

# A NEW COURSE FOR BETTER TIMES

**As the commemoration of the 1913 Lockout drew to a close, Ireland officially exited the bailout programme and appeared to start on the road to recovery.**

But after six years of deep crisis is lasting recovery a realistic prospect, or will the deeply-embedded values of William Martin Murphy overwhelm all attempts to steer Ireland on a new path?

**11 April 2014  
The Round Room  
The Mansion House**





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## 8.30am Registration

### SESSION ONE:

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#### New Path for Europe, New Model for Ireland

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**Chair: Emer Costello**, MEP. Emer is the Labour Party's MEP for Dublin, a position she has held since February 2012.

## 9.30am Introduction

### **John Douglas, Congress President**

John Douglas is the General Secretary of Mandate, which represents workers in the retail sector and is the current President of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

## 9.35am Conference Opening

### **Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mayor Oisín Quinn**

**Oisín Quinn** is the 344th Lord Mayor of Dublin, a Labour Party member of Dublin City Council and a qualified barrister, specialising in Employment Law.

## 9.45am Keynote Speaker: Mr Reiner Hoffmann, President Designate of the DGB

### ***A Marshall Plan for Europe: Rebuilding after the Crisis***

**Reiner Hoffmann** is the President Designate of Germany's largest trade union confederation, the DGB. He is a former Director of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) and a former Deputy General Secretary of the ETUC. A member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) since 1972, Reiner is a Trustee of the Max Planck Institute.

## 10.10am Speaker: Seán Ó Riain, NUI Maynooth

### ***A Fair Recovery for Ireland?***

**Seán Ó Riain** is Professor of Sociology at NUI Maynooth and the author of *The Politics of High Tech Growth: Developmental Network States in the Global Economy* (Cambridge, 2004) and *The Rise and Fall of Ireland's Celtic Tiger: Liberalism, Boom and Bust* (Cambridge, 2014). He currently directs New Deals in the New Economy, a five year study of workplace bargaining in Europe.



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## Panel Discussion

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**Reiner Hoffmann and Prof. Seán Ó Riain join the panel**

### 10.35am Panel One

**Emer Costello (Chair), Reiner Hoffmann, Seán Ó Riain, Catelene Passchier and Ambassador Niels Pultz.**

**Catelene Passchier** is vice president of FNV, the Dutch Confederation of Trade Unions and is a former Confederal Secretary of the ETUC.

**Ambassador Niels Pultz** was appointed as the Danish Ambassador to Ireland, in January 2010. An economics graduate and former journalist, he served as Danish Ambassador to Spain from 2004-2009.

### 11.00am Q&A Session

### 11.20am Coffee Break

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## SESSION TWO

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### Shaping a Fair Recovery

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**Chair: Sally Anne Kinahan**, is Assistant General Secretary of Congress.

### 11.40am Speaker: Prof. David Jacobson, DCU

***Innovation, Jobs & Future Growth***

**David Jacobson** is Emeritus Professor of Economics at Dublin City University, with a special focus on industrial economics and international political economy. David chaired the TASC Industrial Policy Commission, which published *The Nuts & Bolts of Innovation: New Perspectives on Irish Industrial Policy* (2013, Glasnevin Publishing).

### 12.05pm Speaker: Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton, TD

***Employment & Social Protection***

**Joan Burton** is the current Minister for Social Protection and Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. A chartered accountant, she previously served as Minister of State at the Department of Social Welfare (1993-1994) and as Minister for Development Cooperation and Overseas Aid (1994-1997).



## Panel Discussion

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### David Jacobson and the Minister join the Panel

#### 12.30pm Panel Two

**Sally Anne Kinahan (Chair), Minister Joan Burton, Prof. David Jacobson, Tom Healy, Rory O'Donnell and Senator David Cullinane**

**Tom Healy** is Director of the Nevin Economic Research Institute (NERI) and holds a PhD (economics and sociology) from UCD. His research interests have included the impact of education and social capital on well-being.

**Rory O'Donnell** is a Director of the National Economic and Social Council and has written extensively on social partnership and European integration. He holds an M.Sc. in economics (London) and a PhD (Cambridge).

**Senator David Cullinane**, is the Sinn Féin spokesperson on Workers' Rights & Political Reform. An active member of the Oireachtas Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation David has drafted legislation to improve the rights of working people. He has held conferences, workshops and meetings with trade union activists to highlight the threats facing workers in Ireland today.

#### 12.55pm Q&A Session

#### 1.15pm Closing Remarks: David Begg General Secretary, Congress

**David Begg** is General Secretary of the ICTU and an Executive Committee member of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC). He is a member of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) and holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from DCU.

#### 1.30pm Lunch (Conference closes)

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