

We had planned to hold the Public Administration and Community Divisional conference in Wexford this week but like every organisation in the country and indeed across the world we have had to adapt to the new normal imposed upon us by the COVID pandemic. Thanks to the work and efforts of our Divisional Committee we have organised the first virtual conference hosted by the Public Administration and Community Division. In times of crisis, we begin to truly value our public services. During this emergency, more and more people are recognising how much we rely on the workers who deliver our essential services in education, local authorities, emergency, health and civil services across our communities. These SIPTU members are not only on the frontline of our response to the Covid-19 crisis but are the backbone of our economy, without whom society could not function. We will get through this crisis and when we do, we cannot go back to the way things were before. We must rebuild better public and community services for all.