



Nevin Economic Research Institute

Research Activities and Outputs

2024

Outputs

The core of the NERI research is focused on three streams of work. During 2024 we produced:

13 Working Papers and Reports on the following topics:

- Good Jobs: What are they and how do we get more?
- Over-qualification in High-income EU members;
- The Expansion of Third level education and Intergenerational Transmission of educational attainment in high-income EU countries;
- Labour market outcomes of third level graduates in high-income EU members. Is father's education important?
- Low-Paid Workers: The Need for Continued Support and the Challenge of Making Work Pay;
- Economic Report - *The Economy is at Capacity: We need a Countercyclical Budget*;
- Northern Ireland's productivity challenge: Picturing Success
- Productivity in Ireland's Domestically-Owned Market Economy: a Comparative Survey;
- Fiscal Sustainability in Northern Ireland Reforms to the system of Revenue and Expenditure in the Northern Ireland Executive;
- An institutional framework to analyse comparative emissions performance (Awaiting Review - ETA Q1);
- The relationship between institutional configuration and emissions in OECD states (Awaiting Review - ETA Q1);
- Outsourcing in the Irish Public Sector updated theory and evidence;
- Poverty on the Island of Ireland North and South.

New Economic Model A series of outputs building the 4 pillars:

- Economic Security Series: Part 1 - Pursuing income adequacy;
- Economic Security Series: Part 2 - Unemployment Insurance;
- Economic Security Series: Part 3 - Collective Bargaining;
- Productive Economy Series: Part 1 - Transitioning to high value sectors;
- New Economic Model: Pillar 3 (Security and Well-being);
- New Economic Model: Pillar 4 (Resilience and Sustainability – ETA December);
- New Economic Model: Pillar 1 (Productive Economy – ETA December).

Working In Ireland Survey: Wave 2 We have been working in partnership with the Human Resource Management and Employment Relations Group in the UCD Business School on the *Working in Ireland Survey* and have secured funding for the next wave to be carried out in both Ireland and Northern Ireland in 2025. We have participated in a series of research and advisory meetings along with the Team in UCD.

Activities

- The 12th Annual **NERI Labour Market Conference** was held in Maynooth University on the 16th of May. The conference had 45 research papers on various aspects of the labour market and labour market policy. Additionally, we had a series of paper delivered by European colleagues in the Eurofound network focusing on minimum wages and collective bargaining;
- The 12th Annual **Dónal Nevin Lecture** will be held on the 5th of December 2024 in the Royal Irish Academy where Dr Mary Murphy, of Maynooth University will deliver a lecture on A new all island social settlement; An eco-social future of care and equality;
- In February 2024 we hosted an event in conjunction with the Irish Labour History Society to mark 100 years since the birth of Dónal Nevin. Francis Devine presented a lecture entitled 'Dónal Nevin 1924-2024: A Centenary of Achievement';
- The NERI hosted **9 seminars** and **webinars** highlighting both our own work and external research of importance to the NERI's mission.

External Contributions

- The NERI made a number of **media interventions** over the course of 2024 in the form of newspaper articles in the Irish Examiner, The Irish Times, Irish Independent, Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Belfast Newsletter and the Sunday Business Post. Additionally, there were radio and television interviews with the BBC, RTE, Newstalk, Today FM, Radio Na Gaeltachta and various local radio stations.

- The NERI made submissions and appeared before each of the following **parliamentary committees on 1 or more occasions**
 - The Oireachtas Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight:
 - Including a written report: Examination of Taxation on Wealth and Assets: How they Work and Could be Evolved in Ireland;
 - Benchmarking welfare payments;
 - Budget 2025 analysis.
 - The Northern Ireland Assembly Finance Committee
 - Including a written submission on the 2024 Northern Ireland Budget.
 - The Northern Ireland Assembly Economy Committee
 - Including a written submission on the Department for Economy's Good Jobs policy.
- The NERI was represented on the following **External groups and committees**
 - Northern Ireland Productivity Forum; Expert Advisory Panel (Northern Ireland Housing Executive Revitalisation Programme); Cesifo Forecasting Network; Living Wage Technical Working Group; Expert Advisory Group of IGEES; Expert Advisory Group University of Maynooth Department of Economics; TUREC; CSO Macro Statistics Liaison Group; CSO Productivity Statistics User Group; ETUC Economy Committee; ETUC Employment, Mobility and Labour Market Committee; Northern Ireland Women's Budget Group; Northern Ireland Women's Policy Group.
- The NERI provided **Education** services throughout 2024 including:
 - A lecture series for Department of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Maynooth (Undergraduate and Masters);
 - Lectures for Maynooth University's Department of International Development;
 - The NERI gave a number of external presentations, for example to the Northern Ireland Economic Conference, and to the Social Justice Ireland Conference among others.
- The NERI collaborated with ICTU on the following documents **The Good Employment Plan: Contributing to a more prosperous and fairer society,**

Pre-Budget Submission and the **‘Private Sector Pay Outlook’**. The NERI also provided regular briefings for the ICTU Executive Council and Northern Ireland Committee along with other ICTU and NIC-ICTU Committees as appropriate. In addition, the NERI provided various economic briefings to a range of unions upon request.