



EDITOR'S COMMENT

The International Labour Organisation, founded in 1919 as the first specialised agency of the UN, will hold centenary celebrations in Dublin on Tuesday 17 September, in collaboration with the National University of Ireland and the Department of Business Enterprise and Innovation, to recognise the important role played by Ireland during that time.

In fact, this country's links with the ILO can be traced back to Edward J. Phelan, a Waterford-born civil servant who became the organisation's first official. During his distinguished career with the Geneva-based agency, he was official advocate of the ILO Project at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, before becoming its fourth Director in 1941 and Director General under its new constitution in 1946.

The centrepiece of the 17 September celebrations will be a national conference in Dublin Castle's Hibernia Conference Centre on the theme 'The Declaration of Philadelphia Revisited', based on the 1944 Declaration of Philadelphia by Edward J. Phelan during his term as ILO Director General. The Declaration reaffirmed the founding principles of the ILO for the world of work emerging after the Second World War.

The conference programme has been organised in consultation with IBEC and ICTU, with the opening address by the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins.

The biennial NUI/ILO Edward Phelan Centenary Lecture will follow the conference that evening. The lecture, which was established in 2013 to honour Phelan, will be delivered by Nobel Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi, who won the Nobel Prize in 2014 for his contribution towards the ending of child labour and his advocacy of the rights of children and young people to education.

Other speakers will include Guy Ryder, ILO Director General; Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation; Danny McCoy, IBEC's Chief Executive Officer; and Patricia King, ICTU'S Secretary General.

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