

# Irish Congress of Trade Unions Global Solidarity Briefings

The Covid19 pandemic has highlighted that we live in an interconnected world. The policies and actions we pursue profoundly affect people elsewhere and vice versa. Rarely has the need for international solidarity between people and between governments been more evident.

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## Briefing 2: Child Labour

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 13.00 – 14.00 (WebEx Platform)

Tim Noonan, ITUC and Tim Ryan, Chairperson, Global March against Child Labour

In August 2020, the ILO Child Labour Convention (C182) achieved universal ratification. This was an historic first that means that all children now have legal protection against the worst forms of child labour and a timely reminder of the importance of ILO standards and the need for multilateral solutions to global problems. It is estimated that there are 152 million children in child labour. This briefing will hear how we need to campaign for the continuing implementation at national level, including through due diligence in global supply chains to ensure the end of the use of child labour. It will examine how action can be taken in 2021, the UN Year for Elimination of Child Labour.

<https://globalmarch.org/>

**Briefing 3: Ratification of the new International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 190 on violence and harassment in the world of work.**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 13.00 – 14.00 (WebEx platform)

Hosted jointly with the Congress Women's Committee, come and hear Marie Clarke Walker (Canadian Labour Council and chair of workers group for the negotiations for the Convention) and Fiona Ward (DBEI and member of Committee for Ireland during the negotiations) talk about the international ratification campaign and Ireland's plans to ratify.

Convention 190 and Recommendation 206 are the first international legal standards that specifically recognise the right of everyone to a world of work free from violence and harassment, including gender-based violence and harassment. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a new urgency to widespread ratification.