



Nevin Economic Research Institute

Research Activities and Outputs

2025

Outputs

The core of the NERI research is focused on three streams of work. During 2025 we produced:

9 Working Papers and Reports on the following topics:

- What explains Ireland's relatively high energy prices?
- Beyond Budget Balancing: Towards a Sustainable Fiscal Settlement for Northern Ireland.
- Trade Union Voice as a Lever for Good Jobs: Evidence, Policy, and Practice in Northern Ireland.
- Fiscal sustainability for Northern Ireland The Elusive Quest?
- Labour market Observer: A year in review – 2024.
- Productivity in the context of healthcare.
- Market Education and Healthcare in the Irish Economy.
- The changing world of work: Trade Unions and the labour Market of the future.
- The Minimum Wage in Ireland: A short history

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

- A New Economic Model. Pamphlet for ICTU BDC
- New Economic Model: - A Framework for Economic Progress in the 21st Century
- Productivity - The Lever of Riches - New Economic Model: Pillar 1
- More and Better Jobs - New Economic Model: Pillar 2
- Economic Security - New Economic Model: Pillar 3
- Economic Resilience - New Economic Model: Pillar 4
- NEM and Economic Growth
- NEM and FDI
- NEM and Fiscal Policy
- NEM and Public Services
- NEM and Workplace Democracy

The NERI Labour Market Dashboard: Interactive guide to Employment in Ireland

- Broad Sectors: Charting employment across key industries
- Subsectors: Detailed analysis of working conditions within sectors.

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 13th Annual [NERI Labour Market Conference](#) was held in Ulster University in Belfast on the 29th of May 2025. The conference had 35 research papers on various aspects of the labour market and labour market policy. Additionally we had a labour market themed discussion on the New Economic Model and a panel on Skills policy North and South with the chairs of both Skills councils on the Island of Ireland.
- The 13th Annual [Dónal Nevin Lecture](#) will be held on the 22nd of January 2026 in Queen's University Belfast where Sarah O'Connor, of Financial Times will deliver a lecture on Good jobs in a changing world.
- The NERI hosted [6 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 2025 in the form of newspaper articles in the Irish Examiner, The Irish Times, Irish Independent, Sunday Times, Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Belfast Newsletter and the Sunday Business Post. Additionally, there were radio and television interviews with the BBC, RTE, UTV, Newstalk, Today FM, Radio Na Gaeltachta and various local radio stations.
- The NERI made submissions and appeared before to the following [parliamentary committees](#)
 - The Northern Ireland Assembly Finance Committee
 - Including a written report: Devolution of Corporation tax in Northern Ireland.
 - The House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
 - Including a written submission on Northern Ireland Interim Fiscal Framework

- The Oireachtas Committee on Budgetary Oversight (September and November)
 - Including a written submission on “Post-budget examination of Budget 2026”
 - Including a written submission on ‘Views on the Overall Budgetary Package as set out in the Summer Economic Statement and Specific Issues to be addressed in the Budget
- The Oireachtas Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure, Public Services Reform and Digitalisation and Taoiseach (July)
 - Including a written submission on the 'Impact of Tariffs on the Irish Economy and Related Policy Discussion'
- The Oireachtas Joint Committee on Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (September)
 - Including a written submission on ‘Competitiveness, the Cost of Doing Business in Ireland and Related Matters’
- The NERI was represented on the following [External groups and committees](#)
 - Foundation for Fiscal Studies; Northern Ireland Productivity Forum; Expert Advisory Group Productivity Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; 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 and lectures for Maynooth University's Department of International Development
 - The NERI gave a number of external presentations. Some examples include the Northern Ireland Economic Conference, to TURI (European Trade Union Research Institutes), to the Institute of International and European Affairs and to the Foundation for Fiscal Studies.

- The NERI collaborated with ICTU on 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.