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**LABOUR COURT AWARDS €3000 TO FIVE IFUT MEMBERS REDEPLOYED FROM
ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR HOME ECONOMICS**

The Labour Court has recommended that the Department of Education should pay compensation of €3000 each to five IFUT members who were redeployed to various higher education institutions when the College closed in August 2007.

The award follows complaints by IFUT that the Department mishandled the closure very badly. IFUT sought compensation for losses of earnings suffered by their members and for the additional relocation costs incurred by them. The Department had firmly rejected all claims.

IFUT believes that the Labour Court Recommendation is further vindication of its criticism of the Department's handling of the closure of St Catherine's.

In August this year the Labour Court recommended payments of €15 000 each to four IFUT members who were given early retirement as a result of the College's closure.

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