

Coiste Gnó Meeting
17/02/2023 19:00-23:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Heather Doyle**
- **Rúnaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone**
- **International Officer: Shari Irfan**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín (Partially Present)**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville (Partially Present)**

With Apologies:

- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

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Minutes

1.1 Welcome and Attendance

1.2 Officer Check-in

Coiste Gnó officers provide an update on their work since their last meeting. For more information please check out our most recent MEOW report on our website.

2. Debate Your Decision Makers Update - Sustainability Officer

The sustainability officer provides an update on the most recent ISSU event 'Debate your decision makers'; both the sustainability officer and Coiste Gnó agree it was widely successful with both students and decision makers having an excellent time and learning experience.

The attendance from membership was high and the participants were extremely active in discussions.

The demands are currently being drafted.

3. ISSU Women's Day Conference - Equality Officer

Forsá has confirmed a venue location for the ISSU Women's Day conference. Plan international will be providing some additional funding for the conference. Over 18's are needed to attend - the Equality officer calls on Coiste Gnó to get in touch with the equality officer if they are available.

4. VSware Student Project - Equality Officer

The Equality Officer and Welfare Officer along with a previous RO met with a group of students who are conducting a VSware project to have a 3rd gender option on VSware. Previous CG supported the campaign.

They came to us in November asking for support and in leading a working group. Students wished the ISSU to launch a national survey to be sent to all member schools.

Not enough information at present is available for the Coiste Gnó to formally support the campaign. There is also a lack of staff capacity due to 5 surveys currently being developed.

5. Online Officer Policy - Communications Officer

The document is based on advice from previous staff members and communications officer and also follows up conversations in the Coiste Gnó google space regarding continuation of issues

Uachtarán Oinigh - Completely supports the document based on her previous experience as Communications Officer and Uachtarán.

Welfare Officer - Who will be managing/overseeing the implementation of the policy?

Communications Officer - The staff will be overseeing the implementation due lack of capacity on the behalf of the Communications Officer.

The policy will be voted on at another time subject to grammatical changes and inclusion of further definitions.

6. Senior Cycle Reform Update- Uachtarán

The Uachtarán and Leas Uachtarán provides an update to the Coiste Gnó on their recent engagement with the Department of Education on the topic of Senior Cycle Reform.

7. Working Hours - Uachtarán

The Uachtarán wishes to remind the Coiste Gnó of their working hours which are 10am to 6pm - Monday to Friday with the exception of pre arranged meeting

8. Decolonising Education Working Group - International Officer

International Officer is proposing that the ISSU establishes an internal decolonising education working group following the attendance of the previous leas uachtarán 2021-22 at the OBESSU decolonising education working group.

Rúnaí - will the previous Leas-Uachtarán be sitting on the working group?

International Officer - Yes, as well as Petr from the board of OBESSU and explains that they will be acting as experts

Yes - 9

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The motion is passed and the International officer will liaise with staff to establish the working group.

10. EYF Funding - International Officer

The International Officer and Rúnaí inform the Coiste Gnó of their intention to apply for EYF funding for a vote@16 and youth democracy event.

The current plan is to have a series of events which lead up to and be included in skills academy.

More details will be provided when there is a fixed plan in place.

Agenda points 11 & 12 were removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

13. An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil - Rúnaí

The Rúnaí provides an update to the Coiste Gnó on the progress of planning CB 2023.

The Uachtarán Oinigh, Equality Officer and Sustainability Officer have highlighted interest to join the Core Team of Coiste Gnó officers planning the event.

The most up-to-date information regarding CB is available at www.issu.ie/annual-assembly

AOB:
N/A