

## **TUI Media Coverage on the proposed Public Service Agreement 2013-2016**

**A sample of some of the national media coverage on TUI's position on the proposed PSA 2013-2016.**

### **[A season of not-so-smart casual for teachers – Irish Times 12/3/13](#)**

“Casualisation is a cancer in second-level schools. We have young teachers with seven or eight hours a week hanging around staffrooms waiting for someone to go sick. The new Croke Park proposals on substitution and supervision will only make matters worse,” says TUI President Gerard Craughwell. Teachers are facing cuts of €106 million a year in supervision and substitution payments under the proposed new deal.

**TUI General Secretary John MacGabhann interviewed on Morning Ireland** on 28<sup>th</sup> February about the TUI executive decision to recommend that members vote no to the LRC proposals on a Public Service Agreement. He said the proposals are unacceptable and disproportionately impact on lower-paid teachers. [Listen here](#).

### **[Opposition to Croke Park II gathers pace – Irish Times 28/2/13](#)**

The Teachers' Union of Ireland, the Civil Public and Services Union and the Irish Federation of University Teachers each said last night that they will be recommending rejection of the deal in ballots of their members.

### **[Teacher unions urge no to Croke Park deal – Irish Examiner 28/2/13](#)**

Two of the country's teacher bodies became the latest unions to advise members to ballot against accepting the terms of the Croke Park II. The executive of the Teachers' Union of Ireland, which represents second and third-level teachers, met yesterday to discuss how the €1bn in savings being sought by the Government would impact upon its 15,500 members.

Afterwards general secretary John MacGabhann said his executive believed the suite of measures proposed were “excessively draconian” and that the best way to address the financial situation was through taxation. He also said there was a deep mistrust of the Government as people had signed up to the first Croke Park deal on the basis that it would not be revisited.

### **[Teacher unions tell members to reject new deal – Irish Independent 28/2/13](#)**

UNIONS representing second-level teachers and third-level lecturers are telling members to reject Croke Park II. Executives of the Teachers Union of Ireland (TUI) and the Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) decided unanimously yesterday to seek a "no" vote in forthcoming ballots.

John MacGabhann, general secretary of TUI, which represents second-level teachers and lecturers in institutes of technology, said last night that there were a number of reasons for the executive's decision. He said the Croke Park II pay terms were unpalatable, the proposals contained a number of ambiguities, while problems relating to casualisation at both second and third-level had not been addressed. Mr MacGabhann said they planned to have their ballot concluded ahead of the TUI annual conference in the first week of April.

### **Teaching unions say no to pay cuts in Croke Park II – Daily Mail 28/2/13**

TWO teaching unions are to advise their members to reject the new Croke Park II agreement on pay and hours. The national executive of the Teachers' Union of Ireland, which represents secondary school teachers, last night said it would recommend its 15,000 members vote against the deal.

### **Teachers set to say no – Daily Mirror 28/2/13**

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### **Civil service union's rank and file reject Croke Park II as strike nears – Evening Herald 28/2/13**

Two teachers unions – the Teachers' Union of Ireland the Irish Federation of University Teachers – have said they would be recommending rejection of the deal.

### **TUI 'may leave Croke Park II' – Irish Examiner 12/2/13**

Any government proposals that will involve pay cuts or job losses will see the Teachers' Union of Ireland considering its continued participation in talks to extend the Croke Park agreement, the union has declared.

### **[TUI may pull out of Croke Park talks – irishtimes.com 11/2/13](#)**

The Teachers' Union of Ireland (TUI) has signalled that it may pull out of the current talks on an extension to the Croke Park agreement if the Government tables proposals that would result in pay cuts or job losses. In a statement today, the union's general secretary John MacGabhann said: "At a meeting of the TUI executive Committee last Friday, a motion was passed that as soon as concrete proposals are put on the table, the TUI executive will meet without delay. If at that stage pay cuts or jobs losses are included in the agenda, the TUI Executive Committee will consider the union's further participation in the talks."