



IRISH COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1985 FROM 10.00 AM TO 4.30 PM

KILBURN SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9 BRONDESURY ROAD, NW6

SPEAKERS INVITED:

BERNARD CANAVAN MAUREEN HARTIGAN Irish in Britain History Group; PETER CLARKE Building Workers' Charter; TOM CONNOR GLC Researcher & Author, "Irish Youth in London"; Dr MIKE COOLEY MAUREEN DONNELLY Greater London Enterprise Board; JACK DROMEY National Secretary, ACTSS/TGWU; TOM DURKIN President, Brent Trades Council; Fr. JOHN GILMORE Director, Irish Chaplaincy Scheme in Britain; GEARÓID Ó MEACHAIR, Federation of Irish Societies; MIKE TRANT Secretary, Brent NALGO; MARY TURNER Hendon GMBATU; IAN WALKER Local Economy Resource Unit Brent & Author, "Homes Not Dole"; MICHAEL WARD Deputy Leader, Greater London Council.

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JOBS, like housing and other services, is one of the priority needs of the Irish community today. Economic recession and high unemployment in the construction, manufacturing and service industries - the traditional areas of employment for Irish workers in Britain - has hit many Irish people and families particularly hard.

Many Irish people who came to work in Britain since the 1950's now find themselves unemployed, not only because of redundancy or a lack of jobs, but also because they lack the education, training or skills necessary to obtain another job. And a recent report on Irish youth in London showed that there is a very level of unemployment among the youth who are arriving daily from Ireland.

This surely demands urgent attention. What can be done to alleviate the problems within a society which has almost 5 million people out of work? This one-day conference on Unemployment, Employment and Training - the first of its kind for the Irish in Britain - will provide an unique opportunity to discuss the Irish community's response to these issues.

The main aims of the conference will be:

- to examine the problems and consequences of unemployment among Irish people;
- to present the opportunities available to Irish people in terms of employment and training;
- to examine ways of implementing positive policies and practices within local authorities and related agencies affecting the employment chances of Irish people.

This conference is open to all Irish people and others who are interested. Conference places are limited and requests for places may be made by telephone and by completing the booking form.

It would be appreciated if you could draw the Conference to the attention of all Irish people who are unemployed and to other interested parties who should also reserve places as soon as possible.

The conference is being held to mark the end of a fortnight of Irish activities organised by Kilburn Library and to coincide with the start of a Brent Week of Action for Jobs organised by Brent Trades Council and Brent Unemployed Workers' Centre.