

Brexit : Charting a Way Forward – A Civil Society Dialogue

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Overview

- Who we are
- Our position on Brexit and why
- The issues
- Concluding comments

Who we are

- All island trade union confederation
- Largest civic society group on island and in NI
- Public/private cross community

Our position on Brexit and why

- Campaigned vigorously for *Remain*
- The economic/jobs argument
- The rights (including workers rights) argument

The issues

- Who is standing up for NI? The political class?
- Democratic legitimacy for this *hard* Brexit?
- An agreement in the interests of all EU workers?

The issues

- The Single Market
- The critical nature of the Customs Union for NI
- Trade deals with non EU countries and the CET?
- The negotiation process and stability

Concluding remarks

- *The best possible deal will be worse than the current arrangement*
- Our collective influence in NI?
- Social Partners can come together why not political class?

Concluding remarks

- Brexit - too important to be left to politicians
- Opportunity to create the space for credible social dialogue on Brexit and other issues
- Social dialogue essential part of any functioning democracy