

MINUTES

Coiste Gnó Meeting - 09/09/2022 17:00-18:30

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Denis Lynch**
- **Runaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley (Partially Present)**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville**

With Apologies:

- **International Officer: Shari Irfan (Attending OBESSU Summer School)**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

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Agenda

CG Meeting 11/09/2022

1 - Welcome and Introduction and Attendance	17:00
2 - Officer Check In	17:00 - 17:15
3 - Officer Days Off - Uachtarán	17:15 - 17:25
4 - Regional Council Update - RLSO	17:25 - 17:40
5 - Climate Strike - Sustainability Officer	17:40 - 17:45
6. Scéim Teanga an Aontais - Oifigeach na Gaeilge	17:45 - 17:55
Break	17:55 - 18:05
7 - Lobbying - Runaí	18:05 - 18:10
8 -SIRIUS Nomination - Uachtarán and International Officer	18:10 - 18:20
9 - AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documents of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee• Uachtarán Update	18:20 - 18:30

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Minutes

1 - Introduction + Attendance

2 - Officer Check-In

To see what the Coiste Gnó have been up to recently, please check out our [August Monthly Evaluation of Work](#).

3 - Officer Days Off - Uachtarán

Officers are required to nominate one day off. In our first meeting we agreed to hold this discussion during the back to school week.

The full Coiste Gnó must all be in office for a minimum of two days at the same time. Officers will be expected to attend Coiste Gnó meeting on their days off.

The Senior Leadership Team will send a form around to officers and select days for officers.

CG meetings will then be held at a common date and time at least every two weeks.

4 - Regional Council Update - RLSO

The Regional Liaison and Support Officer and staff are currently working on logistical aspects of Regional Councils, including venues, dates and funding.

The Regional Officers are currently in the process of sending out sponsorship letters to local businesses.

Coiste Gnó officers are needed to attend Regional Councils as over 18s (for our Child Protection Policy)

Coiste Gnó officers are needed to meet with individual regions and assist them with the planning of Regional Councils.

RLSO - The Coiste Gnó needs to formally vote on the new regions agreed upon by the relevant Regional Officers. The Coiste has previously decided that we need to merge existing regions as we no longer have the capacity to run so many Regional Council events

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The motion was passed by affirmation (no objections to the motion).

The new regions are as follows:

- Kerry
- Cork
- Dublin North
- Dublin South
- Galway-Roscommon
- Limerick, Clare & North Tipperary
- Donegal
- Cavan-Monaghan
- Louth-Meath
- Carlow-Kilkenny
- Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim
- Longford-Westmeath
- Laois-Offaly
- Wexford
- South Tipperary-Waterford
- Kildare-Wicklow

Dates will be made available shortly.

5 - Climate Strike - Sustainability Officer

Sustainability Officer wishes for ISSU representatives to attend the Globe Climate Strike.

Action point - Sustainability Officer will reach out to the Regional Officer Body and ask them to attend local strikes to build numbers of the movement and represent ISSU..

6 - Scéim Teanga an Aontais - Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Integral Irish Language Policy.

The Oifigeach na Gaeilge has is proposing a new Scéim Teanga an Aontais.

Notes: Officers whose titles are in Irish must refer to themselves with that title especially in the media. Changes are being made to reinforce Gaeilge in the union.

Uachtarán Oinigh - proposes a new section for attitudes towards the use of Gaeilge.

Oifigeach na Gaeilge- agrees with Uachtarán Oinigh. .

Runaí - asks a query regarding people picking up on English versions of titles rather than Irish, especially in the press and media i.e people often use Secretary over Rúnaí when in discussions, after being informed of both.

Oifigeach na Gaeilge - officers should try their best to reinforce this.

Welfare - With the bilingual content does that mean any materials/content trí ghaeilge will have to be in English too?

Disability Officer - highlights that if something is solely produced as Gaeilge there will be reasoning behind it.

Communications - regarding communications translation, they are only to be completed when the capacity is to do so.

Uachtarán - attitudes towards the Irish need to be changed. We are a bilingual union.

Motion regarding the proposed changes to Scéim Teanga an Aontais. Officers present 12. (Vote taken via Polly vote)

Yes - 11

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The motion has passed. The new policy has been formally adopted. An additional section will be presented to the Coiste Gnó for approval at a later date regarding internal attitudes towards the use of Gaeilge which will then be voted on accordingly.

Break

7. Lobbying - Runaí

Reminder to all officers to contact the National Student Voice Development Officer (Staff) if they have completed any lobbying since taking office in order to fill out our latest returns.

8 - SIRIUS Nomination - Uachtarán and International Officer

International officer (Not present) is seeking a nomination for the Board of Directors at SIRIUS, a policy based organisation for migrant education. A video explaining his rationale for this nomination was presented to the Coiste Gnó in his absence.

Communications Officer- speaks in favour of this nomination and advocates for him.

Leas Uachtarán - do we have a policy stopping officers from joining boards?

Uachtarán - No

Uachtarán Oinigh - emphasises that it is relevant to his role and he will be supporting ISSU.

Motion: (12 officers present)

Yes - 11

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The motion has passed. The ISSU has nominated Shari Irfan, International Officer, to run for this position.

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Documents of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC)

Runáí reminds the Coiste Gnó to read over internal policies, making sure they are the most up-to-date versions of the policies, as soon as possible so we can begin to send them onto the MAC.

- Uachtarán Update

Uachtarán informs the Coiste Gnó of her plans to take a gap year to focus on her position.