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CONGRESS

Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Private Sector Committee

PROGRAMME

The minimum wage: 25 years on

- 9.00 **Registration**
- 9.30 **Welcome**
Neil McGowan, chair of the Private Sector Committee
and head of manufacturing division with SIPTU
- 9.40 - 10.00 **Evelyn Owens remembered, trade unionist and chair of the
National Minimum Wage Commission (1997-8)**
Kevin Callinan, general secretary of Fórsa
- 10.00 - 10.20 **Trade unions role in the National Minimum Wage Act 2000**
Patricia O'Donovan, former deputy general secretary of Congress
- 10.20 - 10.40 **The impact of the minimum wage on earnings, employment
and employers**
Paul Mac Flynn, co-director of NERI
- 10.40 - 11.00 **The EU directive on adequate minimum wages**
Torsten Müller, senior researcher at the
European Trade Union Institute
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 12.10 **Panel discussion: Non-wage benefits in collective agreements in
low wage sectors**

Chair: Fionnuala Ní Bhrógáin, vice chair of the Private Sector
Committee and head of organising and campaigning
with the CWU

Lorraine O'Brien, general secretary of Mandate
Adrian Kane, head of services division of SIPTU
Paddy Kavanagh, general secretary of Connect
- 12.10 – 12.30 **Closing address: What's next for the minimum wage?**
Owen Reidy, general secretary of Congress