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**WHERE ARE THE LISBON JOBS?**

The Galway branch of the People's Movement has announced they intend to picket from 7.30 pm this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June the Labour Party's public meeting on jobs in the Harbour Hotel, Galway.

And why is this picket taking place? Frank Keoghan, Secretary of the P.M., explains:

“Exactly two years ago in June 2008 the Republic's electorate emphatically rejected the Lisbon Treaty. The size of the vote against the treaty forced the Labour Party leader, Eamon Gilmore, to declare on RTE's 6 o'clock news that the “Lisbon Treaty is dead”.

“Gilmore not only went back on his word to oppose a second referendum but worse he joined with the other establishment parties in running a most dishonest campaign, claiming that a vote for Lisbon meant a vote for jobs. Well, we now know how big a lie that was. Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum unemployment has risen to 13.7%. Jobs are being lost at the rate of 1,481 per week. 89,000 are in long-term unemployment. Insolvencies are 25% higher than this time last year. Emigration is back to haunt us. So we intend to hold a peaceful protest before the Labour Party's public meeting to ask the question: Where are the Lisbon jobs?”

“People should note that things are going to get worse, exacerbated by the insistence of Germany and the European Central Bank that savage cuts be imposed on public spending, which mean more job losses and greater hardship for people.”

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