



National Skills Council

MEETING 15th JANUARY 2018

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Minutes of previous meeting**
2. **Information Item: Skill Shortages: Demand and Supply**
Background Paper prepared by SLMRU, SOLAS.
3. **Decision Item: Finalisation of Work Programme and Agreement of next three Strategic Discussion Themes from the following:**
 - Work Ready Graduates
 - National Training Fund
 - Workplace of the Future
 - Productivity/Competitiveness
 - Digital Strategy
 - Work Permits Regime
 - Career Pathways Planning and Information
4. **Strategic Discussion: Meeting Skills Needs through Lifelong Learning**

Strategic Discussion on Lifelong learning facilitated by Dr. John Sweeney, member of the Labour Market Council and former Senior Policy Analyst with the NESC. The discussion will be introduced by a short presentation in relation to the latest SLMRU report on Lifelong learning participation among adults (copy attached).

Possible Topics to be covered in the discussion include:

- Irelands current position and ambition
- What are the barriers to participation?
- What can industry do?
- What can the Education and Training System do?
- What models of good practice exist?

- What needs to be prioritised?

5. Discussion Item: Consideration of Priorities for 2018 in relation to Lifelong Learning

6. Update Items:

- EGFSN Work plan
- Springboard + 2018
- CAO Applications
- Traineeship and Apprenticeship
- Recurrent Grant Allocation Model (RGAM)
- Systems Performance framework
- Work Permits

7. AOB and Closing remarks.