



ICTU Youth Conference

Our Future: Our Fight



**Saturday 16th &
Sunday 17th
November 2013**

Venue:

CWU Conference Centre
William Norton House
575-577 North Circular Road
Dublin 1

Irish Congress of Trade Unions Youth Conference

Saturday, 16th November 11am - 6pm

Sunday, 17th November 10am - 4pm

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The Irish Congress of Trade Union's Youth Committee's in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will host a major conference on issues affecting young workers across the island of Ireland.

With trade union density at crisis levels and with high levels of unemployment, emigration and a dangerous increase in precarious work, there has never been a more important time to be organising young people into trade unions.

This event will be an opportunity for the ICTU Youth Committee to hear directly from young workers about the biggest challenges they face at work and in society and will enable the Committee's to relate that message to Congress.



Objectives for the weekend

- To hear directly from young workers about issues that affect them;
- To educate young workers on issues around austerity, emigration, sectarianism, precarious work, workers' rights and unemployment, among other things;
- To build a strong youth network and develop plans for a united fight-back by young workers;
- To re-enforce the importance of organising young workers into trade unions and building the trade union movement;
- To better understand the threats to workers and young people from a national and international perspective;
- To create and nurture activism among young workers.

Who Should Attend?

This event is endorsed and recommended by the Executive Council of Congress and the ICTU Youth Committee. The event is targeted at young workers under the age of 35.

Format for the weekend

This conference is an initiative of the President of Congress and is a national and international event which will be structured around inputs from guest speakers from Ireland, Greece and Spain. All participants will be given the opportunity to choose from a range of seminars which will address different topics.

Seminar participants will engage in discussions with colleagues from across the movement and share experiences.

SPEAKERS - More to be confirmed

Opening Address - John Douglas, President, Congress

1. Dr Conor McCabe - UCD School of Justice
2. Cesc Blanco - Coordinadora Obrera Sindical (COS), Spain
3. Dr John Barry - QUB School of Politics
4. Eleonore Perrin Massebiaux - Trademark
5. Paul McFlynn - NERI Institute

Reserving spaces

The conference is limited to 80 participants. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided. Please send delegate names to: Margie O'Rourke at mandateotc@mandate.ie. Unions are requested to submit names of attendees by Friday, 8 November 2013.

Funding

This conference is free for participants however all subsistence and accommodation should be paid by individual trade unions.