

IFUT to hold Consultative Conference and ballot on Haddington Road Agreement

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The Executive of the Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) has decided that it will hold a ballot of members on the Haddington Road Agreement, but only following a special Consultative Conference of members, which will take place on June 8th next.

Following a three hour meeting today (May 24th), the Executive decided to convene a special consultative Conference of members, after which it will decide whether to recommend Acceptance, Rejection or to take no position on a subsequent ballot of all members.

In the meantime IFUT will be seeking legal opinion on the legal and constitutional validity of the proposed government legislation aimed at imposing its proposals.

Clarification of points of detail on the revised proposals will also be sought in advance of the Consultative Conference from the Labour Relations Commission, government or as appropriate.

Commenting on the situation, IFUT General Secretary Mike Jennings said: “When a government gets away with breaking a solemn National Agreement, it poisons the atmosphere for all future negotiations.”

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