

**Joint Congress Disability Committee Seminar
15/16 October 2015**

Decent Work for People with Disabilities – where to next?

Tower Hotel, Waterford

Thursday 15 October	
12.00	Registration will be open from 12 noon. Lunch available at 12.30
13.15	Welcome to the Seminar Chairs of Congress Disability Committees Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland. The afternoon session to be chaired by ROI Chairperson: Claire Mahon, INMO.
13.30	Seminar Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor John Cummins, Lord Mayor of Waterford; • Brian Campfield, President of Congress.
13.45 – 14.30	Keynote Address Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality, the Department of Health, and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht - with special responsibility for New Communities, Culture, Equality and the Drug Strategy. Q and A
14.30 – 15:30	Session 1 Dorothy Watson, ESRI: Educational and Employment Experiences of People with a Disability in Ireland: An Analysis of the National Disability Survey

15:30 – 15:45	Tea Break
15.45 – 17.30	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Decent Work - Stories of people with disabilities and employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Forde, ESU; • Lorcan Byrne and Marion Behan INMO; • Sylvia Ryan, Project Manager, Congress Training Options Project; • Jo Cregan, Employability Waterford <p>Q and A</p>
19.45	Conference dinner
Friday 16 October	
09.15 – 09.30	<p>Welcome back to day 2</p> <p>Chair of Committee in Northern Ireland</p>
09.30 – 10.45	<p>Fighting the Cuts</p> <p>Ellen Clifford - Disabled People still fighting against the Cuts: Ellen will give an overview of how disabled people are leading the fight against cuts to social security for disabled people.</p> <p>Ailish Byrne, INMO: Campaign for excellence in Intellectual Disability Services</p>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break and check out of rooms
11.15 – 12.15	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Amanda Haynes and Jennifer Schweppe, University of Limerick</p>
12:15- 12:30	Aoife Price, Headstrong Waterford
12.30 – 12.45	Evaluation
12.45	Seminar close and lunch