

Esther Lynch

Irish/English born in 1963

Esther Lynch was elected as ETUC Confederal Secretary at the Paris Congress in 2015. She has extensive experience of the trade union movement both in Ireland and at European and international level. Before joining the ETUC, she was the legislation and social affairs officer of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU).

She represented the ICTU on the Board of the Health and Safety Authority of Ireland, the European Commission's advisory committee on the free movement of workers and in the ILO as well as on ETUC committees and working groups. She is a member of the International Centre for Trade Union Rights.

Esther started her trade union career in the 1980s when she was elected as a shop steward. She was political adviser to the Irish Minister for Social Affairs (now Deputy Prime Minister) Joan Burton before moving to the ICTU in 1993.

She holds a degree in management and law from Dublin Institute of Technology, and lectures in law at the National University of Ireland in Maynooth.

Actively engaged in arts and media, Esther is completing a Master's degree in Media focussing on social media in trade union campaigns.

Employment

2015-

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Confederal Secretary

1993-2015

Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)

Legislation and Social Affairs Officer, and part of the senior team.

Positions held with the ICTU:

2007 - date

Legislation and Social Affairs Officer

2000- 2007

Industrial Officer with responsibility for Equality

1993 - 2000

Social Policy Officer with responsibility for managing National Network of Unemployed Centres

1991-1993

Political Advisor to Minister for Social Affairs, at the Department of Social Welfare, Ms Joan Burton TD

1989-1991

Coordinator for the Diploma Programme in Estate Management Studies, St Patrick's College Maynooth.

Education

2000 - 2004

Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc Management and Law

Trade Union activities

2000-2015

International Labour Organisation

Worker Delegate for Ireland and elected by the workers electoral college to the drafting committee for a number of International Instruments.

2013 - date

International Centre for Trade Union Rights

Executive Member

Other

2014 to date

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Senior Adjunct Lecturer in Law

2014 -date

Council of the Bar in Ireland

Attorney General's nominee to the Disciplinary

2010-date

Member of in house tribunal Viola

2008-2013

Health and Safety Authority of Ireland

Board Member

2000-2006

Board Joint Equality Council

Chair Electricity Supply

2005-2008

Board Member Private Security Authority

Languages

English - mother-tongue