

# Work Experience

W20008

## Preparatory Study (Social Partnership) Assignment 05

*This is intended to be an essay assignment.*

### Preamble

Ireland has been hailed in recent years as the 'Celtic Tiger'. This is a reflection on how quickly the country went from near abject poverty to becoming a country where individual and national prosperity exceeds that of any point in our history as well as that of many of our EU colleagues. The nation as a whole went from massive levels of international debt to having well-controlled loans for specific purposes, repaid steadily; we are even amongst the top donor nations in the First World when the Third World calls for aid.

### Social Partnership

The majority of Irish citizens are happy with Social Partnership. If old enough, they see how it can be credited with rescuing the country from being a chaotic stagnant basket case. Some can even remember the 'Tallaght Strategy' that began the process. But many fear an end to the process even though they see it has given industrial 'peace' – necessary in a balanced successful economy.

### Assignment

Write *broadly* about social partnership in Ireland; what is it and where did it come from. How does it help the nation as a whole as well as individual groups in society. What preceded it – was this better? Do other countries have these structures? What is the greatest threat to it today? Is it a socialist/religious/capitalist arrangement? Should partnership last or has it served its purpose?

### Guidelines

- The completed assignment *should not be less than* 1 A4 page.
- The assignment should be standard formatted (see sheet on standard formatting).
- The assignment should be submitted on paper with cover sheet using the submission box in Room 15
- The assignment should also be submitted electronically by attachment using the filename **PreparatoryStudy05** in an email with the subject line **WEXP05** to **fachtna@cti-clonmel.ie**
- The deadline for this assignment is: **15:15, Friday, 09-12-2005**