

Mr David Begg,
General Secretary,
Irish Congress of Trade Unions,
31/32 Parnell Square,
Dublin 1.

Dear David & Colleagues,

Please see attached a letter which has been sent out to all IFUT representatives. I'm also attaching a copy of the Labour Court Determination referred to.

As I have said in my letter to representatives, I believe that UCC's move (no doubt taken in conjunction with all of the universities) is a cynical attempt to frustrate the application of the benefits of the 2003 Act to Fixed-Term Staff. Furthermore, this extremely costly project is being embarked upon at a time when the Public Sector generally and our universities in particular are almost on the point of collapse for want of funds.

We are asking Congress – and as many individual unions as possible – to play a part (a) in preventing such a wanton waste of scarce public funds and (b) in protecting the gains made in 2003 by the implementation of the Protection of Employees (Fixed-Term Work) Act. This can be done by

- Writing to the Minister for Education (IFUT is seeking a meeting with him regarding this issue.
- Issuing a public statement.
- Raising the issue at appropriate levels e.g. the PSA implementation Body.

Finally, I would appreciate it if you could allow a brief amount of time for this to be raised as a listed agenda item for our Executive Meeting on 21 September 2011.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mike Jennings,
General Secretary.

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Tom Geraghty
Sheila Nunan
Pat King
Peter MacMenamin
Brendan Cunningham