

Monthly Evaluation of Work - July

An Uachtarán:

Skills academy

- Finalised the skills agenda with CG
- Skills invites sent out to panellists and external workshops; assigned chairs to panels
- Reviewed applicants with Secretariat

External events/ meetings

- SSUNI meeting with Welfare officer regarding the Mental health report
- Guest delegate at the National Rural youth assembly- nominated to participate in the panel at the OCED event in October
- The Shona project introduction meeting with the Honorary president
- Irish University Association meeting consulting us on an ISSU stance on LC reform
- Meeting with Angela Curran a guidance counsellor inquiring student consultation
- FEUL interview; for a documentary series
- Attended the students rights review event in Dublin
- Met with Deputy Annie Hoey alongside Honorary President and Runaí for the student voice policy platform
- Fm104 interview on lack of accommodation and how it affects second level students entering third level

Internal meetings

- Handover meeting with outgoing CG and incoming CG
- Chaired the first Coist Gnó meeting
- CG Work Plan meetings alongside Emma and Leas Uachtarán
- Had a meeting with every CG officer (except RLSO-out of office) prior to taking office
- Attended the Strategic Planning meeting with SLT and alumni; had prep meetings prior

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Internal work

- Finalised my own work plan
- Student Council Charter; planning its implementation plan alongside Runaí, Comms, Oifigeach na Gaeilge and past Hon pres(Reuben Murray)
- Student Voice Policy platform; introductions with Honorary president and Runaí
- Attended all CG trainings
- Reviewed social media policy with Communications officer

Was out of office from the July 31st - 4th of August

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An Leas-Uachtarán:

- **Organisational**
 - Writing of my work plan, project briefs, event template, and general plans.
 - Reviewing the CG's work plans alongside the President.

- **PME**
 - Began PME research.
 - Created and distributed a PME survey.
 - Began drafting a final submission based on the survey results.

- **Full Membership**
 - Began analysing each region's membership and engaging to determine the order of highest to lowest in terms of engagement and membership.
 - Began formulating ideas for strategic ways to increase both membership and engagement nationally.

- **Colab Work**
 - Worked with Officers such as Runai to co establish the Vote at 16 and Voting Education Working Group following discussions on its focus and direction for the coming term. Also worked with the International Officer.

- **Events**
 - Attended CG training in Liberty Hall on the 27th.
 - Attended the online Student Council Training meeting, presenting my ideas for the future of Student Council Training.

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Runaí:

- Attended Coiste Gnó handover on the 9th of July online.
- Completed the Tusla Children First (Child Protection) training.
- Prepared and minuted the first Coiste Gnó 2022 meeting.
- Liaised with the Communications Officer to publish the minutes of our meeting on our website.
- Worked with the Oifigeach na Gaeilge to translate the minutes of this meeting, which will be published in the Irish section of the website.
- Attended the Coiste Gnó training online.
- Met with Coiste Gnó and staff to discuss Skills Academy 2022.
- Completed my work plan for the 2022 term.
- Met with Leas-Uachtarán to discuss the vote@16 and voting education working group. We agreed on a plan for the year and had the working group formally approved by the Coiste Gnó. Applications for this working group will launch at the end of August/ early September.
- Attended multiple meetings with various officers to provide support, especially An Uachtarán.
- Met with An Uachtarán and Uachtarán Oinigh to discuss the Student Voice political platform. Later met with Labour Senator Annie Hoey to discuss Labour's position on the platform.
- Began organising the 1st Coiste Gnó x Regional Officer Body meeting.
- Began work on the next Coiste Gnó meeting.
- Began working on Student Council Charter with Uachtarán and previous Uachtarán Reuban Murray.

During the month of July I was out of office from the 24th till the 3rd of August where I only attended pre-arranged meetings.

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Education Officer:

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Regional Liaison and Support Officer:

- Introductory call with Luke Daly
- Organising in-person ROB Training/Bonding
- Organising training for the new Regional Officers who were Co-opted

I was out of office from the July 12th to the 31st of July

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Welfare Officer (Oifigeach Leasa):

General

- Started reaching out to relevant NGO's and organisations to introduce ISSU and the role of the Welfare Officer, including organising introductory meetings
- Helped with Skills Academy planning & brainstorming
- Finalised my first workplan and reviewed it with the Uachtarán and leas Uachtaran and Emma
- Started creating project briefs for welfare exclusive projects as well as collaborative projects.
- Started research into funding and registered for The Wheel's Grant writing training in September
- Wrote the working group proposal for the Welfare Team
- Received CG approval for the Welfare Team
- Created the Application form for the welfare Team and launched applications (extended until two days after the first ROB x CG meeting to allow for questions, please apply <3)
- Received an invitation to speak on a panel in October
- Became ISSU's The Shona Project liaison officer
- Started working on the ISSU podcast, decided to restart the project as a whole
- Surveyed the lovely ROB for feedback and podcast research - name will be revealed very shortly ;)
- Did a whole lot of work for the Summer Sustainability Conference
- Created the Welfare Strategic Growth Indicators to shape my work

Media

- Represented ISSU on The Hard Shoulder presented by Kieran Cuddihy regarding the NCCA draft JC SPHE Curriculum.

Meetings with other officers

- Education Officer
- International Officer
- Equality Officer
- Sustainability Officer
- Communications Officer
- Uachtarán Oinigh
- Uachtarán
- Leas Uachtarán
- Disability Officer

Events attended

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- July 25th - Online - Children's Rights Alliance Ukraine Briefing with the DES
- July 5th - In-person - School Students Rights Reloaded event in Dublin
- July 27th - Online - Summer Sustainability Conference (organising, facilitating and over 18ing)

Internal Meetings attended

- July 9th - In-person - Handover meeting in Dublin
- July 15th - Online - First Coiste Gnó meeting
- July 18th - Online - Coiste Gnó training day
- July 27th - In-person - Second Coiste Gnó training day
- July 23rd - Online - MAC Boundaries Training

External Meetings attended

- July 27th - In-person - Met with Fiona Dunne of ICTU
- July - Online - Met with Sarah Behan, USI VP for Welfare
- July - Online - Met with Caoimhe McClafferty & Moira Germaine from the HSE
- July - Online - Alongside Uachtarán I met with the Secretary of SSUNI

****N.B. The Welfare Officer was out of Office from the 28th of July to the 7th of August inclusive****

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Equality Officer:

General:

- Completed my work plan  Rebecca Work Plan and met with an Uachtarán, Leas-uachtarán and Emma
- Liaised with the Trans Equality Together Coalition when the ISSU agreed to sign their compliant to RTÉ
- Interviewed by Zara King for Virgin Media One on the new RSE reform submission (did prep with Luke)
- Started the prep for the diversity committee resources
- Started working on organising the second International Women's Day Conference
- Working With International and Welfare officers on Ukrainian guide to the Irish education system.

Meetings, Trainings and Events:

- Attended handover meeting 10th of July
- Attended the first Coiste Gnó meeting 15th
- Coiste Gnó training online 18th of July
- Met with Coiste Gnó and staff to discuss skills
- Attended Boundaries training 23rd
- Attended the Children's Rights Alliance Ukraine Briefing with the DES 25th
- Coiste Gnó training in-person 27th of July
- Summer Sustainability Consultation (Attending, Facilitating and planning when needed)

Met with

- Welfare officer
- An Uachtarán
- Leas-Uachtarán
- Disability officer
- Sustainability Officer
- International Officer
- Uachtarán Oinigh
- Communications Officer
- Emma
- Luke

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International Officer:

School Rights Reloaded:

- Attended the School Rights Reloaded Event in Dublin
- We reviewed the Declaration of Schools Students Rights
- Data and the recommendations from the event were recorded.
- Worked on the Narrative Report which was submitted to OBESSU after the event.


OBESSU Summer School:

- Got accepted to the Summer School
- I will be travelling to Spain in September to attend the event.
- I will use the data gathered from the DSSRR to represent the views of Irish students.

Skills Academy

- I will hold an “Intro to OBESSU Session” at the skills academy.
- The session will be run by me and Nadine Toyne, an OBESSU Board member.

Mental Health Report

- I organised a meeting between the Uachtarán and the Welfare Officer and the SSUNI's secretary.
- The meeting revolved around a report that we want to do which looks to study the effects of the pandemic on students' mental health.
- We are taking inspiration from the  [SSUNI Mental Health Report.pdf](#)

Ukrainian Crisis

- On July 25th I attended the Children's Rights Alliance Ukraine Briefing with the DES (Online)
- I relaunched the Ukrainian Resource Sub-group, to continue the work on the “Guide to the Irish Education System”

Project on Direct Provision

- Started working on my project project brief
- Met with the Comms, Equality and Welfare Officer to collab on this project

Trainings and Events

- Attended CG training on the 27th (in person)
- Attended CG training on the 18th (Online)

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- Attended Student Council Training Discussion on the 29th (Online)
- Attended Google Workspace Training on the 12th (Online)
- Attended Boundaries Training on the 23rd (Online)
- Attend the info session on the process for the Charter on Youth and Democracy
- Attended the Children's Rights Alliance Ukraine Briefing with the DES (Online)

Meetings

- Uachtarán - 1st July
- Kacper Bogalecki - 10th July
- Welfare Officer - 12th July
- Emma Sweeney - 15th July
- Coiste Gnó meeting - July 15th
- Welfare + Equality officer - 15th July and 20th July
- Dublin Fingal RO - 16th July
- Leas-Uachtarán - 27th July

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Communications Officer:

Posts:

- Created, uploaded and completed the 'Get to Know Your Coiste Gnó' Campaign - 2 graphics per officer (1 as Bearla & 1 as Gaeilge)
- Created and uploaded graphics advertising the Sustainability Officer's Summer Sustainability Consultation - 2 graphics (1 as Bearla & 1 as Gaeilge)
- Created and uploaded a new video advertising the ISSU x ISIC card

Websites:

- Updated the Coiste Gnó page on the English website
- Updated the Coiste Gnó page on the Irish website
- Updated the Monitoring & Advisory Committee page on the English website
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- Updated the Regional Officer Body page on the English Website
- Updated the Regional Officer Body page on the Irish Website
- Created a new website page advertising the Summer Sustainability Consultation
- Updated logos on the mental health resource poster
- Uploaded and designed meeting minutes 15/07/22 on the English Website

Documents:

- Designed SDG explainer document for the Sustainability Officer
- Began working on designing the Student Council Charter
- Drafted a proposed Brand Guidelines

Trainings & Meetings:

- Attended CG training on the 18th & 27th
- Attended Student Council Training Discussion on the 29th
- Attended Google Workspace Training on the 12th
- Attended Boundaries Training on the 23rd
- Met with:
Uachtarán
Runaí
Sustainability Officer
Welfare Officer
- Liaised & worked closely with the Oifigeach na Gaeilge on post translations and the Irish website

Other:

- Designed & emailed out new updated email signatures

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- Uploaded new Coiste Gnó GIFs
- Completed Workplan
- Began preparing for the launch of the Digital Communications Working Group
- General responding to emails, chats and DM's
- Updating Social Media security and confidentiality agreements
- Began crafting workshop for Skills Academy 2022
- Created and shared the 'Content Calendar'
- Designed new meeting minutes cover
- Designed new MEOW cover

Was Out of Office from the 19th - 26th where only necessary work was completed

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Oifigeach Na Gaeilge:

General

- Wrote my Work Plan
- Received data on the Gaelcholáiste Membership
- Attended Coiste Gnó online and in-person training day on the 18th & 27th of July
- Attended ISSU Boundaries Training
- Liaised with the Communications Officer to publish and translate all content as Gaeilge and to start work on the Irish Language Website
- Got access to the @ISSU_Gaeilge Twitter account
- Met with Emma to discuss Gaeilge in the Union

Translations

- Translated all of the Get To Know Your Coiste Gnó
- Started the translation of the graphics for the Irish Language Website
- Started the translation of the Irish Language Website Text
- Translated the Coiste Gnó Meeting Minutes
- Enquired about the professional translation of the ISSU Constitution.

Meetings

- Attended first Board Meeting for Radio Rí Rá
- Met with Kerry Regional Officers to organise a Gaeilge Workshop for Regional Councils
- Met with Conradh na Gaeilge to discuss Skills Academy and the work for the year ahead
- Was in touch with USI Gaeilge to organise a meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming year

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Sustainability Officer:

- **Summer Sustainability Consultation:**
 - Organised and launched the consultation.
 - Finalised the agenda.
 - Met with Emma re: logistics/dates/times/over-18.
 - Emailed the MAC asking to send an officer to monitor the event.
 - Met with facilitators (Anjelica, Salim, Jack, Rebecca, filled Beth in at a later date) re: workshops and breakout rooms.
 - Created Jamboard questions with the Coiste and began work on the slides for the day.
 - Held a preparation and practice meeting the night before.
 - Held the event, great attendance and great ideas submitted on the Jamboards.
 - Released a feedback form and compiled responses from that and from the event into an event report.
 - Wrote a piece for the ISSU Newsletter on SSC.
- Mobilised ROs and CG officers to lobby Irish MEPs on the Taxonomy bill before the European Parliament.
- Attended 1st Coiste Gnó meeting:
 - Asked for assistance in creating prompts for the SSC.
 - Give update on UNFCCC
 - Got permission to go ahead.
- UNFCCC Observer Membership
 - Coiste Approval (7/9)
- Met with Uachtarán to introduce the application process. Reopened Beth's Student Council resource "Taking Action on Sustainability and Making It Part of Your Student Council" with Tipperary RO Heather Doyle.
- DoE Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Advisory Group
 - Emailed DOE introducing myself, thanking Salim for his work and looking to set up an introductory meeting between myself and the DoE.
 - Met with Leona and Aoife (DoE) and they introduced me to the ESD to 2030: Implementation Plan 2022–2026 and the Actions that relate to ISSU.
 - Wrote an introduction to ISSU and the Sustainability Officer for the DoE ESD Newsletter.
- Workplan
 - Finished Work plan and met with Caitlin Faye and Emma to present it.
- Met with Gráinne Ryan from An Taisce (Climate Action Officer) to talk about #ClimateActionWeek.
 - #ClimateActionWeek runs from the 10th-16th October.
 - Invited ISSU to be a part of celebrations as follows:

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- Launch event (Cycle4Climate) on Monday 16th October in Galway. The day will start in NUIG with the Green Campus Society raising a flag. Then the attendees will cycle from NUIG to Galway Atlantaquaria and will hear a keynote address from Minister Eamonn Ryan and further talks from other climate activists. The event runs from 11am-3pm and ISSU have been asked to attend.
- Registered to attend the 13th OECD Rural Development Conference 'Building Sustainable, Resilient and Thriving Rural Places' on behalf of the ISSU. The conference will run from the 28th-30th September in Co. Cavan.
- Began organising the Careers in Activism and Advocacy Panel on day 3 of Skills Academy 2022.
 - Contacted presumptive panellists and confirmed some responses.
- Created a Sustainability Calendar for the Coiste Gnó and Regional Officers to stay up-to-date with key dates, weeks and events regarding sustainability in the union.

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Disability Officer:

- **EPSEN (Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs) Act 2004 Advisory Group**
 - Attended the in-person meeting in Dublin to represent ISSU.
 - Gave a presentation on the ways the Act is failing to meet the needs of students in Ireland & proposed ways to fix these issues.
 - Currently awaiting follow-ups on the next meeting and the next steps of the Advisory Group.

- **Ombudsman for Children 'Beyond Limits' Youth Advisory Panel**
 - Attended an online meeting with other members of the YAP
 - Attended an online meeting to discuss possible ideas of speeches for the events.
 - Attended an in-person meeting in the OCO offices to meet with the members of the YAP and publicise the event.

- **Coiste Gnó Training**
 - Attended online training on the 18th of July.
 - Attended in-person training on the 27th of July

- **Hidden Disabilities & Disability Awareness Training**
 - Planned training for the Coiste Gnó and Regional Officer Body.
 - Along with this, creating a list of supports available to disabled students in Ireland to coincide with the training, as well as a list of key terms to use and to avoid surrounding people with disabilities.

- **Skills Academy**
 - Helped to plan Skills Academy with other CG members and Secretariat
 - Wrote follow-up emails and invitations to speakers for the Roundtable Discussion.

- **Other**
 - Completed [Work Plan](#) & met with Uachtarán and Emma
 - Met with other Officers for different reasons including Equality Officer, Welfare Officer, and an Uachtarán.
 - Supported the start of planning of the International Women's Day Conference.
 - Was asked by the OCO to write a piece for their online website "The Scrawl" on Hidden Disabilities.

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Uachtarán Oinigh:

- Organised training for the CG with the Secretariat
Created a template for submissions
Supporting the secretariat and CG with Skills Academy planning
- Attended the strategic planning meeting
 - Met with the strategic planner on a few different occasions
 - Prepped CG officers and alumni
- Searching for and writing grant applications
- Finishing drafting the questions for the Sexual Harassment Survey
- Finishing work on the Student Voice Policy Platform
 - Organised meetings with party allies to discuss the policy platform
 - Met with Labour Senator Annie Hoey
 - Began organising the launch event
 - Drafted letters for the Uachtarán to party leaders discussing the document
- Supporting with organising the second annual ISSU Women's Conference
- Took over the 50 Years of Student Voice project in conjunction with the Uachtarán
 - In the stages of reopening the working group and planning the next steps
 - Searching for funding
- Providing advice and support to all CG officers, primarily the Uachtarán
- [You can view my work plan for the year here](#)

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