



Joint Congress Disability Committee Seminar
1/2 February 2018

Better Work Better Lives for people with disabilities

Midlands Hotel and conference centre, Portlaoise.

Thursday 1 February	
12.00	Registration will be open from 12 noon. Sandwich lunch available at 12.30
13.30	Welcome to the Seminar Chairs of Congress Disability Committees Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.
13.40	Seminar opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Nunan, President of Congress
14.00	Setting the scene – Clare Moore / David Joyce
14.15	Session 1 Implementing the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities – Successes and challenges:

	<p>Keynote Speaker: Fergus Finlay, Chair of Comprehensive Employment Strategy Implementation Group</p> <p>Followed by panel discussion (Chair, David Joyce) and Q and A with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seònaid Ó Murchadha - HR & Disability Project Manager, Employer Disability Information; • Des Henry from www.walk.ie; • Joan O'Donnell, DFI • Quinn Roache, TUC
16.00	Tea Break
16.15	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Suzy Byrne - Disabled People of Ireland – the formation of new national Disabled Persons Organisation</p>
1730	Close
19.30	Conference dinner
Friday 2 February	
09.30	Welcome back to day 2.

0940	<p>Session 3 – Routes to employment – challenges and supports.</p> <p>Supported employment – working with those furthest from the labour market. Norman Steritt, Chair NI Union of Supported Employment</p> <p>Transport and employment – challenges and supports Michael Lorrimer, (Inclusive Mobility and Transport Advisory Committee) IMTAC</p> <p>Mental Health and Employment – challenges and good practice. Quinn Roache, TUC</p>
1130	Coffee Break and check out of rooms
1145	Tanzanian Trade Union Employment Support Project, John Coghlan, Disability Action
1200	Wrap up session and evaluation.
12.30	Seminar close and lunch