

Coiste Gnó Updates

Uachtarán

- Attended Advisory Group Meeting
- Handover meeting planning
- Selection panel for the new Student Council Support position
- Attended meeting with ExitEntry alongside the Welfare Officer to facilitate our new partnership
- Met with the Minister for Education, Norma Foley and various other stakeholders (NPCPP, Guidance Counsellors, SOLAS) at the photoshoot for the Leaving Cert Helpline 2021.
- Recorded the voiceover for DES back to school video (ENG & GA) and recorded the SpunOut x ISSU x DES Accredited Grades Q&A Video
- Began drafting a ROB impeachment article with a Donegal RO
- Sent a letter to Kings College London alongside the Education and International Officers regarding the school not following UCAS guidance for Irish Students following a complaint from a student
- One on one calls with the CG to review their work plans for the upcoming year - will be reviewed again in November
- Met with the SLT for a strategic & people planning meeting in the Lib Hall offices
- CG bonding planning
- Media for the #GetTheJob campaign
- Revived the Uachtarán twitter account - plans to use it more effectively than previous years
- Arranged MAC x SAD x CG meeting - planning more frequently for the future
- Assisting the ISSU Awards internal Working Group
- IBSA helpline draft outline
- Skills Academy outline/planning

Leas Uachtarán

- Reached out to some organisations/politicians for meetings re; Vote@16.
- Met with Aodhan O'Riordain alongside the Education Officer.
- Reviewed the Coiste's work plans.
- Met with SLT in offices for a strategic plan meeting.
- CG bonding planning

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Education

- Met with Aodhan O'Riordain as an introductory call and over LC confusion with Leas Uachtarán
- Coordinating Senior Cycle Reform Academic Paper along with past Education Officer
- Starting groundworks on gathering data on the LCA for the ISSU 2021 LCA Reform Report including putting out a call to LCA students
- Led the #GetTheJob campaign encouraging anyone over the age of 16 to get vaccinated. This involved pushing the idea, gathering a group, writing a script collecting videos and then designing and creating a promotional video
- Sent a letter to Kings College London alongside the Uachtarán and International Officer regarding the school not following UCAS guidance for Irish Students following a complaint from a student
- Done some investigating into young scientist competitions after an issue was raised to me regarding inaccessibility to the EUCYS, letter sent to EUCYS National Organiser with queries regarding how only one national competition is able to feed into the EUCYS and why she denied other competitions any one of the two idle spaces
- Met with the HSE over RSE and formed a working relationship with the CPSHP with the opportunity for me to join their working group that is making an RSE website under the main hse.ie website. This is updating the b4udecide.ie website with an opportunity for materials that can not be posted on the HSE to be posted on the ISSU website
- Met with the NCCA surrounding student voice in the organisation
- Met with UL who are being commissioned by the NCCA to carry out a review of the new JC, on behalf of ISSU for the start of their stakeholder interviews. Will revert back to the team with the findings of the ISSU 2022 Junior Cycle Review Report
- Working with ISSU Awards Working Group
- Starting the ground works for the ISSU 2021 International Exam Systems Report with the International Officer which will look at how different countries examine their students and laying out what works well and what doesn't work well, and some modules that we should look at when reforming th Senior Cycle.

Gaeilge

- Met with Julian de Spáinn, Síomha Ní Ruairc and Róisín Ní Mhóráin (Conradh na Gaeilge) to discuss my plans for the year as well as theirs.
- Invited to join the Grúpa Oibre on the new Irish specifications
- Grúpa Oibre meeting postponed this month by Julian, due to a lack of developments.
- Met with Síomha Ní Ruairc and Róisín Ní Mhóráin to discuss the ADIÉ x CnaG partnership and the events we will be running.

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- Draft dates set for the Traenáil na nOifigeach Days. (Baile Átha Cliath Satharn 13 Samhain + Gaillimh Satharn 27 Samhain)
- Begun discussing ways to promote ADIÉ through CnaG such as Gaeltacht X
- Continuing the work set out by the past Oifigeach to write a Submission on the Draft Specifications for the L1 and L2
- Met with Quinton for training on the Gaeilge twitter, website and canva.
- Updating the Gaeilge website to be in line with the Scéim Teanga.

Translation:

- Eunicas Instagram Post
- LCA Instagram Post
- The Climate Collage Instagram Post
- Mica Press release

Communications

- Meetings with Digital Strategy for Schools Consultation group w/stakeholders and DES
- Exit Entry Collaboration
- Social Media Posts;
 - #GetTheJob Campaign Posts and Videos (1x3)(1x2)
 - “Get to know your Coiste Gnó” x13 (13x4)
 - Climate Collage Posts and Advertisement (2x5)
 - LCA Call out Posts (2x4)
 - Eunicas Live Posts (2x4)
 - Facebook banner (1x1)
 - Total: 84
 - Total of each canva graphic from 10th of July = 155.
- Website;
 - New Coiste Gnó Updates Page
 - General Updates:
 - 9th Floor Liberty Hall’ to ‘10th Floor Liberty Hall’
 - Hyperlinks Fixed
 - All intenses of ‘Annual Assembly’ to ‘An Chomhdháil Bhliantiúil (Annual Assembly)’
 - Updated Irish Website each ‘ANDIÉ’ reference to ‘ADIÉ’
 - NSE and MAC headshots for website updated and uploaded, changed pronouns, email contacts, names and intro paragraphs. .
 - Updated graphics

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- “Student Council Support Officer” change to “Regional Liaison and Support Officer”
- “Monitoring Committee” change to “Monitoring & Advisory Committee”
- Student Council Scale Update
- Updated news sections
- Content/Resources:
 - ISSU Structure Graphic/Poster
 - Coiste Gnó Gifs
 - Zoom Backgrounds
 - Letterhead
- Logo Review
- ISSU Logo redesigns
- ADIÉ Logo redesigns
- Branding and Media Policy Review
- TikTok Relaunch
- Monthly Updates Newsletter
- Workplan and Workplan Call
- Online Security and sites access
- Irish Website/Twitter/Canva training with James
- General daily responses to Secretariat, Coiste Gnó, ROB and MAC messages and emails
- Responding to general emails and public ISSU DM’s
- Working on Grassroot Communications Panel

Disability

- Still working on the DSG submission with Rob, it is due later this month. (August 23, 17h00)
- Currently working with Equality and RLSO officers and Emma to develop Student Council Resources that apply to our remits.
- Worked on the #GetTheJob campaign with other officers.
- Sourcing contact information for general networking.
- Researching more about reasonable accommodations for State Exams as DARE appeals are due soon.
- Met with Minister O’Gorman alongside the Equality Officer to discuss our relationship with the DCEDIY, relevant policies and action plans, and our desire to become a stakeholder in the department.

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- Joined Vote16 Working Group

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- Established process of sharing recordings with ROB

Equality

- Meeting with Minister Roderic O’Gorman surrounding becoming a stakeholder in the DCEDIY.
- Presented at NYCI’s Young Voices event on Vote at 16
- Engaged with Involve and begun setting up a network
- Drafted Student Council Resources Letter to be sent to stakeholder organisations in order to request that their resources/courses be provided as training for/to be implemented by student councils
- Attended NWCi Consultation on Anti Racism Submission
- Engaged with Comms Officer on implementation of Accessibility Guidelines into internal/external union affairs
- Work with Awards WG
- Engaged with Neuro Pride Ireland on their inaugural celebration of neurodiversity
- Engaged with The Open Community in conjunction with the International Officer on spreading awareness surrounding a different way of accepting and integrating migrants into Ireland
- Engaged with the HSE in conjunction with the Education Officer on the accessibility of RSE for second-level aged young people
- Engaged with the NCCA in conjunction with the current and former Education Officers on making the organisation more accessible to students
- Created a template for lobbying Boards of Management to aid student councils through student council resources
- Attended #VotersWithoutBorders Coalition Meeting

Welfare

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International

- Kings College London letter drafted & sent with the Uachtarán and Education Officer.
- Working with the Schools of Sanctuary Steering Committee to expand the reach of the organisation and its relative impact through reaching out to schools and involving the Regional Officers
- Liaising with OBESSU Board for WG opportunities & Funding.
- Exam review process to begin this month with the Education Officer.
- Creating strong relationships with our international counterparts

Regional Liaison and Support Officer

- Met with each individual Regional Officer to introduce myself and to get to know them individually. Also to get feedback on the Regional Officer Body on different issues.
- Attended a Teaching Council Call on their Working Group- exploring models of local school community engagement
- Organised two in-person ROB trainings
- Organised an online bonding call for the Regional Officers x RLSO
- Organising a training for the new Regional Officers
- Assisting Regional Officers with completing project brief templates for their Regional Project
- Assisting some Regions set up ISSU School Rep Google Rooms
- Created individual Region Google Rooms
- Introductory call with new Student Engagement and Training Lead Emma Sweeney
- Assisted Emma with reviewing the current Student Council Training
- Creating new students council resources
- Assisting other officers with creating new student council resources within their remits
- Me and Emma have started organising Regional Councils, we are looking at how we would like to go about them this year.
- Looking at organising a potential in person training for the ROB in the coming months
- Worked on #GetTheJob Campaign and wrote the press release encouraging students to get the vaccine
- Working with ISSU Awards Working Group

Sustainability

- Working on Climate Collage workshop
- Started Plastic-Free schools student council resource
- Started work on COP27 attendance badges for ISSU
- Started work on ESD submission

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