

Coiste Gnó Meeting
20/01/2023 20:00-22:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Leas Uachtarán: Heather Doyle (Acting Chairperson)**
- **Rúnaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Mohommad Naeem**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone (Partially Present)**
- **International Officer: Shari Irfan**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville**

With Apologies:

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

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Online

20:00 - 22:30

1.1 Welcome and Attendance	20:00
1.2 Officer Check-in	20:00 - 20:15
2 Debate Your Decision Makers Update - Sustainability Officer	20:15 - 20:25
3 SDG Champions - Sustainability Officer	20:25 - 20:30
4 Erasmus+ Funding - Welfare Officer	20:30 - 20:40
Break	20:40 - 20:50
5 Comhlámh Campaign - Welfare Officer	20:50 - 20:55
6 Skin Cancer Prevention Plan Partnership - Welfare Officer	20:55 - 21:05
7 International Officer Training and Vote@16 Study Session Nominations - International Officer	21:05 - 21:15
8 Charlemagne Youth Prize - Regional Liaison & Support Officer	21:15 - 21:35
9 An Chomdháil Bhliaintúil - Rúnaí	21:35 - 21:50
Any Other Business	21:50 - 22:00

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1.1 Welcome and Attendance

1.2 Officer Check-in

2. Debate Your Decision Makers - Sustainability Officer

The Sustainability Officer provides an update to the Coiste Gnó on the progress of Debate Your Decision Makers 2023.

Due to a venue change there will be less spaces available than originally planned, however a significant amount of the budget is still available.

At the event, there will be tables of 6 students with a facilitator and decision makers.

Facilitators and guest speakers have been invited with many invites being accepted..

The change in venue has reduced the number of possible participants which is causing trouble and because of this, the sustainability officer calls on the Coiste Gnó to confirm their attendance/availability in the coming days.

3. SDG Champions - Sustainability Officer

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communication were in contact with the Sustainability Officer; they are running a project known as the SDG Champions Competition 2023.

The project would provide the possibility of funding and mandates for events such as Debate Your Decision makers in the future. The project is based on all SDG, which includes almost all remits on the Coiste Gnó.

Motion to apply for the SDG champions:

Yes - 11

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The motion is passed and the sustainability officer will follow up and apply for the project.

4. Erasmus+ Funding - Welfare Officer

Welfare officer provides a brief update on the progress of Erasmus+ Funding.

5. Comhlamh Campaign - Welfare Officer

A campaign to End Orphanage Care - volunteering programmes abroad in orphanage centres.

Welfare Officer - USI supports this campaign. It has damaging psychological effects.

Rúnaí - It is also supported by Unicef and NYCI.

Motion to support this campaign:

Yes - 10

No - 0

Abstain- 1

The motion is passed and the welfare officer will work with the Uachtarán to begin supporting the campaign.

Break

6. Skin Cancer Prevention Plan Partnership - Welfare Officer

The Welfare Officer with the Leas Uachtarán met with a representative from the HSE regarding a Skin Cancer Prevention Plan.

The HSE would like us to be partners on the campaign

Communication Officer - recommends the Coiste Gno to pass this motion.

Leas Uachtarán - very positive and progressive plan which would not create too much additional work for the ISSU.

Disability Officer - reiterates the points of the communication officer to pass this motion.

Motion to join the partnership:

Yes - 11

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The motion to join the partnership is passed and the Welfare Officer will work with the Uachtarán to join the partnership.

7. International Officer Training and Vote@16 Study Session Nominations - International Officer

The International Officer received communication from the International Officer regarding opportunities. There are both opportunities for a vote@16 study session and international officer training.

The International Officer calls on Coiste Gnó to message them if they have interest in either opportunity.

8. Charlemagne Youth Prize - Regional Liaison & Support Officer

RLSO - Communicated with Uachtarán to confirm that the person selected would be okay to be nominated. Uachtarán clarified, with the board and staff, that it was okay to nominate this individual.

Uachtarán Oinigh - Best standard, that with people who are not representatives of the union, is that the Coiste Gnó have to approve said nominations. UO calls for a vote from the Coiste Gnó.

Rúnaí - emphasis that points of the Uachtarán Oinigh; they, like the UO, do not object to the person nominated, however it should've been voted on by the coiste gnó for approval. Raises a similar issue regarding the TUI event that the Coiste Gnó should've been more consulted.

Education Officer - queries how the application and competition is ran.

RLSO - the ISSU will nominate the project and the person to represent the project.

Education Officer - not fair to remove the nomination; states it may have been the fault of the Uachtarán for not consulting the Coiste Gnó on this matter

Leas Uachtarán - An over 18 will have to attend with this nominated individual, which it is suggested that this would be the uachtarán or the international officer.

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RLSO - Puts forward that the actions of the working group were in line with the procedure.

Leas Uachtarán - There is a need to reevaluate how decisions are made, and consultation between the Uachtarán and Coiste Gnó going forward.

Uachtarán Oinigh - The policies and procedures need to be revised in order to avoid these issues in the future. It is also necessary for us to affirm the decision to invite the ROB22 and the MAC to the TUI event.

The Coiste Gnó approves by accumulation the nomination for the ISSU representative to the Charlemagne Youth Prize.

9 An Chomhdháil Bliantúil - Rúnaí

Rúnaí - opens the floor for discussion on aspects of CB such as returning officer, chairpersons, and minute takers as well as amendments.

Uachtarán Oinigh - invitations to guest speakers need to be sent ASAP.

Sustainability Officer - suggests a constitutional review working group.

Rúnaí - Suggests that we focus directly right now on selecting a Coiste Gnó lead, Returning Officer, Chairpersons, and minute taker.

The Coiste Gnó approves Rúnaí as the leading officer on CB 2023, as well as nomination to the positions of Returning Officer, Minute Taker and Chairpersons, as well as keynote speakers.. The Uachtarán will invite these individuals accordingly.

AOB

- TUI x ISSU Conference:

Motion to approve Regional Officer Body 2022 and Monitoring and Advisory Committee as ISSU delegates for the TUI x ISSU conference:

Motion is approved by accumulation.