

Coiste Gnó Updates October 2021

Uachtarán:

- **Department of the Taoiseach Shared Island Dialogue on Education:**
 - On October 1st, I spoke at the Department of the Taoiseach to speak Shared Island Dialogue on Education event: 'Learning From Each Other: The Future of Education on a Shared Island'
 - The panel was titled 'In-Depth View: Innovative Connections on a Shared Island' and consisted of a discussion with younger representatives from across the island on their expectations of education and other opportunities for connection with each other on an all-island basis and was opened by Minister Norma Foley
 - Panellists included: Joe McBride (Teacher in Loreto Community School, Milford, Donegal), Morgan Shuttleworth (President, Secondary Schools Union of Northern Ireland) and myself.
- **Oireachtas Submission on Leaving Certificate Reform:**
 - On October 5th, I presented before the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education Research, Innovation and Science on Leaving Certificate Reform, highlighting six key areas of:
 - Assessment Options.
 - Key Subject Areas and Digital Learning.
 - Access, Equality and Wellbeing Supports
 - Higher and Further Education Requirements, Vocational Options and Career Paths.
 - Irish Language and Irish Medium Education
 - International Evidence and Best Practice.
- I spoke (virtually) at the ICTU Biennial Conference in Belfast.
- **Media Engagements:**
 - I spoke on the #TwoTalk2 podcast with the Irish Universities Association
 - General Leaving Cert media
 - CAO Media
- **I met with the NCCA alongside the Education Officer, lead by the Oifigeach na Gaeilge (OnG) in relation to the Irish Language curriculum reform:**
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- Began organising an NCCA meeting alongside the Education Officer and Less-Uachtarán, this will go ahead in November.
- Assisted the Rúnaí with EA planning
- Assisted the RLSO with Regional Council planning and attended several as an over 18
- Assisted the Rúnaí with Skills Academy Planning
- Attended the October Board of Directors meeting on behalf of the Coiste Gnó
- Assisted the Education Officer and Education Working Group with their LCA Survey
- **National Women's Council All Island Womens Forum:**
 - Started a partnership with the DP of SSUNI, Clara McDevvit, in an effort to secure two student seats on the NWC 'All Island Womens Forum'
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Leas-Uachtarán:

- I made Connection with professor Laura Lunday on a Cross border youth project
- Represented of the ISSU at the Council of Europe panel discussion for the launch of Compasito
- Attended RCs
- NCCA meeting with the Education Officer
- Began organising NCCA meeting with Dalton Tatton alongside the Uachtarán and Education Officer
- ECMA
- Meeting with stakeholders re; S&P charter
- Liaising with NYCI on Vote at 16 campaign
- Representing ISSU at COMPASS parents AGM

Education Officer:

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- **Education Team**
 - The ISSU Education Team 21/22 is now operational. We will work on JC Review, TY Reform, and assisting the Education Officer among other projects.
- **Skills Academy**
 - I delivered two workshops (x2) at Skills Academy
 - What is the ISSU?
 - Debating Workshop
- **Overseas School Trips**
 - Continued research work into the possibility of changing the DE's guidelines on overseas school trips.

Communications Officer:

- **EA:**
 - Graphics
 - Website Page
 - Social Media Posts
- **Skills Academy:**
 - Graphics
 - Website Page
 - Social Media Posts
 - Workshops:
 - Canva - Digital Skills
 - Design Presentation
 - Facilitation
 - Negotiations Workshop
 - Design Briefs
 - Facilitation
 - Skills promo video
- **Regional Councils:**
 - Graphics

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- Website Page
 - Social Media Posts
- **Imeacht eolas fé T1 & T2:**
 - Graphics
 - Website Page
 - Registration Form
 - Social Media Posts
- **ISIC:**
 - Promo Material
 - Social Media Posts
- **Logo Redesign:**
 - Proposal to Coiste Gnó, final logo voted on and approved.
 - Logo launch social media campaign
 - Graphics
 - Promotional presentations and videos
 - Redesign and updating content with new logo
 - Updated document templates including email signature
 - Brand identity updated
- **Brand Guidelines Document:**
 - Reviewed
 - Updated
 - Presented and approved
- **Social Media Policy Book:**
 - Reviewed
 - Updated
 - Presented and approved
- **Website:**
 - EA Announcement
 - Imeacht eolas fé T1 & T2
 - Welfare Officer Resignation
 - Skills Academy
 - Regional Councils
 - Updated new officers introductions
 - Meeting Minutes Uploads
- **Social Media:**
 - EA Announcement
 - Imeacht eolas fé T1 & T2
 - LC Submission Video

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- Deadline EA Post
- Charity Impact awards
- EA General Post
- Skills Academy
- EA Registration Guide
- EA Results
- October Midterm Post
- Mayo RC results
- Skills Academy Photos
- **Newsletter:**
 - Monthly Newsletter
 - Skills Newsletter
 - EA Newsletter
 - New logo Newsletter

Equality Officer:

- n/a

Disability Officer:

- n/a

Rúnaí:

Extraordinary Assembly (EA):

- Coiste Gnó lead on EA organisation
- Drew up agenda
- Liaised with the Uachtarán on finding a Chair and Returning Officer

Skills Academy:

- Coiste Gnó lead on Skills Academy organisation
- Liaised with Secretariat on logistics such as food, venue accommodations
- Worked with Officers on workshops and agenda
- Moderated the Activism Panel at Skills

Limerick Regional Council:

- Attended as a Coiste Gnó Member
- Ran workshops on ISSU and staying involved
- Spoke to delegates about running for RO

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Continuing to make minutes of Coiste Gnó meetings public and share recordings of Coiste Gnó meetings with the MAC and ROB. I've sent a feedback form to the ROB to get their thoughts on the Minutes, Recordings and anything else they want to raise with me

Sustainability Officer:

n/a

International Officer:

- Continued working with Schools of Sanctuary.
- Reached out to GSF and began working with them.
- Working on introducing a book made by Abolish DP into schools.
- Working with OBESSU, updated them on ISSU activities and preparing for COMEM.
- Skills Academy.
- Liaising with students.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer:

Regional Councils:

- Planning Regional Councils alongside the Regional Officers
- Met with different Regional Officers to catch up and ensure they are prepared for their Regional Council
- Prepared workshops for Regional Councils on “Staying Involved with the ISSU” and “Introduction to Activism” that all Regional Officers can use for their respective RCs. Also created a script for these workshops
- Created Menti's for all Regional Councils to ensure that they are interactive
- Met with Fiona Dunne from Irish Congress Trades Union who is assisting with getting venues for our Regional Councils and providing us with much needed support
- Organising for some external facilitators to come for certain Regional Councils.
- The Mayo Regional Council was on the 20nd of October at GMIT Castlebar, with over 30 participants. Facilitated all the workshops on the day, elections with support from Emma Student Engagement & Team Lead. Our first Regional Officers for the year 2022 were elected Mairin Harding and Adrian Tuffy.
- Ensuring that the other regional councils are being promoted so we have a good amount of participants attending.

Skills Academy:

- Assisted in Planning Skills Academy
- Executed an Introduction to Activism workshop, organised handbooks to be given out to all the participants

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- Organised Fiona Dunne from ICTU to come to Skills Academy to give a workshop on Young People's Rights in the Workplace

Other:

- Helped Emma organise Student Council Liaison Teacher Training and Student Council Chairperson Training
- Met with the NCCA alongside the Equality and Education Officers

Oifigeach na Gaeilge:

n/a

Welfare Officer:

- I was elected and have begun settling into my role.

Uachtarán Oinigh:

- Worked on MOU with Fiona Dunne
- Worked on letters to Party leaders with the Uachtaran
- Assisted with Skills Academy planning

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