

Monthly Evaluation of Work - February

An t-Uachtarán

General work:

Work and correspondence with inspectorate
Assistance with comms
Guide to Irish education, meeting with external, & assistance where necessary
Prep for NAPD education symposium speech
Assistance with STEM submission and send off
Assistance with CB planning

Meetings:

Internal

IWC planning/prep meetings
Meeting with individual officers
ROBxCG meeting
CG meetings
DYDM assistance and attendance
Meeting with new staff member Maeve
Meeting with Chair of board
Strategic planning updates with CG

External

Ukrainian education AG x2
NAPD communication with Barry from leader magazine
Meeting with CEO of national parents council
Multiple correspondences with Dept on Paper one issues
YFG communications
Foreign language Advisory group correspondences
Meeting with Belong to alongside equality officer
Meeting with Dr Niall Mundy alongside LU
Meeting with DES Comms dept
Meeting with DES parents and learners unit

Events & media

Women for election- Empowering women to take lead event
Press release and media on Paper one issue

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Leas-Uachtarán

Debate your Decision Makers:

- Met with Sustainability Officer & Welfare Officer multiple times on 13th and 14th
- Helped with facilitation and facilitator plan
- Acted as Sustainability Officers mini assistant
- Attended DYDM

Meetings:

- ROB Support Meeting 1st Feb
- DYDM Facilitators 2nd Feb
- ISSU Womens Conference Catch up 3rd Feb
- Funding Call with International Officer and Runaí 12th Feb
- ROB x Coiste Call 13th Feb
- LU x U 17th Feb
- Coiste Gnó Meeting 17th Feb
- SLT Updates - Mondays
- Education Team meeting 21st Feb
- STEM Submission call with Saidhbhe Concannon & Preston O'Keeffe 22nd Feb
- Met with potential candidates (feel free to email if you are interested in running!)
- IWC Meeting 25th Feb
- Strategic Planning Meeting 25th Feb
- LU x Welfare Officer 27th Feb
- Met with Dr Niall Muldoon (Ombudsman for Children) alongside Uachtarán in OCO offices on Feb 28th

Paper 1 Issue:

- Media Interview with RTE Radio 1 on 5th year exams on 3rd Feb
- Attended meeting with DE officials on 14th to discuss plan details
- Attended Coiste Gnó debrief 14th Feb
- Attended meeting in Leinster House with Minister for Education and Dept officials alongside Education Officer and Uachtarán on 15th Feb
- Attended Coiste Gnó stance formation meeting on 18th Feb
- Wrote Press Release on Delay Announcement on 28th Feb
- Recorded Social Media Video for announcement on ISSU socials

Other:

- Continued research on non-mainstream schools project
- Helped with social media posting
- Worked on STEM Submission and put together Executive Summary and Intro
- Supporting CG officers specifically LC students and Uachtarán

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Rúnaí

General Update:

- *Met with the Returning Officer and Uachtarán on the 7th of February to discuss the election handbook.*
- *Met with RSDVO on the 8th of February to discuss An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil's (CB) board proposal.*
- *Met with Communications Officer to discuss CB website and graphics 9th February*
- *Met with Annual Financial Contribution working group of OBESSU on the 10th of February*
- *Met with the International Officer, Leas-Uachtarán & former Leas-Uachtarán (2021/22) to discuss EYF Funding for a vote@16 project.*
- *Launched CB on 12th of February.*
- *Organised and facilitated the ROB x CG Meeting on the 13th of February.*
- *Met with RSVDO on February 14th to further plan CB*
- *Met with the Coiste Gnó and the Department of Education on February 14th to discuss Senior Cycle Reform.*
- *Met with NSVDO, Uachtarán and Education Officer to discuss CB Funding*
- *Attended and helped facilitate Debate Your Decision Makers 2023 on February 15th.*
- *Attended a Prep call with Uachtarán and Leas-Uachtarán on February 17th*
- *Attended and facilitated a Coiste Gnó meeting on February 17th*
- *Attended my MAC 1-1 monthly call on February 21st*
- *Met with students/officers who reached out to me about the role of Rúnaí/ A Coiste Gnó officers.*
- *Attended a Strategic Planning Development Meeting on February 25th.*

Please note that until April 12th and 13th (CB) my workload will primarily be based on CB's planning.

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Education Officer

Paper 1

- Organised meeting between Coiste Gnó and DE Officials on Tuesday 14th regarding Paper 1.
- Negotiated with the Minister for Education & DE Officials in Leinster House, Dublin on Wednesday 15th regarding Paper 1.
- Attended and facilitated at Debate your Decision Makers
- **ISSU successfully negotiated a delay to the 'Paper 1' plans, this being announced on Sunday 26th**
 - *“The concerns among student representatives, in particular, are understood to have played a key role in the decision to drop the reform plans for next year.” - Irish Times: Plan to move some Leaving Cert exams to fifth year from 2024 scrapped*

STEM Submission

- Delivered a submission on STEM for Oireachtas Committee on Education and Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.
 - Held STEM submission meeting with the Education Team on Tuesday 21st.

General Update

- Met with Uachtarán and Leas-Uachtarán x2
- Attended UCC Nurturing Bright Futures Event Tuesday 14th
- Met with Anthony Walsh regarding a new start-up initiative called *Moonú* that will bridge the gap between those able to afford grinds and those who cannot.
- Delivered a submission on *What the teachers of today need to be equipped with when entering the classroom* for the Professional Masters of Education (PME) Programme in Trinity College Dublin.
- Engaging with the ISSU Strategic Plan

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Regional Liaison and Support Officer

- Organised UCC x ISSU Nurturing Bright Futures Training day
- Working on starting a campaign on abolishing sub-minimum wages for young people with Mandate
- Attended Debate your Decision Makers and provided support where necessary
- Currently organising launch of the Guide to the Irish Education system alongside the working group
- Working on a training for the Regional Officers on how to set up Google Chat rooms
- Supporting the Regional Officer body with their work
- Worked on a electing new Mayo Sligo Leitrim RO

I was out of office the first two weeks of February due to exams

Welfare Officer

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Equality Officer

Meetings:

Met with Ciara from the SADs Feb 1st
Met with the ISSU women's conference team for a catch up Feb 3rd
Met with Welfare Feb 4th
Met with Sally and Fatima from NYCI about One World Week Feb 8th
Met with Coiste Gnó 12th of Feb for paper 1
DES prep meeting on Feb 14th
DES meeting Feb 14th
DES bebrief call Feb 14th
Met with Sustainability officer Feb 14th about DYDM
MAC call Feb 16th
Met with Welfare Feb 16th
Met with Plan international Ireland Feb 16th with Welfare
Coiste Gnó Meeting Feb 17th
Met with Wicklow/Kildare RO on VSware project Feb 19th
Met with BeLonGTo Feb 22nd
Met with Maeve about Women's Conference Feb 22nd
Met with the Guide to the Irish Education System WG on launch Feb 24th
Strategic Planning Call Feb 25th

Events:

Attended and facilitated at Debate Your Decision Makers Feb 15th

Other:

Invitations for IWC
Final details for IWC
Stand invitations for IWC
Sorting out over 18s
Promotional effort for registration for IWC
A lot of Emails for IWC

Please note that from the 9th of March til the 18th of March I will be out of the office after the ISSU Women's Conference

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International Officer

Ukrainian Crisis:

- We continued working on the launch of the Guide to the Irish Education System.
- We drafted invitations to the organisation and guests.
- We sent an invitation to the Ukrainian Ambassador to Ireland.
- I drafted an invitation to Roderic O'Gorman.
- We received feedback from the communications department of the department of education regarding our guide.
- We then made further adjustments and are now ready to launch the guide.

The ISSU's Mental Health Matters Report:

- Drafted questions for Focus Groups
- Divided up regions for Focus Groups
- Assigned RO's to each Focus Group.
- Made google chats for each Focus Group
- Made a lettuce meet for each Focus Group
- Finalised questions for survey.
- Drafted press release for the release of the report
- Made a rough draft of what the report will look like
- Conducted all focus groups from the 20th to 25th of March
- Recorded a video for the launch of the survey.
- Sent a template email to RO's for the launch of the survey.

Decolonising Education Working Group:

- I launched the decolonising education working group!
- Made a google chat room with all the members of the working group
- Invited Adam Lambe former LU and Petr, a board member from OBESSU as external advisors.
- If you like to learn more about the methodology we will be using you can read OBESSU's guide [here](#)

Meetings with other International officers:

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

We talked about:

- The final draft of ISSU's Mental Health Matters Survey.

Events:

- Attended DYDM
- SSUNI Mental Health Discussion

Meetings:

All of the meetings I attended/held can be seen on my calendar for the month of February.

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Communication Officer

Posts:

- *DYDM launch*
- *Junior Cycle Success*
- *An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil Announcement*
- *Happy Valentine's*
- *DYDM Post*
- *Running for Election Webinar*
- *ISSU Women's Conference*
- *Paper 1 Deferral*

Meetings:

- *Runaí x Comms for An CB planning*
- *DES prep for Paper 1*
- *DES meeting*
- *DES debrief*
- *CG x ROB*
- *CG meeting on the 17/02/2023*
- *National Student Voice Development Officer x Comms*

Events:

- *DYDM*

****Please note that for most of February I was OOO due to my mock examinations and moving forward my capacity will be quite limited, with me taking a Leaving Certificate study leave from Friday the 14th of April until the 1st of July. I would also wish to thank the Leas Uachtarán, Heather, whom has assumed some of my responsibilities this past month whilst I was OOO****

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Sustainability Officer

- Meetings:
 - Met with Chris from the MAC on the 1st February.
 - Met with the RSVDO on the 2nd February.
 - Met with the DYDM Facilitators on the 2nd February.
 - Met with the RSVDO on the 7th February.
 - Met with members of both working groups on the 8th February.
 - Met with the Uachtarán on the 9th February.
 - Met with the Welfare Officer and Leas-Uachtarán multiple times on the 13th February.
 - Met with the Uachtarán and Leas-Uachtarán on the 14th February.
 - Met with the Coiste Gnó on the 14th February.
 - Met with the NCCA, SEC, DoE, Inspectorate and Minister for Education Norma Foley T.D. on the 14th February.
 - Met with the Coiste Gnó on the 17th February.
 - Met with the Coiste Gnó on the 18th February.
 - Met with the Coiste Gnó on the 14th February.
 - Met with the members of the ESD Team at the Department of Education on the 23rd February.
 - Attended a Strategic Planning Update meeting with the Coiste Gnó on the 25th February.
- Debate Your Decision Makers:
 - I organised and hosted 'Debate Your Decision Makers'.
- Student Council Resources:
 - Launched 5 Student Council Resources:
 - SCR1: 'Taking Action on Sustainability and Making It Part of Your Student Council.'
 - SCR2: 'The Cure to Anxiety is Action.'
 - SCR3: 'SDGs ar Scoil!'
 - SCR4: 'Be Kind to Biodiversity.'
 - SCR5: School Sustainability Policy Template.
- Strategic Planning:
 - Attended a Strategic Planning Update meeting with the Coiste Gnó on the 25th February.
 - Organised my space on the Board Subcommittee for Finance, Audit and Risk.

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Disability Officer

- Met with the Selection Panel for the Disability Delegation Working Group on February 10th.
- Selected 8 wonderful members for my Working Group.
- Sent out Acceptance and Rejection Letters to applicants for the DDWG.
- Met with an t-Uachtarán Caitlin Faye on the 11th of February.
- Attended the Coiste Gnó x Regional Officer Body Meeting on the 13th of February.
- Met with the Coiste Gnó, Department of Education & Skills, NCCA, SEC and Minister for Education on the 14th of February to discuss the plans for Paper 1.
- Attended Debate Your Decision Makers in the Mansion House in Dublin on the 15th of February.
- Attended the Coiste Gnó meeting on the 17th of February.
- 1-on-1 Meeting with Working Group member Lucais on the 22nd of February.
- 1-on-1 Meeting with Working Group member Rebecca on the 25th of February.
- 1-on-1 Meeting with Working Group member Cillian on the 25th of February.
- Further planning for the Disability Awareness Training for the Regional Officer Body.

Uachtarán Oinigh

- Supporting ISSU Women's Conference planning
- Attended ISSU x UCC Nurturing Bright Futures
- Met with NWCI re. creating their Youth Advisory Panel alongside the NSVDO
 - Supporting NWCI with recruitment
- Met with potential candidates to discuss the role of Uachtarán (Please reach out if you have any questions about Uachtarán and/or Comms Officer!)
- Join the CB Planning group
 - Supporting CB planning
- Attended various Coiste Gnó meetings throughout the month
- Answering queries from CG officers and supporting them with their day-to-day tasks

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