



## **Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

### **Joint Women's Committee Seminar "Building on the legacy of 1913 – Facing up to modern challenges"**

**7/8<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Liberty Hall, Dublin**

### **Programme**

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

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| 09.30 | Registration   |
| 10.30 | Introduction to Seminar – <b>Maire Mulcahy</b> and <b>Theresa Devenney</b> , Joint Chairs Women's Committee  |
| 10.40 | Welcome – <b>Betty Tyrrell Collard</b> , Dublin Trades Council   |
| 10.45 | <b>Eugene McGlone</b> , Congress President   |
| 11.00 | Keynote Address:<br><b>Micheál Collins</b> , Nevin Economic Research Institute:<br>Position of Women in the Labour Market today (followed by<br>Q and A) |
| 11.45 | Coffee Break   |

12.00            **Panel Discussion** followed by Q and A:

Chair: **Sally Anne Kinahan**, Congress Assistant General Secretary

Panellists:

- **Maire Mulcahy**, Joint Chair Congress Women's Committee;
- **Theresa Devenney**, Joint Chair Congress Women's Committee;
- **Patricia McKeown** (UNISON Regional Director and Congress EXCO)
- **Anne Louise Gilligan** (IFUT and Vice Chair Congress Women's Committee)
- **Ethel Buckley**, SIPTU;
- **Orla O'Connor** , National Women's Council;
- **Carol Baxter**, Equality Authority;
- **Mary McSorley**, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

**13:00            Lunch**

14.00            **Special session** – delegates asked to please take their seats by 2pm

14.30            **Gloria Ampara Suarez**, Colombian Human Rights Defender and Activist

15.00            100 years of Collective Bargaining – the role of Women: **Esther Lynch**, Legislation and Legal Affairs Officer, Irish Congress of Trade Unions

**15.30            Tribute to the late Inez McCormack by Patricia McKeown**

**1545**

**EU Focus Panel discussion:**

Ireland currently holds the EU Presidency. What are their priorities for gender equality during the 6 month period?

- **Sarah King**, ETUC;
- **Department of Justice and Equality** (tbc);
- **Emer Costello** MEP

**17.00          End of Conference followed by unveiling of Plaque to commemorate the Irish Women Workers Union and a Social evening in Liberty Hall to mark International Women's Day and marking women's contribution to 1913 Lockout**

**Delegates invited to attend a SIPTU Seminar on 100 years of Women's struggle Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Liberty Hall.**