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## The European Social Fund Celebrating 60 Years of Investing in People

**Tuesday, 28 November 2017 from 09:00 to 17:00**

**Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2**

<p><b>Registration</b> Tea/Coffee Information stands and exhibitions</p>	<p>09:00 – 09:30</p>
<p><b>Opening Address</b> Mr Michael Keogh, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Education &amp; Skills</p>	<p>09:30 – 10.00</p>
<p><b>Video Message from Ms Marianne Thyssen</b>, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility</p>	
<p><b>Commission Address:</b> Ms Maria Iglesia, DG Employment, Social Affairs &amp; Inclusion - European Commission</p>	
<p><b>Skills That Matter - Education and Training Meeting the Needs of the Labour Market</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Peter Baldwin, Former Assistant Secretary, Department of Education and Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Jane O’Kelly, Further Education and Training Research Centre, DCU</li> <li>• Mr Paul O’Toole, CEO, SOLAS</li> <li>• Ms Claire McGee, Senior Innovation and Education Policy Executive, IBEC</li> <li>• Dr Vivienne Patterson, Head of Skills and Enterprise Engagement, HEA</li> <li>• Mr John Gleeson, Senior IT Operations Manager, General Motors</li> <li>• Ms Mary Jensen, Springboard+ Graduate</li> </ul>	<p>10:00 – 11:30</p>
<p><b>Break</b> Tea/Coffee Information stands and exhibitions</p>	<p>11:30 – 11:50</p>

<p><b>Promoting and Enhancing Youth Employability</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Noel Kelly, Director of Educational Welfare Services, Tusla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Bríd O’Brien, Head of Policy and Media, INOU</li> <li>• Ms Carol McGann, INTREO, Dublin North</li> <li>• Ms Kirsty Real, Past Learner, Clara Youthreach, Co. Offaly</li> <li>• Ms Louise Cole, Youthreach Co-Ordinator, Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board</li> <li>• Mr Brian Dack, Assistant Director, Probation Service</li> <li>• Ms Elaine Slattery, Manager, Céim ar Chéim Moyross Probation Project</li> <li>• Ms Niamh Skelly, Practice Development, Crosscare GYDP Provider</li> </ul>	11:50 – 13:30
<p><b>Lunch</b> Information stands and exhibitions</p>	13:30 – 14:15
<p><b>Realising Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Michael Keogh, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education and Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Selina McCoy, Associate Research Professor ESRI &amp; Professor TCD</li> <li>• Ms Rose Ryan, Director of Access, Maynooth University</li> <li>• Dr Jim Murray, Director of Academic Affairs and Deputy CEO, Technological Higher Education Association</li> <li>• Ms. Dearbháil Lawless, EHI/DCU</li> <li>• Ms. Deborah Somorin, PwC</li> </ul>	14:15 – 15:30
<p><b>Employment and Entrepreneurship for Women and Migrants</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Aidan O’Brien, Head of EU Funds, Department of Justice &amp; Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Caitríona MacAonghusa, EPIC Programme Coordinator, Business in the Community</li> <li>• Ms Maria Staunton, Innovation Hub Manager, GMIT</li> <li>• Ms Sarah Benson, CEO, Ruhama</li> </ul>	15:30 - 16:45
<p><b>Closing Address</b> Mr Seán Ó Foghlú, Secretary General, Department of Education and Skills</p>	16:45 – 17:00