

Coiste Gnó Updates

Uachtarán:

- **IBSA Helpline:**
 - Emailed every RCC in the country introducing the idea of the joint project
 - Was invited to present at the RCC National Forum to present the initiative
- **Cáca Milis:**
 - Met with NCBI Advocacy Director, Lorna Fitzpatrick alongside the Education Officer & Disability Officer to discuss issuing a joint letter from the NCBI x ISSU calling for the removal of Cáca Milis from the Gaeilge Curriculum
 - Drafted the letter
- Prep work for TY Expo in September
- **King's College, London:**
 - We received a response from Baroness Bull of King's College London who assured us that the appropriate steps would be taken to mitigate the Irish date change.
- **Advisory Group meeting prep:**
 - Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this meeting and the Education Officer attended in my absence, however, I assisted in the preparation with the Education Officer and Leas-Uachtarán for the meeting.
- Leaving Certificate Helpline launch
- Contacted the Teaching Council cosigned by the Education Officer in relation to the problems surrounding RSE in the Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles.
- Assisting with Skills Academy planning - lead by the Rúnaí
- Introductory emails to stakeholders:
 - The Uachtarán Oinigh sent introductory emails to stakeholders and I followed up with an introductory email introducing myself and the Leas-Uachtarán and sharing our contact details with them.
- Interviewed candidates for the new ISSU Pool of Trainers with the Secretariat and RLSO
- **Return to School meeting with Deirde Shanley:**
 - I was invited to attend a meeting with Deirde Shanley from the Department of Education in regards to the return to school. I was unable to attend, however, the Leas-Uachtarán and Uachtarán Oinigh attended the meeting and it was very successful.
- Assisted HEN Ireland with their Homeschooling Student Card issue

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Connecting Students



- Met with a member of the OBESSU Board alongside the International Officer
- Completed the NYCI Child Protection Awareness Training & TUSLA Children First Training
- CG management
- LC Results coordination
- Joined the HSE RSE Website Advisory Group with the Education Officer
- Met with the JMB for an introductory call alongside the Leas-Uachtarán

Leas-Uachtarán:

- Met with the JMB with Uachtarán as an introduction.
- Attended Digital strategy meeting on behalf of comms officer
- Vote16 event planning provisional date 22nd of September
- Attended AG meeting with education officer
- Reaching out to Dept and Joint Committee for S and P charter
- Reaching out to NPCPP to organise joint lobbying on the student
- Skills academy preparation
- Lead a prep team on the S and P charter making amendments
- Completed the NYCI Child Protection Awareness Training & TUSLA Children First Training
- CG management

Education Officer:

- Cáca Milis: Met with NCBI Advocacy Director, Lorna Fitzpatrick alongside the Uachtarán & Disability Officer to discuss issuing a joint letter from the NCBI x ISSU calling for the removal of Cáca Milis from the Gaeilge Curriculum & Drafted the letter
- Prep work for TY Expo in September TY Expo is 22nd September
- Joined the HSE RSE Website Advisory Group Liaising with the HSE and inputting stakeholder feedback on new HSE B4U Decide website that's coming under the main HSE website
- LCA Report Groundworks completed on LCA report and moving onto next steps
- Advisory Group: Attended the Advisory Group meeting and made contributions on the State Exams 2022, Contingency Plans for 2022, and return to school 2021.
- Set up the leavingcert@issu.ie email helpline
- Met with College Awareness for CAW 2021 and how ISSU will be involved
- Met with the Olympic TY Programme on the creation of the programme for TY
- Attending Panel discussion on the Leaving Cert on Thursday

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Rúnaí:

- Planning Skills Academy
- Working on upcoming Vote16 event
- Working with other officers on the Student-Parent Charter bill
- Working with the International Officer to organise a joint meeting with the SSUNI

Oifigeach na Gaeilge:

- **CnaG:** Been in contact with Róisín Ní Mhóráin to continue organising the Oifigeach Training Days
- Created a video for GaeltachtX promoting ADIÉ and the collaboration between CnaG and ADIÉ
- Spoke on “Tús Áite” on RnaG about Consent in Ireland and the reform of the RSE curriculum with guidance from the Welfare Officer
- Wrote a letter to be sent to schools outlining the collaboration between CnaG and ADIÉ
- Met with Emma Sweeney and the Uachtarán in person to go over my work plan for the year

Communications Officer:

- **Brand Guidelines Review**
 - Document Reviewed
 - Redesigned
 - Ready to be proposed at EA, (Subject to logo changes)
- **ISSU Merch and Promotion Material**
 - Research
 - Budgeting
 - Proposal
- **“A Students’ Guide To Problem Solving” Design (w/Emma & Goose)**
- **Student council training videos (w/Emma & Mohammad)**
 - Planning Lodgetics
 - Script Writing
- **Logo redesign**
 - ISSU Logo redesign

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- 16 Different Options
 - ADIÉ Logo redesign
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 - Presentation and Proposal
- **Exit Entry Collaboration**
 - Training
 - Launch
 - Social Media Posts
- **Monthly Newsletter**
- **Social Media Policy Review**
- **Website Accessibility Bar**
- **DSCG Update (w/Adam)**
- **ISIC Card Collab**
 - Promotion
 - Brand Collab
 - Approval of co-organisational content
 - Social Media Posts
 - Launch
 - Promotional Material
- **Social Media Posts**
- **Website Updates**

Equality Officer:

- **Vote at 16:**
 - Contacting members of 2018's Together for Yes campaign to provide an insight into coalition-building
 - Attended call with an Leas-Uachtarán and other members of the Vote at 16 Working Group to liaise with NYCI about our upcoming event.
- **Student-Parent Charter Bill:**
 - Collaborated with an Rúnaí, an t-Uachtarán Oinigh, an Leas-Uachtarán and the RLSO to review the bill, draft amendments and strategise
- **Accessibility:**
 - Worked with the Disability Officer to brainstorm the when, how and what of union-wide accessibility training
 - Contributed to the campaign to remove Cáca Milis from the Leaving Cert Gaeilge choice texts

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- **Student Council Resources:**
 - Worked with the RLSO and the Disability Officer to develop specifically equality-based resources
 - Created a letter template for student councils and student bodies
- **Equality Legislation Review:**
 - Began reading over legislation that is up for review by the DCEDIY
 - Created Working Group of the Welfare Officer and the Disability Officer
- **Travelling Community Accessibility:**
 - Reached out to Involve to continue our relations
 - Currently liaising with Traveller representatives to attempt to find localised contacts so we can develop our communications with members of the travelling community at a regional level
- Became a member of the BeLongTo Education Sector Advisory Group with the Welfare Officer
- Attend College Awareness Day event overview call
- Followed up on our involvement with the DCEDIY, but have received no definitive reply as of yet
- Coordinated the filming of ISSU's video protesting the continuation of Direct Provision
- Reached out to the Open community in order to develop our relations, especially during this time of crisis in Afghanistan

Disability Officer:

- **Cáca Milis:**
 - Consulted with NCBI Advocacy Director, Lorna Fitzpatrick alongside the Uachtarán and the Education Officer to discuss issuing a joint letter from the NCBI x ISSU calling for the removal of Cáca Milis from the Gaeilge Curriculum
- **Student Council Resources:**
 - Worked alongside the RLSO and the Equality Officer to develop resources and overview the accessibility of the language and appearance of them.
 - Continuing to develop more resources and draft prototypes with the aid of the Communications Officer.
- **DCEDIY Disability Stakeholder Group (DSG)**
 - Completed the Expression of Interest form for DSG 5 before the deadline on August 23rd.
 - Under the guidance of the Secretariat, the form was reviewed and sent to the Department for screening.
- **Accessibility:**

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- Worked with the Equality Officer to brainstorm the logistics of union-wide accessibility training.
- Conducted a review of the ISSU Annual Assembly Procedure and ISSU Constitution documents for accessibility purposes.
- Awaiting approval for the Easy-to-Read versions of the aforementioned documents to be made available to the public.
- Currently devising a newer and more accessible format of the ISSU Directive Policy Book.
- **Equality Legislation Review:**
 - Preparing for Consultation on the Review of the Equality Acts by studying the relevant DCEDIY legislation.
 - Joined a Working Group consisting of the Welfare Officer and the Equality Officer.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Reached out to a parent following a passionate radio interview about her child not receiving a place in a SEN school. In the process of strategising how to advocate for additional SEN school spaces. Additionally, I am focusing on lobbying for more SNAs and special classes for the current semester.
 - Took part in the filming of ISSU's video protesting the continuation of Direct Provision.
 - Attended the UNCRC Climate Consultation and the Sustainability Officer's Climate Collage.
 - Invited members of the Coiste Gnó and the ROB to the NYCI and the Ombudsman for Children on Ireland's upcoming youth consultation on the UNCRC.
 - Featured on RTÉ's Today with Claire Byrne to discuss the fears surrounding attending university.
 - Preparing to launch the Disability Working Group in mid-September.

Welfare Officer:

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International Officer:

- Planning for Schools of Sanctuary development.
- Trying to organise a meeting between our Executive and the executive of the SSUNI.
- Working with OBESSU to help the SSUNI become a member union.

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- Liaising with and assisting students in Ireland.

Regional Liaison & Support Officer:

- **Regional Councils**
 - Planning Regional Councils alongside the Regional Officers and Emma. We have been looking at dates, times, venues and transport for each Regional Council.
 - Supporting Regional Officers with setting an agenda for the agenda
- **Regional Projects**
 - Helping Regional Officers fill out their project brief templates and provide advice to them on their projects.
- **Supporting Regional Officers**
 - Meeting with all Regions to check up on how they are doing, with schools reopening making sure everyone is doing alright and not overloaded with work. Will assist all ROs with whatever they need.
- **Regional Updates**
 - Working on getting updates from regional officers from their Bi-Weekly to create a monthly ROB updates document with every regions updates!
- **Student Council Resources**
 - Working with CG Officers in assisting them in creating student council resources within their remits.
 - Working on the creation of new ISSU Student Council training videos for the ISSU Social media.
 - Created the “A Student’s Guide to Problem Solving” a student council resource alongside Goose, Saoirse and Emma. In it’s final stages now and the Comms officer creating the design of the resource now.
 - Working on specifically equality-based resources currently with the Disability and Equality Officer.
- **Pool of Trainers**
 - Interviewed candidates for the new ISSU Pool of Trainers with the Secretariat and Uachtarán. Successful candidates are being trained by the Student Engagement & Team Lead Emma. Once trained up advertising the Student Council as much as possible.
- Met with CollegeAwareness for CAW 2021 alongside Jack & Saoirse on how ISSU will be involved this year.
- Took part in the filming of ISSU’s video protesting the continuation of Direct Provision

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- Held the training for all the new Regional Officers.

Sustainability Officer:

- Held Climate Collage workshop
- Attended meetings with FFF, SCAN and other organisations as an ISSU rep

Uachtarán Oinigh:

- Introductions with all stakeholders with emer and adam.
- Meeting with Dirdre SHanley on Return to school
- Meeting with Education Futures
- Work on Parent Student charter, research and drafting
- Advising various NSE Members and the Presidents

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