

Monthly Evaluation of Work - August

An tUachtarán

Out of office on the 1st- 4th

Skills academy

- Opened and closed the event
- Held multiple prep meetings with the CG and staff
- Chaired the Future of education Panel
- Supported officers and staff

Student council Charter

- Got in contact with ETB in Limerick/ Clare
- Planning and preparing for launch
- Details on the resources

ROB meet-up

- Helped the staff with facilitating the meet-up
- Held a brief consultation with regional officers regarding the format for regional councils.

LC22 Results Day

- Media prep with the CG, ROB and staff
- Bi-lateral meetings with stakeholders on students issues
- Video post on the socials
- Press release

Media- RTÉ, newstalk, BBC, Irish Daily mail, Dublin live, Donegal news Irish Independent, FM104 etc

- Topics such as accommodation, results, examiners, LC 2023

United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child Report

- Attended meetings with team
- Finalised and launched the report

Joint Oireachtas Submission on Mental Health supports- alongside Welfare officer

- Held multiple meetings with writing group
- Supported the officers during the writing process
- Signed and sent off

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Meetings

- Helped prep International officer for Education Work Programme for Ukraine Crisis stakeholder meeting
- CG x ROB meeting
- Advisory group meeting alongside education officer; multiple prep meetings prior to the meeting
- Shona ambassador meet up with UO
- Introductions with Minister Norma Foley
- National parents council post primary President
- CG meetings; as a whole CG and also individual meetings with officers
- Teachers Union Ireland
 - in-person meeting with assistant secretary general
 - Bi-lateral meeting alongside Runaí, we met with; TUI's Sec General, President, Education officer and assistant secretary general
 - Meeting with Education officer
- LC helpline consultations with the DES and NPCPP
- Photoshoot with Minister Norma Foley
- Filming a wellbeing video alongside Oifigeach na gaeilge

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Leas-Uachtarán

Professional Masters of Education

- Wrote the final draft of the Professional Masters of Education (PME) submission. Incorporating the feedback and ideas of members of the Coiste Gno (CG) and Regional Officer Body (ROB).
- Made preparations (speech, powerpoint and logistics) for talks to 1st year and 2nd year PME students in Trinity College about the ISSU and how they can contribute to student voice.

Skills Academy

- Organised and ran the Negotiations workshop at Skills Academy day 1.

Full Membership

- Finished the Membership Evaluation based on membership in each region.

Submission work

- Assisted the writing of the Mental Health Oireachtas submission, specifically the section related to Teacher Trainings.

Media

- Met with Uachtarán to discuss media.
- Tipperary Radio interview RE: Leaving Cert, "Unqualified Examiners", Accommodation and Results.
- General support and aid with media documents.

Meath Trades Council

- Worked with the Meath Trades Council to install the new Regional Officer onto the council as my replacement following my move to Dublin.

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Runaí

Student Council Charter:

- Student Council Charter Prep: Met with Uachtarán Caitlin Faye and Previous Uachtarán (2020/21) Reuban Murray to discuss and create a plan for the Student Council Charter.
- Met with Rueban Murray individually to work on information packs for the Student Council Charter.
- Due to Skills Academy 2022, I temporarily took a step back to focus on preparing for Skills.

Skills Academy:

- Met with the Coiste Gnó and staff various times to prepare for the Skills Academy for Future Leaders 2022.
- I took the lead on organising the 'Future of Education' panel chaired by Uachtarán Caitlin Faye Maniti, to get representatives from each political party. Attendees included:
 - Malcolm Byrne TD (Fianna Fáil)
 - Richard Bruton TD (Fine Gael)
 - Rose Conway Walsh TD (Sinn Féin)
 - Senator Pauline O'Reilly (Green Party)
 - Councillor Ronan Moore (Social Democrats)
 - Ivana Bacik TD (Labour)
- Help facilitate the Skills Academy for Future Leaders 2022 from August 22nd to 24th.
- Ran a debating workshop on the 2nd day of skills academy.

Meetings:

- Attended and minuted the Cosite Gnó meeting on the 8th of August
- Attended the regional council planning meeting with the RLSO and coiste gnó
- Attended and Minuted the first CG x ROB Meeting August 16th
- Coiste Gnó x Staff - Skills Prep august 18th
- TUI ISSU Meeting August 19th

Other:

- Applications for the 'Vote@16 and Voting Education' working group opened.
- Attended the Student Consultation on the United Nations Transforming Education Summit on the 24th of August virtually.
- Out of Office from 25th until 29th of August

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Education Officer

Skills Academy

- *Prep meetings*
- *Making materials for general administration*
- *Planning and making material for Strategic Planning Workshop*
- *Ran the Strategic Planning Workshop*
- *Preparing Activities for the Night Activities*
- *Ran the Night Activities for Night 1*
- *Helped run Night Activities for Night 2*
- *General support to CG officers, and staff*

Advisory Group for the Planning of the State Examinations

- *Attended and worked with the Uachtarán Caitlin Faye Maniti*
- *Prep work*
 - *Writing Stance docs*
 - *Bi-lateral meetings*
 - *Bi-lateral communications with the DE*
- *Attended an Advisory Group meeting on the 30th of August with the Uachtarán Caitlin Faye Maniti.*
- *Negotiated a successful outcome for JC & LC students 2023*
- *Media prep work and liaison with the DE*
- *Internal communication*
- *Press releases*
- *Managing incoming press requests for the weekend*
- *Managing LC Queries*

TY Expo

- *Helping organising the event*
- *Merch ordering*
- *Communicating with organisers*

College Awareness Week

- *In the initial planning phases*
- *What events the ISSU will attend*
- *Social media work with the Communications Officer*

The Tuition Centre

- *Negotiated a once off payment from the TTC for ISSU being an affiliate.*
- *Exploring the possibilities of continual annual sponsorship.*

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Regional Liaison and Support Officer

Regional Officer Body Training:

New Regional Officers

- *Organised and Facilitated a training for the new Regional Officers who were co-opted in alongside the RSVDO on the 3rd of August*

Regional Officer Body Training

- *Organised an in-person training for the ROB which was held on the 17th of August in the Ombudsman for Children's Office. Regional Officers started planning Regional Councils at this event.*

Regional Councils

- *Planning Regional Councils alongside the ROB & RSVDO.*
- *We have merged the following regions,*
 - *Cork City + Cork County*
 - *Dublin City + Dublin Fingal*
 - *Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown + Dublin South*
 - *Limerick + Clare + North Tipperary*
 - *Kildare + Wicklow*
 - *Mayo + Sligo Leitrim*
 - *Waterford + South Tipperary*
- *We now have 16 regions in total.*
- *Working on logistics of each event and supporting regional officers with setting up agendas and how the day will run.*

United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child Report

- *Working with the OCO Yap on designing the report and preparing for the launch.*
- *The report has been launched "Pieces of Us", myself and the Honorary President were involved with the making of this report.*

Skills Academy

- *Helped with the planning of Skills Academy 2022, facilitated an icebreaker at the event.*
- *Attended all three days of the event.*

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Welfare Officer

Other officers

- *August 8th - Meeting with Comms + UO*
- *August 8th -*
- *August 25th - Meeting with Wexford RO*

Events attended

- *August 11th - BodyWhys BIAS event in UCD*
- *August 12th - The Shona Project Team Meetup in Dublin City Centre*
- *August 22nd - 24th - Skills academy*

Internal Meetings attended

- *August 8th - Ukrainian Resource Group*
- *August 8th - Direct Provision Project*
- *August 8th Coiste Gnó Meeting*
- *Tuesday 16th - ROB x CG meeting*
- *Thursday 18th - Coiste Gnó x staff- Skills academy prep*
- *August 20th - Mental Health Supports Informal Consultation*
- *August 20th - Coiste Gnó Meeting*
- *August 21st - Mental Health Supports Informal Consultation*

External Meetings attended

- *August 8th - Meeting with spunout*
- *August 10th - DES meeting re LC Helpline*
- *August 19th - Meeting with Jigsaw One Good Schools*

****The Welfare Officer was out of office until the 7th of August****

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Equality Officer

Events, Meetings and training:

- Met with the Communications officer
- Met with Welfare officer
- Met with International officer
- Met with Quinton Kelly of the MAC for monthly call
- Attended a Coiste Gnó meeting on the 8th and 24th of August
- Attended the joint meeting with the Coiste Gnó and ROB on the 16th of August
- Attended all three days and helped organise Skills Academy

Mental Health Submission

- Contributed to the drafting of the mental health supports Oireachtas submission

Guide to the Irish education system

- Working with International officer, welfare officer and Limerick RO on the guide to the Irish education system.
- Meetings on the 1st, 8th and 15th of August with the group

Please note that I started back at school on the 29th of August so I was working in a limited capacity this past week. As I am now back in school please note that I will also not be replying to messages or attending meetings during school hours unless absolutely necessary

International Officer

Ukrainian Crisis:

- Continued work on the “Guide to the Irish Education System” the document is in its final stages.
- We will open the resource document up to external consultation with stakeholders by the end of September.
- Currently collaborating with Schools of Sanctuary to get our resource document translated through Google.
- Attended Ukraine Education Stakeholder Meeting on the 25th of August (Online)
- We will be meeting with a studyclix representative about a possible discount code for migrant students.

Project on Direct Provision:

- Met with the Communication and Equality Officer on this.
- We agreed to reach out to youth work Ireland and to collaborate on this project as they have already done something very similar.
- The video can be found [here](#)

Mental Health Report:

- I had discussions around what our mental health report will look like.
- Contacted the (SSUNI) to get further information and advice on how to lay out our survey.
- Provided assistance where necessary on the ISSU Mental Health Supports Oireachtas Submission.

Skills Academy:

- I held the “Intro to OBESSU Session” at the skills academy with Nadine Toye.
- Facilitated a lobbying workshop with Luke Daly.
- Assisted the Coiste Gno and the secretariat during skills academy.

Meetings with other International officers:

I met with Gaia, the international officer from Confederación Estatal de Asociaciones de Estudia (CANAE)

We talked about:

- Similarities and differences within both of our unions.
- Mental health supports for students in schools.
- Organising a joint meeting between the Coiste Gno and their Board.

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I met with Naira, the international officer from Asocijacija Srednjoškolaca u Bosni i Hercegovini (ASuBiH).

We talked about:

- Structure and day to day operations of both of our unions.
- The state of the Education system in Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- The recent tensions across the border of Bosnia & Herzegovina and how it is specifically affecting young people.

Reached out to the Secondary Students Union of Scotland (SSUOS).

Press:

- Spoke to FM104 about the ISSU's statement on EUNICAS.

Events:

- Attend the Schools of Sanctuary event in Dublin on the 17th of August.
- Pan Africanism And Student Activism In Africa Seminar by the (AASU) 30th of August (Online)
- Attended and facilitated workshops during Skills Academy from the 22-24 of August.
- Attended Ukraine Education Stakeholder Meeting on the 25th of August (Online)

Meetings:

- Attended Coiste Gnó meetings - 8th & 21st of August.
- Met with Nadine Toye - 8th and 15th of August
- Met with Gaia from CANAE - 15 of August
- Met with Naira from ASuBiH - 18th of August
- Attended the joint Coiste Gnó-Regional Officer Body call - 16th of August.
- Ukrainian Resource Sub-Group - 1st of August, 8th of August and 15th of August
- Met with Shane for our monthly MAC call - 4th of September.

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Communication Officer

Posts:

- EUNICAS announcement press release graphic (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)
- EUNICAS announcement explainer to students video (Tik Tok, Instagram)
- MEOW announcement Post (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)
- Digital Comms Working Group announcement (Instagram, Facebook Twitter)
- Vote @ 16 & Voting Education Working Group announcement (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)
- Skills Academy Conclusion Post (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)
- Skills Academy Coverage (Instagram Stories)

Documents:

- Proof read the Oireachtas Submission on Mental Health Resources in Schools and Tertiary Education

Websites:

- Digital Comms Website Page (Bearla)
- Vote @ 16 Website Page (Bearla)
- Uploaded Meeting Minutes
- Uploaded previous MEOW

Trainings and Meetings:

- Met with Equality Officer
- Met with members of the Wexford ICTU and Quinton Kelly of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee to discuss use of office space during term
- Met with National Women's Council of Ireland
- Met with the National Parents' Council
- Met with Quinton Kelly of the MAC
- Met with the Uachtarán Oinigh
- Met with the Uachtarán
- Met with the Welfare Officer

Press:

- Spoke to fm104 about rising back to school costs

Other:

- Wrote script for EUNICAS announcement explainer to students video
- Designed form banner for Oifigeach na Gaeilge's internal website working group
- Began designing the 50 Years of Student Voice Logo
- Attended Skills Academy 2022 where I created and facilitated a workshop on Grassroot Comms and Online Activism
- Did all presentations for Skills Academy as well as creating the Name Tags + Participant Certificates of completion
- Wrote script for Leaving Cert 2022 What to Do After Your Results
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Please note during the period of the 14th to the 19th of August I was Out of Office where I did not complete any work.

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Oifigeach Na Gaeilge

- Had a meeting to organise Traenáil na nOifigeach days with Conradh na Gaeilge in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Belfast
- Set up and gathered responses for the Internal Irish Language Working Group
- Organised and attended a Conradh na Gaeilge workshop at Skills Academy 2022
- Translated all Social Media Posts
- Translated ISSU Press Release on 2023 State Exams adjustments
- Translated all Working Group Posts
- Translated the Student Council Scale
- Visited the Department of Education to record a video for Leaving Cert Results
- Started working on Oireachtas Submission to the Comhchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus Phobal Labhartha.

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Sustainability Officer

- Skills Academy for Future Leaders
 - Organised and chaired the 'Careers in Activism' Panel discussion on Day 3 of Skills Academy for Future Leaders.
 - Assisted the Education Officer and Welfare Officer facilitating the Strategic Planning workshop Day 3 of Skills Academy for Future Leaders.
- ISSU Representation at the September 23rd Climate Strike:
 - Made contact with Fridays for Future who expressed interest in an ISSU group attending the global climate strike in Dublin on the 23rd September.
- ISSU x USI Pre-Budget Submission
 - Collaborated with USI and submitted the ISSU stances to their Pre-Budget Submission.
- Meetings:
 - Attended the second Coiste Gnó meeting on the 8th August.
 - Attended and hosted a 'Sustainability Officer' breakout room at the first joint call between the Coiste Gnó and the Regional Officer Body.
 - Attended pre-skills Academy preparation call.
- Leaving Cert:
 - Recorded a video on the Leaving Cert Results Process for Social Media.
- Working Groups:
 - Received Coiste approval for the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Rural Students Sustainability Working Groups.
 - Worked with the Communications Officer to get the application process and launch started for the Rural Students Sustainability Working Group.
- 'Debate Your Decision Makers':
 - Began organising funding for 'Debate Your Decision Makers' which will happen during the mid-term break.
- Transport:
 - Made heavy progress on a transport project in conjunction with USI that will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

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Disability Officer

Skills Academy 2022

- Helped in organising and executing the event with members of the Coiste Gnó & Secretariat.
- Attended two days and one night of the event in Dublin.
- Chaired a roundtable discussion on 'Breaking into Activism' with Robbie Lawlor, Blezzing Dada and Beth O'Reilly.
- Planned and hosted the night activities on Night 1 (they were super fun!).

Ombudsman for Children's Office 'Beyond Limits'

- Attended two online meetings with the Youth Advisory Panel.
- Attended an online meeting with Julien (a professional storyteller) to plan out my speeches for the events.
- Wrote an article on 'Hidden Disabilities' for the OCO's online platform 'The Scrawl' - you can read it [here](#).

Meetings

- Attended Coiste Gnó meetings on the 8th & 21st of August.
- Attended the joint Coiste Gnó-Regional Officer Body Call on the 16th of August.
- Met with Eoin for monthly MAC call on the 31st of August.

Disability Organisations

- I am currently working my way through emailing disability organisations that relate to students in Ireland.
- From this I am meeting with the Irish Wheelchair Association and Barretstown.

Out of Office Days

- I was OOO on the 19th and 20th of August for personal reasons.

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Uachtarán Oinigh

- Wrote multiple press releases for the Coiste Gnó
- Contributed heavily to the drafting of the Mental Health Supports Oireachtas Submission
- Met with the National Women's Council of Ireland (NWCi) to discuss FemFest alongside the Communications Officer and Regional Officers
- Attended the Shona.ie Ambassadors meeting on behalf of ISSU alongside the Uachtarán
- Working on the sexual harassment in second-level schools survey
- Skills Academy:
 - Supported planning
 - Organised the Dáil tour and 'The Future of Education' panel venue with Senator Malcolm Byrne
- Working with Fiona Dunne and the Communications Officer to plan a young workers rights campaign
- Supporting the Coiste Gnó with their ongoing projects
- Supporting the Uachtarán and Education Officer with Advisory Group prep
- I was on the Digital Communications Working Group selection panel
- Assisting the Oifigeach na Gaeilge and Uachtarán with preparation for the ISSU presentation to the Oireachtas Committee on Irish Language
- I was out of office from August 5th-7th

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