

Support Unemployed People

**SUPPORT
UNEMPLOYED
PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE
A MINIMUM
ESSENTIAL
STANDARD OF LIVING**

**DELIVER BETTER
SERVICES FOR
UNEMPLOYED
PEOPLE**

**PROVIDE
UNEMPLOYED
PEOPLE WITH
DECENT AND
SUSTAINABLE JOBS**

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- ☛ Given the impact of unemployment on people's lives, it is critical that unemployed people receive social welfare payments that ensure they can meet their needs.
- ☛ To that end Jobseekers payments must be fully restored and the age segregation introduced to Jobseekers Allowance payments reversed.
- ☛ Exempt people whose primary source of income is their social welfare payment from the additional charges introduced during the crisis.
- ☛ Increase Rent Supplement and HAP to realistic levels and scale-up the provision of social housing.
- ☛ Good career guidance must be provided to support unemployed people to make informed choices, access appropriate education and training, and ultimately get a decent job.
- ☛ Frontline staff must be trained to provide a world class service, a service that is built around the needs of the unemployed person.
- ☛ Participation in education, training and employment programmes must be by choice.
- ☛ Additional supports must be provided to support participation and better outcomes.
- ☛ Employment programmes must be designed as a stepping stone to a decent job.
- ☛ Re-invest in community based organisations to support their work with people experiencing social exclusion, people who are distant from the labour market.
- ☛ Maximise the creation of decent and sustainable jobs, jobs that pay a decent wage.
- ☛ Part-time work can be a meaningful option for unemployed people and should be facilitated through more supportive employment and social protection supports.
- ☛ Improve access to supports to make self-employment a more viable option for unemployed people.
- ☛ Hold a referendum to enshrine economic, social and cultural rights into the Constitution.
- ☛ Add socio-economic status as a ground into Ireland's equality legislation.