

**3 November 2010**

**IBEC conference picketed**

People's Movement members held an early morning protest at the IBEC CEO Conference in the Convention Centre Dublin today. Protesters carried 'YES for jobs' posters used by IBEC during the Lisbon Treaty referendum campaign and a number of large banners proclaiming 'We want the Lisbon jobs now!'

Frank Keoghan, the secretary of the People's Movement in a statement asked: 'Where are the Lisbon jobs we were promised by IBEC on thousands of posters; where is the investment they promised would flow from acceptance of the Lisbon Treaty?'

'Instead of the promised jobs and investment, 60,200 more people have become unemployed since the government and main opposition parties, enthusiastically supported by IBEC, bullied and bamboozled the country into a Yes vote.'

Keoghan pointed out that 'the pro-Lisbon promise from Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Labour, the employers and the leadership of the trade union movement was jobs and economic recovery. Instead, economic output is in chronic decline, the labour force is contracting and the tide of emigration is building up again.'

He declared that 'these promises were nothing more than a political con-job to engineer a Yes to Lisbon vote and it is time that the employers in this country are called to account for the cavalier way in which they fraudulently manipulated the fears of ordinary citizens in order to achieve an acceptance of the Lisbon Treaty.'

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