

MINUTES
CG MEETING
IN-PERSON
18/8/2023 - 11:00-17:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Shari Irfan**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Education Officer: Heather Doyle**
- **Sustainability Officer: Róisín Myers**
- **Welfare Officer: Mairín Harding**
- **Equality Officer: Bel Nabulele**
- **International Officer: Iffah Rahmat**
- **Communications Officer: Leo Galvin**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Louisa Tyrrell**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Eimear Nic Dhonnachadha**

With Apologies:

- **Disability Officer: Sarah Kirwan**

Absent:

- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Caitlin Faye Maniti**

Agenda

1.1 - Welcome and Introduction - Uachtarán	11:00 - 11:10
1.2 - Minutes of last meeting for adoption - Leas - Uachtarán <small>📄 Coiste Gnó Minutes 17/07/23</small>	11:10 - 11:15
2 - Officer Check-In - Uachtarán	11:15 - 11:30
3 - Approval of CG and ISSU email signature redesign - Communications Officer	11:30 - 11:40
4 - ICTU Youth Board Nominations - Uachtarán	11:40 - 11:55
5 - Regional Projects - RLSO	11:55 - 12:05
BREAK	12:05 - 12:20
6 - Working Group Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welfare WG - Vote @ 16 + Civic Education WG 	12:20 - 12:50
7 - Student manifesto for European Elections - Communications Officer	12:50 - 13:00
8 - ISSU & CnaG Ardfheis na nÓg - Oifigeach na Gaeilge	13:00 - 13:10
9 - Women's Conference dates - Equality Officer	13:10 - 13:20
LUNCH	13:20 - 14:20
10 - Board Sub-Committees - Uachtarán	14:20 - 14:40
11 - Leaving Cert Videos - Uachtarán	14:40 - 15:00
12 - ISSU stances on Irish in the education system - Oifigeach na Gaeilge	15:00 - 15:30
13 - Run for your Student Council Campaign - RLSO	15:30 - 15:45
BREAK	15:45 - 16:00
14 - External Organisations - Communications Officer	16:00 - 16:20
15 - Event Management - Leas - Uachtarán	16:20 - 16:30
16 - AOB Planning day	16:30 - 16:50
17 - Goodbye & Hometime	16:50 - 17:00

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

Uachtarán welcomes the CG to their first in-person meeting.

1.2 Minutes of last meeting for adoption

Minutes adopted, Leas-Uachtarán proposed and Education Officer seconded

2. Officer Check In

Officers present provide a brief update on their work since their last meeting; for more details please read our most up to date MEOW at <https://www.issu.ie/coiste-gn-updates>

3. Approval of CG and ISSU email signature redesign

*Communications officer proposes new email signature for the union
Officers must have their portrait as their profile picture*

Uachtarán: why can't we have our pictures in email signatures?

Communications Officer: A lot of organisations we work with, don't have pictures in their email signatures

Sustainability officer: Suggests if we could add something about the Leaving Cert helpline in the email signature.

Communications Officer: States there is not enough space

Multiple officers: Suggest adding in ISSU social media handles in the email signature

Vote by acclamation, pending final CG approval with amendments proposed

4 - ICTU Youth Board Nominations

Uachtarán explains the ICTU Youth Board invitation. It is a 2 year term, membership on the board is done through elections.

Uachtarán and Uachtarán Oinigh proposed, UO will resign once their term finishes if elected,

Elections are on the 7th of September

Uachtarán will run for chairperson, Uachtarán Oinigh will run as a normal committee member.

Vote of acclamation, Uachtarán and Uachtarán Oinigh nominated for ICTU Youth board by the Coiste Gnó

5 - Regional Projects

RLSO updates the Coiste Gnó about regional projects currently being undertaken by the Regional Officer Body.

BREAK

6 - Working Group Proposals

Welfare Working group, Welfare officer proposes their welfare team proposal.

- *Explains the projects and reports the working group will work on*
- *Will launch last week of august, application opens for a week*
- *Discusses proposed role of welfare team members*

Education Officer: Suggests applications be open for longer

Welfare Officer: Creating plan for when they will be out of office, ensuring that that the working group has work to do.

Approved by vote of acclamation

Vote @16 Project Brief

Communications Officer proposes the project brief, consists of lobbying and campaigning for vote @ 16, encouraging people to vote and register to vote and creating a Student Manifesto for upcoming EU elections.

Sustainability Officer: Would like more involvement as it overlaps a lot in their remit .

Civic Education project brief

Education Officer proposes the project brief, consists of the importance of educating young people about voting registration, lobbying to bring back CSPE. Would like to do a report and create different resources.

Vote @ 16 + Civic Education WG

Education officer explains the role the WG will play in completing the project briefs.

Hopes the working group will be launched in late September.

Leas - Uachtarán: Are there any working groups being launched during RC Season?

Not as of yet

Vote by acclamation, working group approved

7 - Student manifesto for European Elections

Communications Officer proposes student manifesto for EU elections, asks the Coiste Gnó what they want included. Vote @ 16 WG will work on further developing the points.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer: Will there be a survey/call to consult the ROB?

Communications Officer: Currently looking for higher level priorities, before consulting different bodies within the union.

Education Officer: Senior Cycle Reform

Regional Liaison and Support Officer: Accommodation crisis

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Increasing the use of the Irish language in our daily lives.

Multiple officers: Purpose built student accommodation

International Officer: Looking at Direct Provision

Sustainability Officer: Stand in solidarity with young people in EU states that have been stripped of their rights.

Point of action: *CG officers to go back and think about it more.*

8. ISSU & CnaG Ardfheis na nÓg

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge discussed what the Conradh na Gaeilge Ardfheis na nÓg event entails of. A huge event for second level students, to promote the use of Irish. Usually in April and in a different Gaeltacht area every year.

Multiple Officers: Might overlap with CB.

Communications Officer: Would like more information so they can promote it.

Sustainability Officer: Would like to hold a consultation at the event about what it is

like to live in a Gaeltacht region.

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Would like to be involved too, thinks its good idea.

9 - Women's Conference dates

Equality Officer: Discusses how it is very difficult to get speakers for international womens days, so asks the Coiste Gnó if changing the date is a good idea.

Welfare Officer: Suggests it is better to have it on the 8th of March, keeps tradition and results more engagement.

Education Officer: it states in the constitution that it must be on the 8th of March

Communications Officer: refers to the constitution, it does not specify the dates in the constitution.

Equality Officer: The date depends on if we can get the venue too.

Education Officer: If we reach out to speakers earlier, we can get them.

Equality Officer: Date needs to chosen now, to book venue

Regional Liaison and Support Officer: Proposes have it the week of international women's day on any weekday during that week.

Sustainability Officer: Suggests its constructive we are having this conversation now, if we start now we should have a well planned event with good speakers.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer: Promote it the Regional Officer Body.

Equality Officer: Proposed dates are the 7th, 8th and 9th of March.

Uachtarán: Proposes the ISSU International Womens Day event happens on the 8th

Vote:

8 Yes 2 abstain

The proposal to hold the event on the 8th of March has passed.

10 - Board Sub-Committees

The Uachtarán discusses the board sub-committees. There is 5 sub-committees, Leas-Uachtarán and Regional Liaison and Support Officer sit on the Organisation Development Committee.

Each Coiste Gnó must sit on one committee.

Education Officer: Asks whether it says in the constitution that, it is optional for CG officers to sit on the subcommittee.

Leas - Uachtarán : No, "Each member of the Coiste Gnó will sit on a sub-committees established by the Board of Directors. Members of the Coiste Gnó will be assigned one position on a sub-committee and which sub - committee they sit on will be decided by consensus between the Coiste Gno and the Board of Directors and will be based on their skillset, specific position and availability throughout their term."

Leas - Uachtarán : Stresses the importance of sitting on the committee, years of work has went into it. The Coiste Gnó has fought hard for students' involvement on a board level.

Uachtarán goes through the sub committee terms of reference.

Point of action: *Leas - Uachtarán will create a google form where Coiste Gnó officers can indicate what committees they want to sit on.*

11 - Leaving Cert Videos - Uachtarán

Uachtarán proposes a video idea for the Coise Gnó to record videos to create awareness about the student accommodation crisis.

Leas-Uachtarán: If it's done right we can have a strong reach to young people.

Multiple Officers: Draft script has to be reviewed

Point of action:

Stance on Digs- Coiste Gnó

Reviewing the script

12 - ISSU stances on Irish in the education system

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge reminding the Coiste Gnó about using the Sceim and the importance of the Sceim.

T1 and T2 puts a disadvantage on native speakers. Difficulty level in T1 is unfair, we should be against it Oifigeach Na Gaeilge suggests

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Proposes that Irish exemptions should be more difficult to qualify for, particularly if a student is studying a modern EU language.

40,000 people have exemptions, 2/3rds with those exemptions study a modern European language.

Education Officer: Suggest we bring Irish Exemptions proposal to CB.

Welfare Officer: Does Conradh na Gaeilge have a stance on this?

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: No but resources are available on their website regarding exemptions.

Point of action: *Oifigeach Na Gaeilge will rewrite the stances*

Oifigeach Na Gaeilge Proposes the ISSU is against The implementation of the T1/T2 system seen in Junior Cycle for Leaving Certificate.

Unanimous vote, proposal has passed

13 - Run for your Student Council Campaign

RLSO proposes a project brief consists of encouraging more students to run for student councils. Why Student Councils are so important and discussing the benefits of student councils.

Will utilise the Regional Officer Body and encourage them to send out emails to member schools.

Education Officer: Promote the student council training hub.

Uachtaran: How much funding do we do?

Regional Liaison and Support Officer: Currently none

Leas - Uachtarán: Utilise the mailout to promote the campaign.

Vote by acclamation, project brief approved

14 - External Organisations

Communications Officer and Uachtarán discuss external relationships ISSU has with organisations.

15 - Event Management

Removed from the agenda due to time constraints

16- AOB

Uachtarán discusses planning days on the 21st and 23rd, stresses the importance of attendance at these planning days.

