

## LESSON 3: UNIONS IN IRELAND, WHO DO THEY REPRESENT?

### Lesson aim:

- To enhance students knowledge of the unions in Ireland by exploring the union organisations that exist and who they represent.

### Learning objectives:

At the end of this lesson students will be able to:

- identify unions which operate in Ireland and who they represent.

### Lesson outline:

- Introduce this lesson using the section “How unions operate”.
- Explain to students that at national level unions are categorised by industry, sector, occupation or employer and that workers join unions based on that criteria.
- Using **Worksheet 1, Union Matching**, ask students to match the unions abbreviated with those listed.
- When completed, go through the answers explaining the types of occupations each union represents.
- Now using **Worksheet 2, Who do they represent?**, ask students to identify what type of worker and job the union listed represents.
- Using **Worksheet 3** ask students to identify the most appropriate union to the jobs listed.

### Activity: Class discussion

Ask students what they have learned from this exercise. Were they aware of the range of different unions that exist? Have they heard of these unions? Why do they think this is?