

Good Afternoon,

Just heard about this project on Midwest Radio. About time this issue is getting some badly needed review.

I am 50 years old getting paid 11.01 euro per hour working in a religious national shrine where some of us are paid 11.01 ph when we work Sundays and bank holiday's which is almost every weekend during the summer. Then laid off Nov to April. My unemployment benefit/job seekers has now gone down to 30 euro per week.

I still have a mortgage for another 8 years. Car loan for next 5 years. Car insurance almost unaffordable now and I have 30 yrs clean driving experience. The car is an expensive expense but it is a necessity out the country.

The additional taxes and VAT on everything especially petrol is bleeding us dry. The USC should go as we are being taxed on the double with PAYE AND PRSI when we DO NOT get any or very little benefits from these anymore.

We have a daughter gone to New Zealand and another to Aisa working for years now. We cannot afford to visit them.

I love my country but I am extremely concerned about the future of families like us who are struggling and on the breadline, cannot afford to socialise and getting more isolated and depressed. Long cold winters and damp chilly summertime means high heating bills year round.

Kind Regards

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