Hi,

My name is Stephen. ████████████████████ and I'm writing in relation to the initiative launched here earlier today, the 2nd of February 2017.

The question posed was what should Ireland look like in the year 2040, and it was posed to the general population to aid in generating a plan for economic development and growth. I think that it would be prudent to point out possible future problems that I think we will see by 2040.

One example problem relates to the feasibility of self-driving cars. They seem rather promising at the moment as they are tested in America. Should they be effective they will be an unavoidable boon for private transport employers. For example, a self-driving private bus could run indefinitely at only the cost of fuel, without the extra cost of a driver.

This example is just one of many possible examples of technology removing certain jobs but my point centers around redundancy. What I would like to see in Ireland 2040 is a comprehensive plan that includes some method of dealing with those whose jobs may be made redundant by technology. This is particularly pernicious form of redundancy as being made redundant by technology that will do a job cheaper for employers will lead to a lack of jobs for those with that particular skill set.

Thanks,
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