



Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed

Minister Regina Doherty launches the 26th edition of “Working for Work”

On Wednesday, 18th September, 2019 **Ann Fergus**, Chairperson of the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed welcomed **Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection Regina Doherty TD**, to Araby House, the INOU’s office in Dublin’s north inner city. The Minister was in the INOU to launch the 26th edition of the INOU’s flagstone publication ‘**Working for Work**’.

In her opening remarks, **Ann Fergus**, the INOU’s Chairperson, reminded the attendees that **Working for Work** is a handbook for unemployed people and other people in receipt of a social welfare payment to ensure that they are aware of the rights and entitlements and how to access them.

She went on to say that *“notwithstanding the record levels of employment, there are still people who struggle to find a decent job, who need good information and supportive employment services to be able to find one”*.

Ann noted the number of copies of **Working for Work** that are distributed by the INOU’s **Welfare to Work Section** through the post, at Job Fairs and other events, and through the INOU’s other work including Training and Regional Discussion Fora. To that end Ann noted that **Working for Work** *“is a proven indispensable source of information not only for unemployed people, but also for employers and front-line staff in the state and community sectors”*.

In welcoming the Minister to Araby House, Ann said *“it will be important that in Budget 2020 the badly needed increases in the last number of Budgets are built on, and that social welfare rates really do lift unemployed people above the poverty line”*.

Brid O’Brien, INOU Head of Policy and Media, noted that the importance of good information provided to people in a timely fashion that enables them to make informed choices. She also noted the role of frontline staff in facilitating such choices and how a resource like **Working for Work** supports them to be able to undertake this role.

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