construction workers in Ireland*
- Dr Lauren Bari, Adjunct Lecturer in Human Resource Management, Cork University Business School, University College Cork
 - *Trends in solo or freelance self-employment 2003-2019*
- Dr Alicja Bobek, Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin
(Joint paper with Dr Sinéad Pembroke, UCD & Prof James Wickham, UCD)
 - *Routes to precariousness: the expansion of fixed-term contracts in the Irish Higher Education and Early Childcare Education*

The pandemic and the labour market

Session 2B, Chair: Mr Ciarán Nugent, NERI

- Mr Luke McGrath, Economist, Western Development Commission
 - *The Regional Economic Impact of COVID 19: The Western Region and Atlantic Economic Corridor*
- Mr Kevin Threadgold, Economist, Department of Finance & IGEEES
 - *Ireland’s Unemployment Rate and COVID-19 Disruption*
- Ms Colette Bennett, Economist & Social Analyst, Social Justice Ireland
 - *A Post-Pandemic Unemployment - An Analysis of Estimated Additional Unemployment post Covid-19*
- Dr Lisa Wilson, Senior Economist, NERI
 - *The Future of Social Welfare and Material living standards: Who's responsibility?*

12:30-13:10 Lunch break & prepare for next session

13:10-14:10 session 3

Labour markets and Ageing

Session 3A, Chair: Dr Lisa Wilson, NERI

- Dr Catherine Elliott-O’Dare, Postdoctoral Researcher, UCD
(Joint Paper with Dr Micheál Collins, UCD)
 - *Researching Attitudes to Extended Working Lives among workers aged 50 years plus*
- Prof James Stewart, Adjunct Associate Professor, Trinity College & Dr Bridget McNally, Maynooth University (Joint paper)
 - *The Covid Pandemic and Pension Provision*
- Dr Ivan Privalko, Social Research Fellow, ESRI
(Joint paper with Helen Russell, ESRI & Bertrand Maître, ESRI)
 - *Early exit from work in Ireland: An analysis of LFS Data*

Evaluating policy and macro-economic issues

Session 3B, Chair: Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI

- Mr Adrian Hurley, Economist, Department of Public Expenditure & Reform and IGEEES
 - *An analysis of the distribution of enterprise supports*

- Mr Eoin Corrigan, UCD
 - *A Decomposition Approach to Exploring the Decline of Homeownership in Ireland*
- Mr Niall O'Donnellan, Independent Strategy Advisor
 - *Comparison of Ireland's Absolute Price Levels to EU Average (using Eurostat data)*

14:10 – 14:20 Break to prepare for next session

14:20 – 15:40 session 4

Alternatives at work and in public provision

Session 4A, Chair: Mr Paul Goldrick-Kelly, NERI

- Mr Michael Taft, Economic Researcher, SIPTU
 - *The Good Company*
- Dr Tom McDonnell, Co-director, NERI
 - *Universal Basic Services - Debating UBS & Policy Alternatives*
- Dr Cian McMahon, Postdoctoral Researcher, St. Mary's University Halifax, Nova Scotia
(Joint paper with Prof Sonja Novkovic, St. Mary's University Halifax, Nova Scotia)
 - *Humanistic governance in worker cooperatives: unlocking collective capacities*
- Mr Kevin P. O'Kelly, DIRECT 2 Project External Expert
 - *EU Study of Direct Employee Participation. DIRECT 2 - Employees Involvement in Digitalisation*

Precarity and exclusion

Session 4B, Chair: Mr Ciarán Nugent, NERI

- Prof James Wickham, Fellow Emeritus, Trinity College
(Joint paper with Dr Sinéad Pembroke, UCD & Dr Alicja Bobek, UCD)
 - *Precarious work and access to healthcare in Ireland*
- Mr Michael O'Brien, Fisheries Campaign Lead – Ireland, International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)
 - *Five years on a review of the Atypical Work Permit Scheme for Non-EEA fishers working on Irish flagged vessels*
- Mr Daniel Hoey, Research Co-ordinator, Focus Ireland
 - *Meaningful Employment Barriers and Aspirations for Mothers on Low Incomes*

15:40 Close of conference
