



Labour

OPPORTUNITY 2016

**68th National Conference
INEC Convention Centre
Killarney, Co. Kerry**

Friday 27th February - Sunday 1st March 2015

**STANDING ORDERS
REPORT NO.1**



**STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
REPORT NUMBER ONE**

Standing Orders Committee reports and recommends as follows:

- (1) That there be five sessions in the Conference as follows:

Session No.	Day	Opens	Closes
1	Friday 27 February	19.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
2	Saturday 28 February	09.00 a.m.	13.00 p.m.
3	Saturday 28 February	13.30 p.m.	15.30 p.m.
4	Saturday 28 February	19.30 p.m.	21.00 p.m.
5	Sunday 1 March	10.30 a.m.	13.30 p.m.

- (2) **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- (a) Section Three of this Report sets out the order in which the Report to Conference and Conference Motions will be taken.
- (b) To ensure that all items on the agenda are dealt with, a time has been set for the conclusion of the debate on each subject heading. These times are also set out in Section Three. Any business not voted on when its time limit is reached will be taken at the end of the session for which it is scheduled, if time is available. Any motions and amendments not taken will be referred to the incoming Executive Board in the case of Party Affairs motions and the Central Council in all other matters.

- (3) **MOTIONS:**

In view of the large volume of business to be transacted at the Conference and so as to facilitate the taking of the largest possible volume of business, we recommend that motions which can be reasonably regarded as being non-controversial be formally proposed and seconded and voted on without debate.

- (4) **COMPOSITE MOTIONS:**

The Committee recommends the composite motions set out in Section Four of this report to the branches, councils and unions the Final Agenda to the units involved. Should these organisations find themselves unable to accept a composite motion in which they have an interest they should write to the Chairperson of the Standing Orders Committee at the Labour Party Head Office, 17 Ely Place, Dublin 2, in advance of the Conference or, in any event, attend at the Committee's office in the INEC Convention Centre, Killarney, at 8 p.m. on Friday, 27th February 2015.

NO REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF COMPOSITE MOTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, NO MATTER WHEN THE MOTION IS SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN.

- (5) **SPEAKERS:**

To ensure an equitable distribution of time to speakers we recommend that the following time limits be imposed:

Proposers of motions	-	3 minutes
Seconders of motions, proposers of an amendment or an addendum and other speakers	-	2 minutes
Spokespersons replying to debates	-	4 minutes

One minute before the end of the allotted time a signal will be given to the speaker who must vacate the rostrum at the expiration of his/her time. The Chairperson is empowered to control all microphones.

(6) NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERSHIPS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD:

We have examined the nominations, listed in Section Two of this Report, for Chairperson, National Treasurer, Executive Board and report as follows:

- (a) All nominations appearing on the ballot papers are in order.
- (b) There being 1 valid nomination for Chairperson, a ballot is not necessary.
- (c) There being 1 valid nomination for National Treasurer, a ballot is not necessary.
- (d) There being 5 valid nominations for the panel of women for the Executive Board, a ballot is necessary
- (e) There being 6 valid nominations for the panel of men for the Executive Board, a ballot is necessary
- (f) There being 8 valid nominations for Standing Orders Committee, a ballot is necessary
- (f) There being only one valid nomination for Auditors, a ballot is not necessary.

(7) NOMINATIONS FOR TELLERS AND STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:

- (a) To facilitate the counting of ballots, we recommend that there be a minimum of six scrutineers. We recommend that Mr. Richard Humphreys be Returning Officer for the purpose of carrying out the balloting and that the scrutineers be appointed after by the Standing Orders Committee.
- (b) We recommend that Mr. Dermot Lacey be Chief Teller and that six tellers be elected by Conference. Standing Orders Committee may, if necessary, appoint additional tellers.
- (c) As provided for in the Constitution, the Standing Orders Committee shall be composed of five members with three substitutes.
- (d) In order to avoid confusion at the beginning of Conference, nominations on the prescribed form for the position of Tellers, giving the name, address and branch of the nominee, together with the names and branches of the proposer and seconder, should be handed to the General Secretary of the Party on the platform.

(8) ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE:

Only those holding a valid Delegate Voting Card or those to whom credentials have been issued by the Standing Orders Committee will be admitted to the Conference Hall.

(9) RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

A roll of those attending each session will be kept by the staff checking credentials. In the event of there being any dispute, e.g. at voting time about the number of sessions attended by any individual delegate, this roll will be the definitive record.

(10) BALLOTING:

- (a) Voting for members of the position of Executive Board – Panel of Women and Panel of Men - and Standing Orders Committee will take place on Saturday, 28th February 2015, between **9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.** adjacent to the Conference Hall.
- (b) Delegates must have attended at least ONE SESSION and must have received the appropriate session stamps in order to be entitled to vote.
- (c) The conduct of the elections will be in the hands of the Standing Orders Committee and Returning Officer.
- (d) Delegates may not remove Ballot Papers from the voting area.
- (e) Delegates shall be required to personally mark their Ballot Papers and place same in the ballot boxes provided.

(11) VOTING IN THE CONFERENCE HALL

Please note that whenever the Chairperson calls for **Tellers** to count the vote, entrance to and exit from the Conference Hall will not be allowed until that vote is concluded.

(12) SEATING:

Due to seat limitations, OBSERVERS may not be admitted to the Conference Hall in Session Four on Saturday.

(13) MOBILE PHONES:

All mobile phones **MUST** be turned off in the Conference Hall.

(14) LITERATURE:

No literature shall be distributed within the Conference Hall unless authorised by the Standing Orders Committee.

**SIGNED: Fionnuala Richardson, Chairperson
Conor Power
Colm Maguire
Anne Carter
Fonzo Mahon**

SECTION TWO

Nominations for:

CHAIRPERSON: Loraine Mulligan – Sean Fitzpatrick, Dublin Rathdown

NATIONAL TREASURER: Gina Doolan - Kilkenny/C Smyth Branch, Carlow-Kilkenny

AUDITORS: O'Connor & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Name	Branch	Constituency
Panel of Women:		
CARBERRY, Aileen	Justin Keating/Rathfarnham	Dublin South West
GOLDING, Emma	Skerries	Fingal
HALLIGAN-NEVILLE, Bridget	Wexford Town	Wexford
McDERMOTT, Valerie	Dalkey/Killiney	Dun Laoghaire
WHARTON-SLATTERY, Gillian	Oakpark	Kerry

Panel of Men:

BOND, Chris	Tallaght East	Dublin South West
CULLEN, Noel	Wexford Town	Wexford
ENNIS, Conall	Kilbeggan	Longford/Westmeath
KANE, Adrian	Blackrock\Mahon	Cork South Central
RYAN, Seamus	Ennis	Clare
UPTON, Henry	Terenure	Dublin Bay South

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:

CARTER, Anne	Ayrfield/Clarehall	Dublin Bay North
FAIR, Wendy	Esker	Dublin Mid-West
MAGUIRE, Colm	Rathmines	Dublin Bay South
MAHON, Fonzo	Wexford Town	Wexford
MURRAY, Joe	Carbra & District	Dublin Central
POWER, Conor	Oxmantown	Dublin Central
RICHARDSON, Fionnuala	Mt Merrion/Kilmacud/Foxrock	Dublin Rathdown
TALLANT, Dion	Deansgrange	Dun Laoghaire

SECTION THREE:

SESSION ONE FRIDAY 27 February 2015 – 7.00 p.m. To 10.00 p.m.

7.00 p.m.	Conference opens – INEC Convention Centre	
7.05 p.m.	Adoption of Standing Orders Report No.1	
7.10 p.m.	Welcome	Deputy Arthur Spring & Senator Marie Moloney
7.25 p.m.	Opening Remarks Party Chairperson	Ms Loraine Mulligan
7.35 p.m.	Election of Six Tellers	
7.40 p.m.	Report to Conference	Mr David Leach, General Secretary
7.50 p.m.	Financial Report	Ms Gina Doolan, National Treasurer
8.00 p.m.	Party Leader:	Deputy Joan Burton, Tánaiste & Minister for Social Protection
8.10 p.m.	Social Protection: Motion Nos. 1-2 Composite No.1 Motion Nos. 4-10 Spokesperson replying to debate	
	Communications, Energy & Natural Resources: Motion Nos. 11-15 Spokesperson replying to debate	
	Health & Children: Motion Nos. 16-17 Composite No. 2 Motion Nos. 19-22 Spokesperson replying to debate	
	Education: Motion Nos. 23-26 Spokesperson replying to debate	
10.00 p.m.	CONFERENCE ADJOURNS	

SESSION TWO SATURDAY 28 February 2015 - 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

- 9.00 a.m. ***Environment, Community & Local Government:***
- Motion Nos. 27-43
Composite No. 3
Motion Nos. 45-51
- Spokesperson replying to debate
- 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Policy Discussions – '***Social and Economic Recovery***'
- 1.00 p.m. **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

SESSION THREE SATURDAY 28 February 2015 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

- 1.30 p.m. ***Political Reform:***
- Motion Nos. 52-56
- Spokesperson replying to debate
- Finance, Public Expenditure & Jobs:***
- Motion Nos. 57-68
Composite No. 4
Motion Nos. 70-71
- Spokesperson replying to debate
- Culture, Justice & Equality:***
- Motion Nos. 72-75
- 3.30 p.m. **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**
- 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. **FRINGE EVENTS**
(See Section 4)

PLEASE NOTE: VOTING WILL CLOSE AT 5.00 p.m.

SESSION FOUR SATURDAY 28 February 2015 - 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

7.30 p.m. Long Service Awards

7.45 p.m. James Larkin Thirst for Justice Award

8.30 p.m. Party Leader's Address

9.00 p.m. **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

10.00 p.m. Social Organised by Labour Youth (Music from the 60's to Date) – Ballroom

SESSION FIVE SUNDAY 1 March 2015 - 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

10.30 a.m. **Rural Affairs, Transport & Fisheries:**

Motion Nos. 76-81

Spokesperson replying to debate

International Affairs & Northern Ireland:

Composite No. 5

Motion Nos. 83-84

Spokesperson replying to debate

Party Affairs:

Motion Nos. 85-99

General Secretary replying to debate

1.30 p.m. **CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH ' THE RED FLAG'**

SECTION FOUR:

FRINGE EVENTS

Friday 27th February 2015:

10.00 pm ***The Connolly Café - How does Social Democracy take on Populism?***

Panel: Mr Brendan Howlin TD, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform
 Mr Patrick Diamond, Vice-Chair Policy Network UK
 Ms Mona Sahlin, Leader of the Opposition and Swedish Social Democratic Party
 Cllr. Roger Sahota, UK Human Rights Lawyer

Venue: The Ballroom – Open to all delegates with light refreshments and ‘Tweet Up’ for social media fans

Saturday 28th February 2015 - 1.00-2.00 pm

Labour Women - ‘Bread and Roses – Women in the Workforce’

Speakers: Ms Alice Mary Higgins, Campaigns & Policy Officer, N.W.C.I.

Chair: Ms Sinéad Ahern, Chair Labour Women

Venue: Innisfallen Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

Labour Youth - ‘Getting elected was easy! - Dealing with tough decisions once elected’

Speakers: Cllr. Adam Jogee, Labour Party UK

Cllr. Martina Genockey

Chair: Mr Jack Eustace, Chair Labour Youth

Venue: Muckross Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

Labour Equality - ‘Economic Inequality’

Speakers: Ms Elaine Deegan, Head of Research, Labour Party

Mr Nat O’Connor, TASC

Chair: Mr Eoin Barry, Chair Labour Equality

Venue: Ross Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

Labour Disability - ‘Reaching Voters with Disabilities’ – practical workshop’

Speakers: Various

Chair: Mr Mick Keegan

Venue: Torc Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

Saturday 28th 3.30-5.00 pm - Policy Fora

(1) “Economic Recovery and Jobs”

Speakers: Mr Brendan Howlin TD, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform
Mr Derek Nolan TD, Chair of the Labour Party Policy & Manifesto Committee
Mr Shay Cody, IMPACT - “Wage Setting”

Chair: Senator Lorraine Higgins

Venue: Suite off Main Ballroom

(2) “Delivering a Social Recovery & Improved Living & Working Standards”

Speakers: Mr Gerald Nash TD, Minister of State at the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation with special responsibility for Small Business and Collective Bargaining - “Decent Pay & Dignity at Work”
Ms Jan O’Sullivan TD, Minister for Education and Skills – “Early Childhood Investment”
Ms Marie Sherlock, Head of Manifesto Development

Chair: Ms Joanna Tuffy TD

Venue: Innisfallen Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

(3) “Providing Affordable Homes for Families”

Speakers: Mr Alan Kelly TD, Labour Party Deputy Leader and Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government
Mr Aidan Culhane, Housing and Planning Consultant – “Critical Investment in Social Housing”
Senator Aideen Hayden – “Working with Voluntary Housing Bodies to Deliver on the Social Housing Strategy”

Chair: Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan, DCC

Venue: Torc Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

Saturday 28th 4.30 - 6.30pm

4.30-6.00 pm Association of Labour Councillors AGM - Ross Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

6.00-7.00 pm Association of Labour Councillors Meeting with Labour Senators - Muckcross Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

Chair: Cllr. Mary Freehill

5.15-6.30 pm ***"After the Stormont House Agreement - a new era for politics in Northern Ireland?"***

Speakers: Mr Seán Sherlock, Minister of State at Department of Foreign Affairs with Special Responsibility for ODA, Trade Promotion and North South co-operation

Mr Stephen Pound MP, Shadow Minister for Northern Ireland

Ms Katherine Johnson, Labour Party in Northern Ireland

Mr Alisdair McDonnell, MP, MLA, Leader of the SLDP

Ms Catriona Mullen, Executive Chair, International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD).

Chair: Senator Susan O’Keeffe

Venue: Suite off Main Ballroom

5.15-6.00 pm ***"Fundraising & Minding your Funds"***

Speakers: Cllr. Richard Humphreys - SIPO regulations

Ms Emer Costello - Fundraising

Chair: Ms Gina Doolan, National Treasurer

Venue: Torc Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

5.15-6.30 pm ***"Activism – learning from our sister parties"***

Speakers: Mr Patrick Heneghan, Labour Party UK

Ms Mona Sahlin, Social Democratic Party, Sweden

Chair: Mr Brian McDowell, National Organiser

Venue: Innisfallen Suite, 5th Floor, Business Centre

10.00pm Conference Social, The Ballroom (Music from the 60’s to Date)

Sunday 1st March 2015:

11.00am-12.00 noon ***"Marriage Equality"***

Speakers: Mr Alex White, Director of Elections & Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources

Labour LGBT

Venue: Mangerton Suite

The Red Flag –

By Jim Connell

The work- er's flag is deep- est red, It shroud- ed oft our mart- yred dead. And
ere their limbs grew stiff and cold, Their blood had dyed its ev' ry fold. Then
raise the scar- let stand- ard high, Be- neath its folds we'll live and die. Though cow-
ards flinch and trai- tors sneer, we'll keep thr red flag fly- ing here.

The people's flag is deepest red,
It shrouded oft our martyred dead,
And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold,
Their hearts' blood dyed its ev'ry fold.

Then raise the scarlet standard high.
Within its shade we'll live and die,
Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

Look 'round, the Frenchman loves its blaze,
The sturdy German chants its praise,
In Moscow's vaults its hymns are sung
Chicago swells the surging throng.

Then raise the scarlet standard high.
Within its shade we'll live and die,
Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

It waved above our infant might,
When all ahead seemed dark as night;
It witnessed many a deed and vow,
We must not change its colour now.

Then raise the scarlet standard high.
Within its shade we'll live and die,

Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

It well recalls the triumphs past,
It gives the hope of peace at last;
The banner bright, the symbol plain,
Of human right and human gain.

Then raise the scarlet standard high.
Within its shade we'll live and die,
Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

It suits today the weak and base,
Whose minds are fixed on self and place
To cringe before the rich man's frown,
And haul the sacred emblem down.

Then raise the scarlet standard high.
Within its shade we'll live and die,
Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

With heads uncovered swear we all
To bear it onward till we fall;
Come dungeons dark or gallows grim,
This song shall be our parting hymn.

Then raise the scarlet standard high.
Within its shade we'll live and die,
Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.



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