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CONGRESS

Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Secure Supply?

The Future of the Irish Water Sector

The Department of Environment, Community & Local Government has published proposals that could see responsibility for the planning and delivery of water services in Ireland transfer from Local Authorities to a new Water Utility Company.

The purpose of this conference is to hear at first hand why this change is proposed.

The conference will examine the importance of water as a public service and the vital role it plays.

It will also give participants an opportunity to hear Congress reaction to the proposals.

The conference will provide a platform to debate these important issues and will be of interest to Trade Unions and their members, City and County Council Officials, City and County Councillors and elected representatives.

Date 22nd March 2012

Time 10.30am-1pm

Where Wood Quay Venue
Civic Offices
Dublin

Price €50 (includes light lunch)

Places are limited so advanced booking is essential. To reserve a place please contact natalie.fox@ictu.ie or call: **T** +353 1 889 7728

Irish Congress of Trade Unions 32 Parnell Square, Dublin 1

Timetable for the day

Registration	10-10.30am
Chair	Gene Mealy Divisional Organiser, SIPTU and Vice Chair of Congress Public Services Committee
10:30	Opening Address Minister of State Fergus O Dowd TD Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
10:50	The Value of Public Services James Wickham Professor of Sociology ,Trinity College, Dublin .
11:10	Water Sector Reform in Ireland Maria Graham and Gerry Galvin Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
11:30	Water Reform in Ireland – The Congress Response Liam Berney Industrial Officer – Public Sector, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
11:50	Panel Discussion
12:40	Closing Remarks Shay Cody General Secretary IMPACT and Chair of Congress Public Services Committee
1:00	Light lunch