

MINUTES
CG MEETING
ONLINE
30/09/2023 - 18:00-20:00

Attendance

Present:


- **Uachtarán: Shari Irfan**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Education Officer: Heather Doyle**
- **Sustainability Officer: Róisín Myers**
- **Welfare Officer: Máirín Harding**
- **Equality Officer: Bel Nabulele**
- **Communications Officer: Leo Galvin**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Louisa Tyrrell**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Disability Officer: Sarah Kirwan (Partially Present)**

With Apologies:

Absent:

- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Eimear Nic Dhonnchadha**
- **International Officer: Iffah Rahmat**

Agenda

1.1 - Welcome and Introduction - Uachtarán	18:00 - 18:05
1.2 - Minutes of last meeting for adoption - Leas - Uachtarán  Coiste Gnó Minutes 09/09/2023	18:05 - 18:10
2 - Officer Check-In - Uachtarán	18:10 - 18:20
3 - Regional Councils & ROB - RLSO	18:20 - 18:40
4 - Union Policies - Uachtarán	18:40 - 18:55
BREAK	18:55 - 19:00
5 - External Emails - Uachtarán	19:00 - 19:05
6 - Announcement made by Minister of Education - Education Officer	19:05 - 19:15
7 - ISSU Social Media - All	19:15 - 19:45
8 - In-person Meetings - Leas-Uachtarán	19:45 - 19:55
9 - AOB	19:55 - 20:00

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

Uachtarán welcomes the CG to the meeting.

1.2 Minutes of last meeting for adoption

Minutes adopted, Leas-Uachtarán proposed and Communications 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. Regional Councils & ROB

Regional Liaison and Support Officer asks the Coiste Gnó to let them know their availability for Regional Councils. If anyone does have availability, the RLSO asks if CG Officers can support Regional Officers in planning of workshops etc.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer sent an email with all the dates and venues for Regional Councils.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer will send in a document to the CG, for officers to input any ice breakers or workshops for Regional Councils.

Uachtarán asks if there is a spreadsheet for the CG to input their availability.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer states that Louth-Meath/Kildare-Wicklow currently has no venue for Regional Councils.

4 - Union Policies

The Union Policy book has been found online, it has all of the unions previous policies.

Uachtarán proposes an internal working group from the Coiste Gnó to work on updating the union policy book.

Education Officer says some are out of date, they have passed the 3 year expiration date. Suggests that MAC should be involved.

Uachtarán Oinigh asks for clarification on what the proposal is.

Uachtarán states the working group will look through each policy individually and

work on updating and removing any policies that have expired.

Communications Officer suggests that we wait to set up the WG after Regional Councils.

5 - External Emails

Uachtarán ask the Coiste Gnó to be aware of external emails and phone calls, if you receive any sensitive or harmful information please report to the secretariat.

BREAK

6 - Announcement made by Minister of Education

Education Officer updates the Coiste Gnó on the announcement made by the Minister of Education.

7 - ISSU Social Media

Uachtarán asks before the agenda point is discussed that everyone keep their points respectful towards the Communications Officer remit.

Communications Officer goes through the current people working on social media and the content calendar.

Uachtarán states that if their face is not in the tiktok it will flop.

Equality Officer asks if the Women's Conference event graphics are approved by a female identifying CG Officer

Communications Officer states that it is his remit and responsibility to look over and approve graphics but they will involve the CG.

Sustainability Officer more informal content should be put on social media as it gets a lot more engagement. Showcase the work the CG are doing a lot more so students on the ground are aware of the work we are doing,

Uachtarán suggests day in life for Coiste Gnó officers

Communications Officer happy to pursue the idea of doing a day in the life.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer asks that bad pictures of the Coiste Gnó officers as it can lead to external issues with pictures of officers being shared.

Sustainability Officer suggests a photo dump for each month of different events Coiste Gnó officers have been involved with. Students attending our events like

seeing themselves on the ISSU Social media.

Welfare Officer suggests informal pictures

Communication Officer officers have requested for some pictures to be removed so hard to find a balance.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer likes the idea of monthly photo updates

Leas Uachtarán states that if the Coise Gnó has any suggestions for Tiktok, to send them onto the Communications Officer.

8 - In-person Meeting

The Coiste Gnó discusses concerns regarding in-person meetings as a follow up from the prior discussion held at the previous CG meeting.

Education Officer states a constructive conversation needed. Suggests we should move to hybrid meeting. Also states that the google form should have been anonymous.

Multiple Officers: Google Form is not sufficient to form a solution, a separate call is needed to discuss how the Coiste Gnó moves forward with in-person meetings

Leas - Uachtarán states that at the previous Coiste Gnó meeting, a decision was made to have a google form to be sent out regarding on how we move forward with in-person meetings. In regards to anonymity the form responses can only be seen by the Uachtarán and Leas - Uachtarán.

Leas - Uachtarán adds having the form being not anonymous also gives the Uachtarán and Leas - Uachtarán feedback on how they can best support the Coiste Gnó.

Education Officer states after reflection a meeting would be better suited.

Equality officer states officers based in Dublin should not be getting the same questions, as they do not have to travel long distances for meetings.

RLSO understands both sides, also states the form not being anonymous adds a bit more weight for the story.

Welfare Officer seconds everything, states an open discussion is needed with a specific meeting to this topic.

Point of action meeting to be organised solely for in-person meetings

9 - AOB

Disability Officer Responsibilities

Uachtarán informs the Coiste Gnó the Uachtarán Oinigh will be taking some responsibilities from the Disability Officer e.g the advisory group seat etc.

Black History Month Resource

Equality Officer proposes Black History Month resource, the resource was sent into the Coiste Gnó chat prior to the meeting.

Vote of acclamation - successfully passed

Upcoming Sustainability Events

Sustainability Officer updates the Coiste Gnó on Debate your Decision Makers. The event will be held during the February mid-term.

SDGs & Me event will be held on November 25th, merch, venue and speakers are secured. A world cafe workshop will be held on the day.

