

Monthly Evaluation of Work - October

An tUachtarán

General work:

- Called schools for regional councils
- Supported Regional Officers for Regional councils
- Student Voice Policy platform invitation sent and meetings with politicians
- ISSU Interviews for new clerical officer
- NCCA meeting prep
- Writing opening statement for Joint Oireachtas committee
- Filmed and edited videos for student council training

JC results:

- Called students who were affected
- Called SEC and other education stakeholders
- Wrote a script for socials
- Helped post the JC results date announcement on socials

LU resignation:

- Accepted the resignation
- Updated all the bodies of the Union
- Announcement on the website
- Delegated the LU's work
- Meeting with MAC, staff, SAD, CG
- MAC x CG meeting
- Took over some work, specifically student parent charter and emails

Meetings:

Internal:

- Senior Leadership Team check in calls
- Coiste Gnó meeting
- Coiste Gnó check in
- Individual Coiste Gnó officers check ins/calls
- Regional Officer Body x Coiste Gnó call
- Regional officers for RC support

External:

- Paul Gordan- policy and advocacy director at NYCI
- Teaching Council Working Group meeting
- National women's council; prep for panel
- Education stakeholder meeting for Ukrainian student support alongside IO
- UCCSU president
- NYCI Diversity and inclusion unit

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- Paul TD SVPP
- LCETB with Runaí
- SSUNI president
- Meeting with Womans' Aid for #TOOintoyou campaign
- Anti-Bullying Steering committee meeting
- Annette NCCA
- Paul Rolston NPCPP

Events:

- *Féilte* Teaching Council event; I was a panellist: Respect, Remembering, Reflecting and Reimagining Panel
- National women's council report launch event; I was a panellist talking about the SPHE and RSE curriculum
- NCCA Junior Cert SPHE organisations consultation event
- Regional council- Cork, Dublin North, Dublin South
- Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action

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Runaí

Regional Councils:

- Attended and facilitated Dublin South Regional Council on the 12th of October
- Assisted with calling schools for regional council registration
- Provided support to regional officers and met with them in order to help plan and run their regional councils:
 - Louth-Meath
 - Laois-Offaly
 - Dublin South
 - Kildare-Wicklow
 - Limerick Clare North Tipp

Meetings:

- Met with support staff from Limerick Clare Education and Training Board to discuss the ISSU Student Council Charter.
- Attended the Coiste Gnó Check-in on 23rd of October.
- Liaise with Coiste Gnó officers and staff to plan the in person meeting of the coiste gnó on November 2nd.
- Liaised with Uachtarán and Regional Liaison and Support Officer to plan and organise the second Coiste Gnó x Regional Officer Body Meeting on 20th of October.
- Liaise with Uachtaran to plan and hold a meeting of the coiste gnó on the 15th of October.
- Attended my Monthly MAC call on 17th of October

Other:

- Assisted in the drafting of the ISSU's Press Release regarding Junior Certificate Results Date.
- Attended the National Youth Council of Ireland's Annual General Assembly with the Welfare Officer and past Uachtarán (2020-2021) Reuban Murray on the 7th of October.
- Liaise with Staff to select and contact members of the "vote@16 and voting education working group."
- Began planning for the "vote@16 and voting education working group"

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Education Officer

ISSU Advertisements Programme

- Created and completed a price List brochure
- Sought feedback and amended the programme where needed
- Created and completed the setup of background admin (receipt templates, invoice templates, booking calendar, etc)
- Secured first booking for An CB, and monthly newsletters generating just under €1,000.00
- The Coiste Gnó will vote on the introduction of a trail run of the Advertisements Programme until December 2022.

Education Admin

- Managing incoming education@issu emails
- Continued work on the LCA Report to find new schools
- Continued work on the TY Report to create a pool of questions

Gaeilge

- Assisting the Oifigeach na Gaeilge with upcoming Oireachtas Submission
- Provided training on use and set up of sampling frame for stratified survey responses
- Provided training on use of SurveyMonkey in relation to stratified surveys

JC Results

- Engagement with the DE & SEC
- Engagement with educational stakeholders
- Incoming media management
- Press release writing

Meetings

- CG Meeting x2
- CG x MAC Meeting
- CG x ROB Meeting
- StudyClix Meeting (Advertisements Programme)
- Emma x Jack Check in
- MAC Monthly meeting x2
- Assisting in RC organisation

Other

- Provisionally taking over the management of the PME project the Leas-Úachtarán was responsible for until someone is appointed in their place.

*NB: I will be Out of Office from the 14th of November until the 25th of November inclusive
I will still be on hand for urgent matters or projects*

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Regional Liaison and Support Officer

Out of office

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Welfare Officer

- *International officer and I went to the Ireland's Future event in the 3Arena!*
 - *It was very interesting and we even bumped into Mary Lou McDonald, Neal Richmond and Maria Walsh!*
- *I helped with calling schools for the wonderful Dublin North Rc and helped out with the RC itself shoutout to the two fab ROs Kate and Jessica! (The election had one of the highest number of candidates in ISSU history)*
- *I attended the NYCI AGM as an observer delegate with our Rúnaí, huge congratulations to Reuban Murray, a past ISSU president who was successfully elected to the NYCI Board! A first for ISSU in a non by-election.*
- *I attended multiple calls throughout the month and worked on the Ukraine Resource Doc we're almost finished!*
- *I attended a Trans Equality Now event in Dublin and learned a lot more about the coalition!*
- *I had lots of calls with our Equality officer working on our pronouns resource (coming soon)*
- *I helped out as an over 18 to help facilitate a meeting with Wicklow RO Louisa and our Equality Officer with a group of Wicklow students about VSWare*
- *Organised merchandise*
- *I met with Caroline McCarron and Siobhan McCrory of Jigsaw in their Dublin Offices*
- *Had my MAC Call with MAC Officer Quinton*
- *Attended the ROB x CG call*
- *Attended the Coiste Gnó Check in*
- *Several Welfare Team Meetings*
- *Helped write the opening statement for the Joint Oireachtas Climate Action and the Environment Committee for our Uachtarán*
- *Wrote my Opening Statement for the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education Research Innovation and Science*
- *I was a witness for the Oireachtas JCEFHERIS following on from our submission last August where I spoke on behalf of students*
- *Responding to Student emails*
- *Meetings and email correspondence with external organisations*
- *Introductory call with Mary from #TOOINTOYOU*
- *Attended the CG x MAC call*
- *Met with Dr Ciara Mahon*
- *Press release drafting support*

I was semi-out of office for Family Reasons from the 17th to 19th of October

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Equality Officer

Meetings:

Met with Welfare officer on the 7th of October
Guide to the Irish education system resource call 9th of October
Introductory call with students on their VSware project 11th of October
Coiste Gnó meeting 15th of October
Met with an tUachtarán on the 17th of October
ROB and coiste gnó call 20th of October
Coiste gnó check in 23rd of October
Introductory meeting with #ToolIntoYou with Uachtarán and welfare officer 26th of October
Attended my monthly MAC call on the 28th of October

Other:

Started organising a ISSU Equality x Disability x SSUNI Equality meeting
Helped Cavan-Monaghan ROs with their regional council

I was very in and out of office as I broke my ankle

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International Officer

Ukrainian Crisis:

- Finished work on the “Guide to the Irish Education System” the document is now done.
- We are now looking to get the resource document translated into Ukrainian and Russian.
- We are currently planning a launch event with all the relevant major stakeholders.

Mental Health Report:

- I meet with Lauren from SSUNI weekly to work on this report.
- We had a discussion around the best method of collecting the data.
- We are considering a hybrid approach of a survey and focus groups

Meetings with other International officers:

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

We talked about:

- Finalising the agenda on the ISSU x CANAE meeting.
- Working on a joint solution to the SSUOFS issue.

I met with Lauren, the International Officer from the Secondary Students Union of Northern Ireland (SSUNI)

We talked about:

- What the process to collect the data was like with SSUNI.
- Brainstormed a rough outline of what our report will look like.

I met with Sam, the President of the Secondary Students Union of Scotland (SSUOFS)

We talked about:

- Some of the Issues they were going through.
- How the ISSU could help them out.
- Organising one on one calls with individual officers to further help them. develop their own student executive.

I met with Andreas, from the Landssammenslutningen af Handelskoleelever (LH).

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We talked about:

- How we can work together to help SSUOFS.

I had joint meetings with Andreas (LH), Gaia (CANAE):

We talked about:

- A joint response to solve the SSUOFS issue.
- We as a group met with the President of the SSUOFS.
- We were successful in providing support and a solution to them.

Events:

- Ukraine Education Stakeholder meeting - 5th of October (online)

Meetings:

- Met with Lauren from SSUNI - 2,7,14,21,28 of October
- Met with Gaia from CANAE - 14th & 28th of October
- Prep Call - 4th of October
- Joint meeting with SSUOFS - 7th of October
- Ukrainian Resource meeting - 9th of October
- Steering Committee (Schools of Sanctuary) - 11th of October
- Coiste Gnó Meeting - 15th of October
- ROB x CG Call - 20th of October
- OBESSU (AFC) - 23rd of October
- Met with Uachtarán - 28th of October
- Met with Sustainability Officer - 29th of October
- CG x Mac - 29th of October
- CANAE x ISSU - 30th of October

****Please note that due to being in sixth year, I am working in little capacity. So please bear with me as I try to strike a healthy balance between the two****

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Communications Officer

Posts:

- Kerry RO Announcement (x1)
- Cork RO Announcement (x1)
- North Dublin RO Announcement (x1)
- South Dublin RO Announcement (x1)
- Junior Cycle Results Date Announcement (x4)
- Galway - Roscommon RO Announcement (x1)
- Limerick - Clare RO Announcement (x1)

Events/Training/Meetings:

- Coiste Gnó x Regional Officer Body Call 20/10/2022
- Coiste Gnó Check In Call 23/10/22
- Uachtarán x Comms Check

Working Group:

- Set first assignment
- Began going through them, giving feedback and suggestions for improvement

Other:

- Regional Council Comms - The approval and assistance in designing all presentations for all Regional Councils
- The coverage of regional councils via the stories
- Answering DM's from students'
- Assisting the Student Voice Development Officer in the development of the Student Council Training Platform
- Designing and assisting the Secretariat in organising the Coiste Gnó jackets and Secretariat jackets

** Please note that I am working on very low capacity this month due the deadline of various projects this month and my commitments to my education**

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Oifigeach Na Gaeilge

- Continued work on the Oireachtas Presentation
- Continued work on the Irish Language Scheme Grant
- Translated social media graphics
- Attended Coiste Gnó meetings
- Met with the Sustainability Office
- Met with the Education Officer
- Met with the Uachtarán
- Met with Regional Officers to discuss Irish Regional Council Workshops
- Attended Radio Rí Rá board meeting
- Had my MAC check in

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Sustainability Officer

- **Meetings:**
 - Met with the SVDO on the 3rd October.
 - Met with the Uachtarán on the 9th October.
 - Met with the Oifigeach na Gaeilge on the 13th October.
 - Attended the Coiste Gnó meeting on the 15th October.
 - Attended a joint meeting between the Coiste Gnó and the ROB on the 20th October.
 - Attended a joint meeting between the Coiste Gnó and the MAC on the 29th October.
- **Climate Action Week:**
 - Attended the launch of An Taisce Climate Action Week in Galway:
 - Attended the presentation of the Green Campus Flag to the University of Galway with the Minister of State at the Department of Transport with responsibility for International and Road Transport and Logistics and Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications with special responsibility for Postal Policy and Eircodes, Hildegard Naughton TD.
 - Attended the Cycle4Climate event in the Galway Atlantaquaria.
- **Climate Action Short Course Board:**
 - Attended the first meeting of the Climate Action Short Course Board on the 25th October.
 - In advance of this meeting, I approved the Terms of Reference on behalf of the ISSU.
- **ESD Advisory Group:**
 - Attended my first meeting of the ESD Advisory Group on the 28th October.
 - Presented the progress of the ISSU in regards to ESD to the group and opted to join a working group on creating a standardised sustainability policy template for schools.
 - In advance of this meeting, I approved the Terms of Reference on behalf of the ISSU.
- **ESD Steering Committee:**
 - Attended my first meeting of the ESD Steering Committee on the 11th October.
 - In advance of this meeting, I approved the Terms of Reference on behalf of the ISSU.
- **Student Council Resources:**
 - Planned titles and basic content of my student council resources to be launched at DYDM.
- **DYDM Funding:**

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- Continues funding outreach to organisations.
- Applied for ESD to 2030 funding from the Department of Education.
- Applied for EUTEens4Green funding.
- Rural Students Sustainability Working Group:
 - Began the selection for the Working Group.
- Education for Sustainable Development Working Group:
 - Prepared information for the launch.
- Regional Councils:
 - Attended and helped to facilitate the Dublin South Regional Council in UCD.

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Disability Officer

- **OCO 'Beyond Limits' Events**
 - Attended the rehearsals and the first Beyond Limits event in Sligo on the 30th of September and 1st of October. I spoke at this event about my experiences with sport and disability.
 - Interview with RTÉ News about why events like Beyond Limits are so important.
 - Met with the Youth Advisory Panel on Zoom on the 10th of October.
 - Met with Jack Kavanagh and OCO Staff on the 10th of October to plan out my interview with Jack for the second event.
 - Attended the rehearsals and second Beyond Limits event in Limerick on the 14th and 15th of October. I interviewed Jack Kavanagh about his experience with disability and also spoke about my experience with sport and disability.
- **Disability Awareness Training**
 - Continued to mark quizzes and contact participants who had passed the training.
 - (If you haven't done it yet PLEASE DO!)
- **Regional Councils**
 - Created a workshop for the Kerry Regional Council and Limerick-Clare Regional Council about Accessibility in Technology.
 - Met with two RO's to plan the training, and also to train them to facilitate the workshop on the 4th of October.
 - The workshop was carried out at the Kerry Regional Council on the 6th of October.
- **Disability Organisations**
 - Contacted the remainder of the Disability Organisations in Ireland that are relevant for students.
 - Planning to meet with a representative from Barretstown, the Irish Wheelchair Association, the National Council for the Blind Ireland and Spinal Injuries Ireland.

I was in and out of office almost the whole month of October as I had laryngitis

Please note: I am **completely unavailable during school hours** as I do not have my phone, so please give me a reasonable amount of notice if you will need something from me. My capacity will be lower after midterm due to exams but will be back to normal soon after.

Uachtarán Oinigh

- Attended Cork Regional Council
- Working on the Student Voice Policy Platform Launch
 - Invitations sent
 - Venue booked
 - Met with Parties
- Supporting CG & Uachtarán
- Press release drafting support

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