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**Irish Federation of University Teachers**

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**University Teachers Vote for Industrial Action**

**‘Reluctant determination to do what must be done to get the Government to listen’**

Members of the Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) have voted by a substantial majority to participate in the ICTU-organised National One-Day Work Stoppage scheduled for 30 March 2009.

The General Secretary of IFUT, Mike Jennings, said that the ballot represents “the reluctant determination of IFUT members to register the strongest possible protest against the Government’s handling of the economic crisis”.

The ballot was counted today and showed a margin of 67.7% in favour of the action.

“This ballot is a clear message to the Government from university staff, it says we will take our share of the pain but only in the context of a National Agreement which is fair to all”, said IFUT General Secretary, Mike Jennings.

IFUT calls upon the Cabinet which meets next Sunday to agree to re-enter National Partnership talks with the ICTU on their 10-Point Programme, *There is a Better, Fairer Way*.

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