



Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed

Employers positive about recruiting unemployed people

The INOU have consistently highlighted the considerable potential that people who are long-term unemployed can bring when they return to the workforce and this has been borne out in a report on a JobsPlus Employers Survey commissioned by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. The report, produced by W5 has shown that 4 out of 5 employers are very satisfied or fairly satisfied with their JobsPlus eligible employees.

For employers to be eligible to access the JobsPlus recruitment incentive, the person recruited must have been unemployed for at least one year.

One of the key findings from the report is that for Employers, JobsPlus 'has a positive impact on their likelihood to hire all unemployed candidates but especially those longer term unemployed.'

One worrying finding from the report is that three quarters of Employers who were surveyed in the report and who do not use JobsPlus are unaware about this employment subsidy scheme.

The INOU will be following up with the DEASP in relation to promoting greater awareness and understanding of the employer incentives and supports to recruit unemployed people and also the back to work and in-work incentives and supports that are available to assist unemployed people to take-up work.

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