

**Minutes**  
**Coiste Gnó Meeting**  
**(Online)**  
**16/01/2022**

**Present:**

Emer Neville - Uachtarán

Eoin Connolly - Rúnaí

Denis Lynch - Welfare Officer

Quinton Kelly - Communications Officer

Mohammad Naeem - Regional Liaison and Support Officer

Kacper Bogalecki - International Officer

Saoirse Extón - Equality Officer (present for part of meeting)

Reuban Murray - Uachtarán Oinigh

Jack McGinn - Education Officer (present for part of meeting)

Salim Kajani - Sustainability Officer

**With Apologies:**

Adam Lambe - Leas Uachtarán

**Absent:**

James O'Muirithe - Oifigeach na Gaeilge

**Minutes by:** Eoin Connolly - Rúnaí.

### **Secretariat Update**

The CG were briefed on the ISSU's 2022 budget and briefly discussed potential plans for upcoming events in the year.

### **Stand Against Direct Provision Coalition**

ISSU has been invited to join STAD, which is made up of civil society organisations campaigning against Direct Provision. ISSU is against Direct Provision.

The Coiste Gnó voted unanimously to join

### **Nomination for the National Youth Assembly**

Due to the timing of the National Youth Assembly 18 month term,

The Coiste Gnó unanimously voted to nominate the Uachtarán to the DCEDIY's National Youth Assembly of Ireland, a consultative forum which will be discussing key issues in the coming 18 months

If the nomination is successful, the seat can be carried over into their term as Uachtarán Oinigh,

There will be consultation within ISSU in advance of every meeting as they have set topics.

## CG/ROB Meetings

The Rúnaí has designed a new structure for joint meetings between the Coiste Gnó and Regional Officer Body to improve the meetings and relations between the CG and ROB.

(Times will vary but here is the general outline)

<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	5 minutes
<b>ROB Updates</b> What you've been working on	30 minutes
<b>CG Updates</b> What we've been working on and what you can get involved in	15 minutes
<b>BREAK</b>	10 minutes
<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Different Coiste Gnó Officers assigned to different breakout rooms if you want to chat to them about anything	30 minutes
<b>Plenary</b> Space to discuss anything important, if you want to raise issues for this then get in touch with the Rúnaí in advance	30 minutes

This is to give the meetings a better defined and more dynamic structure and to allow Regional Officer's to get more out of them. The Coiste Gnó unanimously approved the new model for the joint meetings between the CG and ROB. It will be trialled for 3 meetings and reviewed.

## LCA Survey

The Coiste Gnó approved the questions for the Education Officer's survey on the Leaving Cert Applied

## **ISSU Covid/State Exams Survey**

A full report on the results is being drafted and will be released as soon as it is finished.

A press release on the state examinations was issued late last night (16/01/22) while the report is being drafted, the findings show: 68% of leaving cycle students are calling for a hybrid model for state examinations in 2022 and just under 64% of junior cycle students favour either a hybrid model or just calculated grading. 1 in 3 senior cycle students in Ireland answered the survey (18,981 individuals).

1 in 7 junior cycle students in Ireland answered the survey (8,329 individuals).

## **AOB**

The International Officer has been receiving questions about the exam booklets for accounting as they don't have enough space to complete certain accounts.