

Inaugural Retired Workers Seminar (North/South)

February 25 & 26, 2016

**CWU Conference Centre,
575 North Circular Road,
Dublin 1**

Seminar Programme

Thursday 25th February, 2016

Chair	<i>Michael Duffy: Congress Retired Workers Committee (RoI)</i>
10.45	Registration
11.00	<i>Opening Address: Patricia King, Congress General Secretary</i>
11.15	<i>Impact of European Union on Retired Workers: Carla Cantone, FERPA</i>
11. 30	<i>Pension Provision in the Republic of Ireland: Fergus Whelan, Industrial Officer, Congress; Developments in Northern Ireland, Bumper Graham, NIPSA & NILGOSC</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.00	<i>Political Lobbying: Peter Rigney, Industrial Officer, Congress; Justin Moran, Head of Advocacy & Communications, Age Action Ireland</i>
15.00	Coffee Break
15.15	<i>Lobbying in NI/UK: Francis Hughes, Age Sector Platform (NI); Neil Duncan-Jordan, National Pensioners' Convention (UK)</i>
16.15	<i>Pensions Policy in Ireland: Micheál Collins, Senior Researcher, NERI</i>
19.00	History Presentation with Pdraig Yeates - <i>Social Policy Ireland 1916</i> (Croke Park Hotel), followed by dinner

Friday 26th February, 2016

Chair Margaret Galloway – Congress Retired Workers Committee (NI)

9.30 Dan O’Neill, Campaigns and Equality Unit, SIPTU

10.15 Coffee Break

10:45 Hugh Rafferty, UNITE Retired Workers Committee & Mary Ferris and Angela Boorman, UNISON Retired Workers Committee Northern Ireland

11:30 Congress Public Services Committee : Shay Cody, General Secretary, IMPACT

12:30 Close of Seminar followed by lunch

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