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400 jobs on offer to jobseekers at Wexford Employment and Advice Fair

Over 400 jobs are available to jobseekers at the Wexford Employment and Advice Fair this weekend.

Joan Burton TD, Minister for Social Protection will visit the Employment and Advice Fair, which takes place in the **Wexford Opera House** and will be open on **Friday 20th April** from **3pm to 8pm**, and **Saturday 21st April** from **12 noon to 5pm**.

The event is aimed at Irish and EU workers looking for jobs locally and throughout Europe.

Speaking about the Fair, Minister Burton said: **“I am delighted that over 400 jobs will be available at the Fair from local, national and international companies. Zurich Insurance PLC, Datapac Ltd, Quest Software, Aldi and Comfort Keepers are just some of the companies attending and recruiting for job vacancies in Ireland particularly in the Wexford area. There will also be a CV clinic as well as agencies offering advice in a variety of areas such as business start-up, taxation, training and education.”**

Jobs are available across a broad spectrum of areas such as Sales, Technical Support, Finance, Store Managers, Assistant Store Managers, Contact Centre Sales/Service Roles, IT Support, Food and Beverage staff, Housekeeping staff, Homecare Assistants and Tutors for Adult Education Programmes.

In addition, there will be a number of companies and agencies from other countries, including Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Romania and the United Kingdom to advise their own nationals and Irish people who are interested in employment and career development options abroad in Construction, IT and Healthcare.

Running in tandem with this event will be Youth@Work, whose objective is to encourage young people into work with Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and to start their own businesses through a series of workshops, talks and access to practical advice and assistance. There will be a number of different presenters, entrepreneurs and finance specialists, giving advice and holding workshops on how to get your career or new business off the ground.

Minister Burton commented: **“An essential element of Pathways to Work is about the relationship and contact with employers. We need to ensure they have access to good candidates to fill their vacancies and events such as this one is a very positive step in that direction. Jobseekers should take advantage of this opportunity to meet employers and avail of the services on offer at the Employment and Advice Fair. The Department of Social Protection, Employment Services and International Employment Services is committed to working closely with other State Agencies and organisations to provide the most effective integrated service to individuals who are exploring their career options. “**

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The Employment and Advice Fair will take place in the Wexford Opera House and will open on Friday 20th April from 3pm to 8pm, and Saturday 21st April from 12 noon to 5pm. Minister Burton will be available to speak with media at 6.00pm on Friday, 20th April 2012.

Notes for Editors:

The International Employment Services Unit of the Department of Social Protection, together with Employment Services South East is working in association with Wexford Opera House and Wexford Chamber to organize and host this Regional/National/European and International Employment and Advice Fair.

International Employment Services is part of a European Commission network called EURES (EUROpean Employment Services). EURES Advisers are trained specialists who provide information and guidance to jobseekers and employers interested in the European labour market. The EURES service is free of charge. For further information contact your local EURES Adviser or log onto www.eures.europa.eu.

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