

11th Annual NERI Labour Market Conference**Tuesday 23rd May 2023****Riddell Hall, Queen's Management School at Queen's University Belfast**

10:00 -10.20 Registration, Networking opportunity, Tea/Coffee & Scones, Isdell Courtyard

10.20 -10.30 Conference Welcome.

Location: Isdell Courtyard.

- Welcome: **Professor John Turner**, Queens Management School at Queens University Belfast
- Welcome: **Mr Paul Mac Flynn**, Co-director, NERI

10.30 - 11.20 Morning Plenary.

Location: Isdell Courtyard

Chair: Mr Paul Mac Flynn, Co-director, NERI

Professor John FitzGerald, Trinity College Dublin

'One Island, Two Labour Markets: a look at the history of the Republic of Ireland & Northern Ireland labour markets over the last 100 years'.

Response: Dr Tom McDonnell, Co-director, NERI

'Different Labour Markets, the Same Policy Goals: A Response To 'One Island, Two Labour Markets'.

11.25-12.45 1st set of parallel sessions (3 rooms)

Human Capital, Job Types and Labour Market Outcomes. [Location: Isdell Courtyard]

Session 1A, Chair: Dr Anne Devlin, ESRI

Overqualified third-level graduates in the Irish labour market.

Mr Ciarán Nugent, NERI

Family and Neighbourhood Origins of Joblessness and Education Outcomes.

Dr Neil Rowland, Queen's Management School at Queen's University Belfast

Labour Market Dynamics and the Rising Prevalence of Multiple Jobs.

Mr Harry Williamson, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment

The application of Digitalisation in European Union Employment.

Mr Kevin P O'Kelly, Project Researcher for SIPTU, Irish Project Partner

Understanding our labour market & labour market inequalities[Location: Lecture Room 1]
Session 1B, Chair: Dr Eoin Flaherty, Maynooth University.

Mapping the Labour Market in Ireland.

Mr Chris Smart, NERI

Examining the Catholic-Protestant Wage Gap in Northern Ireland: Evidence from the Earnings and Employment Survey.

Mr Andrew Gillespie, Queen's Management School at Queen's University Belfast

Low Paid Older Workers: Who, Where and Why?

Dr Micheál Collins, University College Dublin (Paper authored with Dr Catherine Elliott-O'Dare, Trinity College Dublin)

Wage dynamics and high inflation: lessons from Irish data.

Ms Laura Boyd, Central Bank of Ireland (Joint paper with Mr Enda Keenan and Ms Tara McIndoe-Calder, Central Bank of Ireland)

Job Quality, Worker well-being & Living standards[Location: Lecture Room 3]
Session 1C, Chair: Paul Goldrick-Kelly.

Job Quality in Ireland.

Professor John Geary, UCD (Joint paper with Dr Lisa Wilson, NERI)

Some Missing Links in Ireland's National Well-Being Framework.

Dr Luke McGrath, Western Development Commission

Essential workers & employee well-being during the Covid pandemic.

Mr Paul Mac Flynn, NERI & Dr Maria Belizón, UCD

A new model of basic income for Ireland.

Cllr Dave Quinn, Social Democrats & Professor John Baker, UCD and Basic Income Ireland

12.45 - 13.30 Lunch break - Isdell Courtyard

13.30 - 14.15 – Afternoon Plenary

Location: Isdell Courtyard. Chair: Mr John Campbell, BBC

Afternoon Plenary

Labour Market Statistics in Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland

Similarities & Differences in Concepts, Measurement, Data

Speakers:

Mr John Mullane, CSO
Mr Gerard Colgan, NISRA

14.15-15.35 - 2nd set of parallel sessions (3 rooms)

Worker empowerment, Workers' Rights, Trade Unions & Statutory protections. [Location: Isdell Courtyard]
Session 2A, Chair: Dr Michéal Collins, UCD.

Measuring and Accounting for Trade Union Free-Riding in Ireland.

Professor John Geary, UCD (Joint paper with Dr Maria Belizón, UCD)

Strengthening enforcement of workers' rights in the UK labour market.

Ms Hannah Slaughter, Resolution Foundation (Joint paper with Ms Lindsay Judge, Resolution Foundation)

Democratising Productivity.

Mr Michael Taft, SIPTU

Labour market challenges: Participation & Inclusion [Location: Lecture Room 1]

Session 2B, Chair: Ciarán Nugent, NERI

Non-take-up of in-work benefits: The labour market, indexing and automatic-enrolment.

Dr Stephan Köppe, UCD (Joint paper with Mr Diego Muñoz-Higueras, University of Valencia & Mr Rafael Granell Perez, University of Valencia and Amadeo Fuenmayor Fernandez, University of Valencia)

Trading Labour for Experience: The role of unpaid internships in shaping Active Labour Market Policies in Ireland since the Great Recession.

Dr Jonathan Arlow, Dublin City University

The Nexus of Labour market participation & Social Citizenship: the integration of refugees.

Ms Natasha Black, Ulster University

Productivity, Enterprise & Business Performance [Location: Lecture Room 3]

Session 2C, Chair: Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI.

Productivity in Ireland: Before, During and After Covid.

Ms Yvonne Hayden, CSO, Mr Michael Connolly, CSO and Mr Seán O'Boyle, CSO

The Potential of Social Enterprise on the Island of Ireland.

Dr Helen Johnston, National Economic and Social Council

Analysis of Ireland's Enterprise Churn Rate.

Mr Niall O'Donnellan, Independent Strategy Advisor

15.35-16.00 Tea & Coffee, Biscuits - Isdell Courtyard

16.00-17.00 – 3rd set of parallel sessions.

Pathways to work, Self-employment, Employment & Activation Policy [Location: Isdell Courtyard]

Session 3A, Chair: Mr Chris Smart, NERI

The lived experience of marketised public employment services: activation through ignorance.

Dr Ray Griffin, South East Technological University, Waterford

The Structure and Usage of the Public Employment Service.

Mr James Shaw, Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform & IGEEES

Flows in and out of self-employment.

Mr Patrick O'Brien, Department of Finance (Joint paper with Ms Martina Lawless, ESRI and Mr Luke Rehill, Department of Finance)

Exploring the Dynamics of Economic Growth and Risk [Location: Lecture Room 1]

Session 3B, Chair: Dr David Jordan, Queens University Belfast.

The Role of the ICT Services Sector in the Irish Economy.

Mr Enda Keenan, Central Bank of Ireland (Joint paper with Mr Thomas Conefrey, Mr Michael O'Grady and Mr David Staunton, Central Bank of Ireland)

MNE experience and start-up firms.

Mr Eoin Flaherty, UCD

Pension Funds: Marks and Risks.

Dr Jim Stewart, Trinity College Dublin (Joint paper with Dr Bridget McNally, Maynooth University)

Tackling the climate crisis & Building Resilience [Location: Lecture Room 3]

Session 3C, Chair: Professor John Turner, QUB

Carbon lock-in and institutions – outlines of a political economic approach to emissions reduction inertia.

Mr Paul Goldrick-Kelly, NERI

A "Spatially Just" Transition in the electricity sector on the island of Ireland: mapping regional risk.

Mr Jonas Poulsen, UCD and NERI intern

Assessing Household's Living Standards and Income Resilience at the outset of the Cost-of-Living crisis.

Dr Micheál Collins, UCD

17.00 – 18.00 Drinks Reception & Close of conference. Location: Lecture Room 2
