

**Coiste Gnó Meeting
Online
26/08/2021
19:30-21:20**

Present:

Emer Neville-Uachtarán

Adam Lambe-Leas Uachtarán

Eoin Connolly-Rúnaí

Akeno Barrett-Disability Officer

Jack McGinn-Education Officer

Reuban Murray-Uachtarán Oinigh

James O'Muirithe-Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Mohammad Naeem - RLSO

Quinton Kelly-Communications Officer

Kacper Bogalecki-International Officer (Present for part of the meeting)

With Apologies:

Saoirse Exton-Equality Officer

Absent:

Matthew Ryan-Welfare Officer

Salim Kajani-Sustainability Officer

Minutes by: Eoin Connolly-Rúnaí

Welcome and Introduction:

The Uachtarán welcomed the officers to be meeting
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by the Rúnaí
and seconded by the Leas-Uachtarán, they were adopted
unanimously

Skills Academy-Rúnaí:

The Rúnaí has been leading the planning of the upcoming
Skills Academy with help from the Secretariat. Looking at
events in Cork and Dublin in Mid-September. The Uachtarán
Oinigh recommended trying to produce some media such as
photos and videos from the event and the Rúnaí concurred.
The event will likely use funding from the cancelled ECMA
events so it will need to produce an internal document on
engaging new youth activists, this could be done through
post-event feedback and potentially a temporary working group
of attendees.j

Return to school/Exams 2022 - Leas Uachtarán

Assessment arrangements for the 2022 exams and return to
schools have been released. The Communications Officer is
planning Social MEdia posts breaking down the exam changes.

Thoughts on the exam arrangements:

- Rúnaí-Previous CG agreed to them, many students would have liked accredited grades but objectively they are decent changes, and weren't likely to get any more.
- Education Officer-Deferral of exams for those suffering from illness or the loss of a family member is brilliant and should be extended to the Junior Cert. Information about the good aspects haven't been talked about enough. Would be beneficial to make a post about Exam Portal login issues. Will be forming a new Education Working Group soon.
- Disability Officer-Echoed that many students have concerns about getting their results but these can be easily put at ease with spreading info
- Uachtarán Oinigh- Agrees that the changes are good and recommends we do a short video highlighting the best changes. ISSU should be prepared in the event of standardisation issues. Concern that there is no guaranteed timeline for appeals of results.

ISSU will be working on the National Parents' Council Helpline again this year

Officer Updates

Uachtarán- Contacting Sexual Assault Clinics on partnering on IBSA campaigns

Leas Uachtarán- Leading work on the Student-Parent Charter with other ISSU officers. Bill will be progressed through the Oireachtas this Autumn. ISSU is drafting 4 Amendments being drafted to the bill. Seeking a meeting with the National Parents Council to see if we can cooperate on some amendments. Contacting the Clerk of the Education Committee to get a better sense of the timeline. Vote16 Working Group will be holding an event to discuss how to achieve Vote16 through a coalition. Youth Organisations across Ireland have been invited. Getting involved with the Europe at Home project.

Rúnaí-Leading planning of Skills Academy, working on upcoming Vote16 event and the Student Parent Charter

Disability Officer-Drafted a more accessible Constitution Document. Waiting on confirmation about stakeholder status at the DCEDIY disability Stakeholder Group. Lobbying for more SNA's. Will be setting up Disability Working Group in September

International Officer-Organising joint meeting with SSUNI and helping them with becoming OBESSU members

Education Officer: Will be reviewing the draft RSE section on the HSE website. Planning for College Awareness Week. Working on LCA reform. Met with a student who had concerns about the film “Cáca Milis” on the Irish course

Oifigeach na Gaeilge- Organising events

Regional Liaison and Support Officer- Helping RO's with planning Regional Councils

Working on Student-Parent Charter. Working with Communications Officer to produce more video media for ISSU

Communications Officer- Brand review almost complete.

Working on merchandise, promotional material and Coiste Gnó jackets. Working on ExitEntry Collaboration, student guide to problem solving and student council training materials. Funding for Website Accessibility Bar approved by the Board, will be implemented in the coming weeks. International Student Identity Cards have been launched, and promotional material is being created