

OUT OF OFFICE: Remote working after Covid-19

**Open Webinar hosted by Fórsa
1.00pm, Friday 25th September 2020**

The experience of remote working during the Covid-19 emergency has demonstrated that more work than we thought can be carried out remotely in ways that are productive, cost-effective and attractive to employers and their staff. Workers overwhelmingly value the flexibility that remote working can bring, while employers cite access to talent, improved productivity and cost savings as potential benefits. Enhanced remote working also has huge potential to boost our response to community challenges like the climate crisis, employment, and regional development.

This webinar will explore the future for remote working from the perspective of workers, employers, communities and the economy. Three expert speakers will explore issues like productivity, health and safety, work-life balance, and staying connected with colleagues. They'll also discuss how remote working could change our approach to the organisation of our work and working time - and there'll be plenty of scope to contribute and ask questions.

THE SPEAKERS

Jenny Darmody is deputy editor of *Silicon Republic*, Ireland's No.1 new site and resource for technology, start-ups and innovation news. Formerly its careers editor, Jenny was appointed deputy editor of *Silicon Republic* earlier this year. Jenny will consider the implications of remote working for the future of work, as well as the 'right to disconnect'.



Bernard Harbor is Fórsa's head of communications. He recently compiled the union's detailed [submission](#) to the current public consultation on the future of remote working, and worked with Amarárch Research on a large opinion survey of the union's members, which revealed a huge appetite for remote working - as well as concerns about its impact on work and home life.



Ruth Morrissy is an Assistant Principal in the Labour Market and Skills Unit of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI). Ruth led on the department's 2019 publication *Remote Work in Ireland*, which drew on desk research, consultations and an employee survey. Building on this report, Ruth is leading on the development of guidance for employers and employees on remote working which is being supported through the department's 2020 public consultation on the topic.



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