



## **Draft Programme for Congress Joint Women's Seminar**

**Fairways Hotel, Dundalk**

**23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**“Demanding a Fair Deal for Women Workers”**

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

#### **11.00 Introductions and Welcome**

Chairs of Women's Committee, Margaret Coughlan and Maxine Murphy-Higgins

#### **11.15 Opening address**

Gerry Murphy, Assistant General Secretary NICICTU

#### **11.30 Women Workers Organising**

Ethel Buckley, SIPTU Deputy General Secretary and Congress Executive Council member

Regina Coeli Campaign – Taryn Trainor, Regional Equalities and Women's Officer  
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#### **12.00 Table discussions on Organising Challenges and Opportunities**

#### **12.40 Introduction to Fringes**

#### **13.15 Lunch and fringe sessions**

## **Session 1 Fringe sessions**

**1.15 – 2.15**

**Fringe 1 Afghanistan - Habiba Fakhri, National Union of Afghanistan Workers and Employees (NUAWE), Chair Moira Leydon, ASTI**

**Fringe 2 Iran - Khazar Lotfi - Iranian academic teaching in the Netherlands, Danielle McCusker, UNISON**

**Fringe 3 Palestine – tbc, Chair Patricia McKeown**

**Fringe 4 – Human Rights Due Diligence – a Trade Union and Feminist issue, Sorcha Tunney, ICBHR, Yvonne O’Callaghan**

## **Session 2 Fringe sessions**

**2.30 – 3.30**

**Fringe 1 Afghanistan - Habiba Fakhri, National Union of Afghanistan Workers and Employees (NUAWE), Chair Tina Creaney, NIPSA**

**Fringe 2 Iran - Khazar Lotfi - Iranian academic teaching in the Netherlands, Chair Mandy LaCombre FSU**

**Fringe 3 Palestine – tbc, Chair Patricia McKeown**

**Fringe 4 – Human Rights Due Diligence – a Trade Union and Feminist issue, Sorcha Tunney, ICBHR. Chair Geraldine Alexander, NIPSA**

**3.30 – 3.45 Coffee**

**3.45 – 4.15 Climate Action and Gender Equality**

Alison Gilliland

Q and A

**16:15 Gender Pay Gap – NERI**

Q and A and Table discussions on trade union actions to tackle the gender pay gap

**17.00 Close**

**19.30 Dinner and Disco**

## **Day Two Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**09.30** Owen Reidy, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Q and A

### **10.00 Roma in Ireland: Access to Fair and Decent Work**

Vanessa Paszkowska, Peer Researcher; Jenny Liston, Roma Programme Coordinator, Pavee Point; and Gabi Muntean, Roma community worker

**10.40** Video - tackling the rise of the far right in our workplaces, trade unions and communities

**11.00 Coffee and check out**

### **11.30 ILO Convention ratified North and South – what now?**

David Joyce and Clare Moore

**Table discussion on Trade Union actions to bring ILO Convention 190 to life**

**12:30 Concluding remarks**

**13.00 Lunch and Departure**