

Coiste Gnó Meeting
Online
03/06/2023 | 19:30-21:30

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Heather Doyle**
- **Rúnaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn (Partially Present)**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley (Partially Present)**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone (Partially Present)**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin (Partially Present)**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville**

With Apologies:

- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín**
- **International Officer: Shari Irfan**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes recorded by Andrew Victory

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1.1 - Welcome and Introduction - Uachtarán	19:30 - 19:35
1.2 Officer Check-in - Uachtarán	19:35 - 19:50
1.3 Adoption of Meeting Minutes - Rúnaí	19:50 - 19:55
2. NYCI Nomination - Uachtarán	19:55 - 20:05
3. Skills Academy - Uachtarán	20:05 - 20:20
4. BelongTo Stand Up Week -Equality Officer	20:20 - 20:30
Break	20:30 - 20:40
5. ROB Survey - Leas Uachtarán	20:40 - 21:00
6. Handover Preparations	21:00 - 21:20
7. Exam Blogs - Rúnaí	21:20 - 21:30
8. Student participation unit expert group nomination	
AOB - Exam Blogs - Rúnaí	21:30 - 21:45

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Minutes

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

1.2 Officer Check-in

Officers provide a brief update on their work over the past weeks. For more information check out our latest MEOW at <https://www.issu.ie/coiste-gn-updates>

1.3 Adoption of Meeting Minutes

In line with the recent Constitutional Amendment proposed and ratified at An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2023, Meeting minutes will now be adopted by a simple majority vote taken at the following meeting of the Coiste Gnó na nDaltáí.

The Rúnaí presented the Minutes of the minutes held on April 29th, and they were read allowed by members of the Coiste Gnó.

A motion was called by accumulation, and the motion passed. The minutes of the Coiste Gnó meeting held on April 29th 2023 were approved, and will be made available on <https://www.issu.ie/coiste-gn-updates> at the earliest convenience

2. NYCI Board Nomination

The National Youth Council of Ireland Annual General Meeting has been announced. It is set to be held the 29th of June via Zoom.

The Uachtarán calls on members of the Coiste Gnó to attend as the non-voting delegates, while the Uachtarán will attend as Voting Delegates

Rúnaí - calls on available officers to attend. From experience, it is noted that AGM's of the National Youth Council of Ireland lack the presence of young people. It is vital that the ISSU attendees to its fullest ability.

Uachtarán Oinigh - agrees with the Rúnaí and calls on members of the Coiste Gnó to attend.

The Uachtarán advises the Coiste Gnó that previous ISSU Uachtarán Reuban Murray (2021-2022) has requested a nomination to re-run for his position on the Board of the NYCI.

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Multiple officers speak in confidence of nominating Reuban to contest this election. It is noted by the Uachtarán that candidates must also be delegates, so any candidate nominated by the Irish Second-Level Students' Union will take a position as a non-voting delegate.

A motion is called to nominate Reuban Murray to the Board of the NYCI:

Yes - 7

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The Motion has PASSED. The ISSU will nominate Reuban Murray to run for the Board of the NYCI and to attend the AGM as a non-voting delegate.

3. Skills Academy

The Uachtarán has been in discussion with the Secretariat and the Board of Directors regarding the next Skills Academy. A report on Child Protection was created by the Secretariat following last year's Skills Academy.

In terms of funding, the Uachtarán advises the Irish Congress of Trade Unions has provided €6,000 and two additional Staff Members to assisted with the organisation and preparations of Skills Academy

The Uachtarán will share a [Brainstorm document](#) among Coiste Gnó Officers shortly.

Rúnaí - advises the Coiste Gnó to link in with the Incoming Coiste Gnó na nDaltaí regarding events and workshops at Skills Academy 2023

Uachtarán Oinigh - reminds the Coiste Gnó that it is a constitutionally binding event meaning it must go ahead, and further advises the Coiste Gnó to begin planning workshops but leave our elements not relevant from last year such as Introduction to OBESSU, and to keep elements like Introduction to ISSU short and sweet, but also make elements such as an introduction to young workers rights more engaging.

Rúnaí - Agrees with the Uachtarán Oinigh.

4. BelongTo Stand Up Week - Equality Officer

The Equality Officer notes to the Coiste Gnó that BelongTo have been in contact with the ISSU seeking further support this year on their campaign known as Stand Up week.

Rúnaí - welcomes the invitation to support the campaign and advises to Coiste Gnó to support it too. The Rúnaí further recommends seeking funding opportunities to run a campaign alongside the Stand up Week to further promote it and its cause.

A motion is called and the vote is passed through accumulation.

The Equality Officer welcomes the result of the motion, and advises the Coiste Gnó on ISSU@Pride preparations.

5. ROB Survey - Leas Uachtarán

It is noted by the Leas Uachtarán that the secretariat sent out a survey regarding the Regional Officer Body on the 9th of May. At the time, there were 8 people out of office due to examinations, and as such an extension was given. The goal of the survey was to gather opinions on the ROB structures.

Rúnaí - Raises many concerns as to how the survey was issued and the context

Leas Uachtarán - advises that the deadline was provided by the Board of Directors.

Uachtarán - notes Regional Officers have been discussing with the secretariat issues with structures.

Rúnaí - advises that constitutionally concerns should be raised through the Regional Liaison and Support Officer, and not directly through the staff.

Leas Uachtarán - informal discussions, comment box - all officer meeting

Uachtarán Oinigh - advises that the conversation shift to focus on the survey.

The Coiste Gnó proceed to review the survey and gather a consensus

6. Handover Preparations - Rúnaí

The Rúnaí provide the floor for discussions on handover preparations.

Rúnaí - What is the date of the Handover meeting?

Uachtarán - 10th of July; More details will be confirmed shortly. It will be held in Fórsa Trade Union Buildings in Dublin.

Uachtarán Oinigh - advises the Coiste Gnó to refer to the Coiste Gnó handbook and make amendments where necessary. Furthermore recommends downloading any important documentations from your ISSU email as it may be deleted at the end of the 2022-2023 term.

7. Exam Blogs - Rúnaí

The Rúnaí opens the floor to discussion on the ISSU x RTE State Exams 2023 Exam Blogs from matters arising.

Rúnaí - notes 'bloggers' have yet to be contacted.

Uachtarán - advises that it will be completed early Tuesday Morning (following June Bank Holiday Monday) by the Secretariat.

Uachtarán Oinigh - notes that the ISSU x RTE Exam Blogs are always a messy logically problem and that it is nothing to stress over.

8. Student Participation Unit Expert Group Nomination - Uachtarán

It is noted that the Disability Officer was previously proposed to sit on the Student Participation Unit Expert Group with the Uachtarán. The Disability Officer has since become unavailable for the meetings scheduled in June/July

As a result, the Uachtarán nominates International Officer and Uachtarán Tofa Shari Irfan, who is available.

A motion is proposed to nominate Shari Irfan to the Student Participation Unit Expert Group. The motion is passed by Acclamation.

AOB

Concerns are raised by the Uachtarán Oinigh as to funding granted and external projects without Coiste Gnó approval. No officer may apply for funding or commence an ISSU project with an external body without Coiste Gnó approval.

- Concerns were echoed by other members of the Coiste Gnó