

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2023

Schedule



The 72nd Labour Party National Conference
Friday 24th March – Sunday 26th March 2023
Clayton Silver Springs Hotel in Cork.

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Schedule

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

- 6pm** **Registration opens**
- 7pm** **Conference Opens**
- 7.05pm** **Adoption of Standing Orders Report No 1**
Fionnuala Richardson
- 7.10pm** **Welcome to Cork**
Cllr John Maher
- 7.15pm** **Welcome from Party Leader**
Ivana Bacik TD
- 7.20pm** **Speech from General Secretary**
Billie Sparks
- 7.25pm** **Treasurer's Report**
Conor Power
- 7.30pm-9.30pm** **Session 1 - Housing (Motions 26-51)**
Tivoli Suite
To deal with the following policy areas:
Housing, Local Govt and Heritage, Agriculture and Rural Ireland
- Ann-Marie O'Reilly, *National Advocacy Manager, Threshold*
Lorcan Sirr, *Lecturer and Housing Policy Analyst*
Alan Kelly TD
Cllr George Lawlor
Senator Mark Wall
Ivana Bacik TD
- 9.30pm** **Conference closes for Friday**

9-10pm

New Members' Event

Harbour 6

A special event for all recently joined members of the Labour Party.

9.30pm

Pop-up Gaeltacht

Hotel Bar

Practice your Cúpla Focal with fellow Labour Party Members at the very first Pop-up Gaeltacht at a Labour Party Conference

10-11pm

Labour LGBT Karaoke

Harbour 10

Your chance to showcase your talents while raising much needed funds for LGBT candidates for the forthcoming local elections

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

10am-11.30noon Session 2 - Care (Motions 52-74)

Tivoli Suite

To deal with the following policy areas:

Education & Skills

Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

Health

*Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
Justice*

Phil Ni Sheaghda, General Secretary of the INMO

Professor Paul Downes, Professor of Psychology of Education

Duncan Smith TD

Sean Sherlock TD

Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD

Senator Annie Hoey

Clr Angela Feeney

11.30- 1pm

Session 3 - Work (Motions 13-25)

Tivoli Suite

To deal with the following policy areas:

Social Protection

Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Finance, Public Expenditure

Owen Reidy, General Secretary of the ICTU

Esther Lynch, General Secretary of the ETUC

Senator Marie Sherlock

Ged Nash TD

Sean Sherlock TD

Labour 

- 1-2pm** **Lunch**
LW Lunch
Harbour Room 6
- 2-4pm** **Session 4 – Climate (Motions 1-12)**
Harbour Suite
To deal with the following policy areas:
Transport
Environment, Climate and Communications
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.
- Dr James Moran, ACU, Senior Lecturer in Ecology and Biology, UCG
Ivana Bacik TD
Duncan Smith TD
- 3pm** **CIIs AGM**
Harbour 6
- 6pm** **Conference reconvenes**
Tivoli Suite
- 6.25pm** **Introduction to Party Leader**
Senator Marie Sherlock
- 6.30pm** **Leader’s Speech – Live TV**
Ivana Bacik TD
- 7pm** **Long Service Awards**
Presented by Senator Mark Wall
- 7.30pm** **Jim Larkin Thirst for Justice Award – Ukrainian Civil Society Forum
and Ukrainian Action in Ireland**
- Cormac O’Braonain Award – Sean Binder**
Presented by Senator Annie Hoey
- 8pm** **Conference Closes**



SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

10am	Session 5 - Internal Party Affairs (Motions 78-86) Tivoli Suite
11am	Session 6 - International Affairs and Northern Ireland (Motions 75-77) Tivoli Suite Claire Hanna MP, SDLP Stephen Doughty MP, UK Labour Party Brendan Howlin TD Ivana Bacik TD
12noon	Election Results announced Fionnuala Richardson
12.10pm	Closing Speech Lisa Connell
12.15pm	Red Flag Cllr Rob O'Donoghoe
12.20pm	Conference Closes

FRINGE EVENTS

Saturday

10am-1pm	Using Canva (booking required) Harbour Room 7 <i>Canva Digital Training programme</i> <i>This Canva Digital training workshop that is designed to help candidates and their teams to design up graphics and leaflets for their campaigns. In the workshop, we will be going over the basic fundamentals of Canva. What candidates will use it for, managing the brand kit, scheduling tools for social media and Proper use of our brand identity. The training will consist of groups of 4 for 20 minutes each and will run from 10am until 1pm on Saturday the 25th. Booking essential.</i>
2pm-3pm	Labour Youth and Labour Women Fringe Harbour Room 6 <i>It could be you! Demystifying candidate selection ahead of LE 2024</i> <i>This fringe event will explain how candidate selection works in Labour. Running for election starts well before the day the public votes, before you are on the ticket you need to be selected as a Labour candidate. This session will cover how to assess your chances, organise an internal campaign and build support for your candidacy ahead of a selection convention. Speakers will include Caitriona Gleeson, CEO Women for Election and Ellen O'Sullivan, Chair of the Organisational Committee and Senator Marie Sherlock.</i>

<p>2-3pm</p>	<p>Irish Labour History Society Harbour Room 7</p> <p><i>The Irish Labour History Society - preserving Labour's historical records.</i> <i>The Irish Labour History Society was established 50 years ago to promote the knowledge of Irish labour and of Irish people in labour history abroad and labour history in general and the preservation of all records and reminiscences, relating to the experiences of the Irish working class and its organisations. Saothar, the journal of the Society is published annually. Members of the Society receive a complimentary copy with their annual membership. The Society also regularly publishes other items of relevance to the history of Irish workers, their leaders and organisations.</i></p> <p><i>The Society will display a number of significant Labour Party historical records and artifacts at the Conference and will outline the extensive work of its volunteer members in preserving and publicising its extensive collection of historical records.</i></p>
<p>2-3pm</p>	<p>Policy Unit Fringe Harbour Room 10</p> <p><i>"Childcare: Recent Reform & Future Steps"</i> <i>Chaired by Loraine Mulligan, Chair of the Policy Unit and with special Guest Speaker, Darragh O'Connor Big Start Campaign Co-Ordinator</i></p>
<p>3-4pm</p>	<p>You'd Look Great on a Poster Harbour Room 7</p> <p><i>An open door drop-in session with our head office organising team to ask any and all questions about running for election, no matter how big or small. From candidate selection, to how to become a local area rep, to fundraising, to overcoming nerves about seeing your own photograph up on lampposts, Aaron, Aideen and Conor will be on hand to offer their advice, expertise, and encouragement to anyone considering putting their name forward.</i></p> <p><i>All welcome, no commitment necessary.</i></p>
<p>3-4pm</p>	<p>International Unit Fringe Harbour Room 10</p> <p><i>"Hope over fear: international perspectives on taking on the far right"</i></p>
<p>4-5pm</p>	<p>Fundraising Fringe Harbour Room 7</p> <p><i>Our National Treasurer, Conor Power will take a look at various fundraising options in the run up to the Local and European Elections in 2024</i></p>
<p>4-5pm</p>	<p>Community Wealth Building Harbour Room 10</p> <p>COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING: A RADICAL ECONOMIC MODEL FOR IRELAND</p> <p><i>At present Ireland's economic system is over-dependent on multinational companies, exposing our economy to the arbitrary will of foreign shareholders. This is unsustainable, and unjust. Community Wealth Building (CWB) provides an alternative economic model to the country's overreliance on multinationals, ensuring that money generated at the local level stays in the local economy.</i></p> <p><i>Built around 'anchor' institutions, the basic idea of CWB is to ensure more of our economy is democratically and socially owned. By redesigning core institutional relationships of the economy at the local level, CWB produces more egalitarian outcomes as part of the economy's routine operations. The key to CWB is to introduce democratic collective ownership of the local economy, including worker cooperatives, community land trusts, and community banking.</i></p>

PANEL:

- Martin O'Neill (*University of York, co-author of The Case for Community Wealth Building, Polity 2020*)
- Carol Power (*UCC Cork University Business School & Academic Director of the MSc in Co-operative & Social Enterprise*)
- Ged Nash (*TD for Louth & East Meath and spokesperson on finance, public expenditure & reform*)

CHAIR: Vittorio Bufacchi (*Cork North Central & Policy Unit*)

5-6pm

**Labour Youth/Labour Equality Fringe
Harbour Room 6**

INTERACT

This fringe event will demonstrate Intersectionality in practise, by having panel guests who are people of colour, young and women. Who have experienced racism, inequality by virtue of them being part of this intersectionality. Specifically based on gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, class and other forms of discrimination "intersect" to create unique dynamics and effects on their Identity in Ireland. The structure is to discuss on their Irishness and what that looks like now. With the rise in anti-immigrant and anti-migrant rhetoric in the country, this fringe event both showcases the diversity within the party and a representative inclusion that the party stands for.

Panel Guests: Leon Diop CEO of Black and Irish

5-6pm

**Labour Trade Unionists Fringe
Harbour Room 10**

"Growing the workers' voice - Is collective bargaining the answer?"

With a massive increase in the cost of living, and a worrying growth in the number of workers in homelessness, it is becoming clear that workers are being pushed to the brink. Meanwhile in Europe new legislation is being brought forward to harness the power of collective bargaining and empower unions to develop a framework for the establishment of a national minimum wage. Ireland has long been an outlier in Europe as employers are not required to engage with unions unlike most of the EU27. Our panel will discuss what impact the legal changes will have in Ireland, and if stronger collective bargaining rules can deliver for Irish workers.

Senator Marie Sherlock, Owen Reidy and Esther Lynch.

5-6pm

**Climate Group Cuppa
Harbour Suite**

Our Climate Action Group will meet for an informal chat and cuppa after the climate motions to discuss our future campaigns. Labour must lead on climate action, putting climate at the centre of all our policies, holding local and national government to account on their emissions targets, and insisting on massive State-led investment to ensure a just transition. Join us to discuss our greener, fairer future!



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