

Coiste Gnó Updates March and April 2022

Uachtarán:

Met with Fridays for Future to discuss future partnerships

ISSU Women's Conference:

- *Organised the first annual ISSU Women's Conference (IWC) alongside the IWC Working Group. The event was very successful and the response from participants and speakers was that it was very enjoyable.*
- *We also launched my student council resource; 'A Student's Guide to Running for Election' which has a particular focus on getting more women to run in their student council elections. It is a very simple how-to guide on elections and is available on the website.*

I spoke at the WorkEqual International Women's Day Event hosted by Sonya Lennon alongside Senator Eileen Flynn and Lewize Crothers of Exit Entry as well as some other amazing women!

NWCI Women's Rally:

- *I was a member of the NWCI Women's Rally planning group.*
- *Participated in the NWCI Women's Rally alongside other officers.*
- *I recorded a video with NWCI for their social media explaining why we were supporting the rally.*

Attended the Briefing to education partners on the DEIS Identification process with the Department of Education.

Met with the Department of Education for the Inspectorate Consultation with Post-primary Partners.

Attended an NCCA briefing with UL alongside the Education Officer.

CESIT:

- *Working on building relationships with CEIST*
- *I spoke at the CEIST Student Leadership Conference alongside Minister Norma Foley*

Met with Studyclix to discuss a partnership with ISSU.

Constitutional Reform:

- *Working on Constitutional Reform as a member of the working group*
- *My key focuses were on reforming the Leas-Uachtarán role, making grammatical fixes and ensuring the Gaelige matched throughout the constitution as well as working on mandates and policies I hope to propose as an individual officer.*

Annual Assembly Planning:

- *Took lead on liaising with organisations for the AA merch packs. Confirmed merchandise includes; SpunOut, The Ombudsman for Children, NYCI, BelongTo, Fórsa, Studyclix and The Maths Tutor.*
- *Liaised with the secretariat to get financial support for AA from Studyclix, The Maths Tutor and NStEP.*
- *Took part in and assisted with organising the Running for Election Webinar and Candidates Information Night.*
- *Assisted the Communications Officer and Digital Comms WG with promotional planning.*

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- Took lead on updating the content in the AA documents ie. AA Procedure Doc, Candidates Book, Election Handbook etc.
- Took lead on organising the AA discord server.

ICTU Presentation:

- Met with Fiona Dunne to discuss securing funding from ICTU
- Supported the secretariat and Board member Luke with the ICTU Presentation to secure funding for ISSU
- Presented at an ICTU National Executive meeting

Events:

- Attend the ACCS Convention in Cavan with the Communications Officer and spoke on their Leaving Cert Reform Panel.
- Attended the International Women's Day Reception at Áras an Uachtaráin
- Attended the Department of Education Chief Inspectorate Report Launch with the Uachtarán Oinigh
- Attended the Shared Island: Shared Opportunity launch hosted by NESC in association with the Shared Island Initiative and the Department of the Taoiseach.
- Attended a photocall with the Minister for Education

The Shona Project Collaboration:

- I met with Tammy Darcy to work on building a relationship with The Shona Project.
- They'll be attending AA to cover the day on their social media platforms and will be supporting us with AA promotion
- Some ISSU Officers will be doing weekly takeovers on their social media

Media:

- I did some media for the senior cycle reform announcement and also liaised with the ROB to support them with their media pieces.

Senior Cycle Reform:

- Attend the State Examinations Planning Advisory Group Meeting for the announcement of the Senior Cycle Reform Plan.
- I met with TUI to discuss our stances on the new Senior Cycle Reform plan and where we could support one another.
- I met with Department of Education officials to discuss our thoughts on the Senior Cycle Reform Plan

Educate Together:

- I met with Educate Together to discuss future partnerships
- We'll be running two workshops at their Student Leadership Conference, please get in touch if you'd like to help!
- Working to collaborate with them on student disability issues alongside the Rúnai
- Building our Educate Together membership

Ukraine Oireachtas Submission:

- Began working on an Oireachtas submission on how we can best support Ukrainian students starting second-level education in Ireland. The key focus areas of this are;
 - Curriculum Provision, Language Provision, Psychological Supports and Any Other Issues

I am organising a Leinster House Tour and party briefing for the Coiste Gnó with Senator Annie Hoey.

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NCCA Council:

- *It was announced in March that the ISSU efforts to secure a seat on the NCCA Council were successful.*
- *On April 26th, I met with the Minister for Education as she signed the statutory instrument appointing the ISSU a seat.*
- *I also took part in a photo-call with the Minister to announce the seat.*

I spoke at UCC Queer Conference

I was invited to be a judge for Young Social Innovators 2022.

I was invited to speak before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Gender Equality.

I am continuing work as a member of the DES Steering Committee to review the 2013 Anti-Bullying strategy and met with them.

I met with the DES Communications Team to discuss the Leaving Certificate and projects we can work on going forward.

Leas-Uachtarán:

Constitution Reform

- *Liaising with BOD and Secretariat*
- *Proposing amendments to CG*
- *Workshopping amendments with WG*

Run for Election Webinar - attended and presented about the LU role

AA planning - working with the CG to organise AA

Pursuing funding opportunities for AA which was successful.

I planned a EU and Youth workshop for AA to achieve all necessary funding objectives for the Leargas, OBESSU and NYCI contributions

I assisted throughout AA with the Secertariat, Chairs and the Uachtaran

Attended the steering committee to review the Anti-Bullying Action Plan with the Department of Education in the Uachtarans absence.

Met with SAD to discussion ISSU Financial Plan

Lead the ISSU's submission on the Creative Youth plan

I attended the JMB's annual conference with the Uachtaran Oinigh

I explored long term funding opportunities with the TUI

I spoke with Newstalk and 2FM regarding the Ministers announced additions to the CAO process and lowering the voting age respectively

I lead our funding application for OBESSUs School Student Rights project

Education Officer:

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Communications Officer:

Attended the ACCS Convention in Cavan with the Uachtarán, Emer.

Worked closely with the Digital Communications Working Group to create the following graphics:

- *ISSU Women's Conference*
- *NWCI Rally*
- *Annual Assembly Announcement Post*
- *International Women's Day*
- *Regional Officer Training Photos*
- *School Rep. Info posts*
- *CG In-person meeting post*
- *Main Annual Assembly Post*
- *Policy Writing Workshop Post*
- *Annual Assembly Official Theme Release Video Graphic*

I also worked on a series of Annual Assembly videos to help delegates understand directions, election handbook, campaigning and much more. This helped revitalised the YouTube channel and improve engagement.

Updated the website Annual Assembly hub creating smooth formatting and video access.

I also created the Annual Assembly proportional/standby video for us at Annual Assembly.

Worked on Level-Up site. Attend all Coiste Gnó meetings. Co-Lead the Constitutional Reform. I lead the grassroots and ROB sections of the Constitutional reform. Created themed Annual Assembly name badges and agenda. Worked with Coiste Gnó and Secretariat on Annual Assembly logistics.

Rúnaí:

Continuing to share Minutes

Organising An Chomhdáil Bhliantúil:

- *Helped Organise and Facilitate Running for Election Webinar*
- *Helped Facilitate Policy Writing Webinar*
- *Led organisation of the event, drafting agendas and various logistics*
- *Attended An Chomhdáil Bhliantúil, helping facilitate where appropriate after elections as they were also a candidate*

The Rúnaí will be Out of Office from now until June 29th as they need to focus on their Leaving Cert.

Sustainability Officer:

Equality Officer:

International Officer:

- Expanding the network of Schools of Sanctuary, many schools are signing up in Limerick.
- Assisting Regional Officers in their work.
- Working with the UNESCO SDG-4 Action Group on tangible strategies to bring to the HLSC.
- Working on implementing Voices for Direct provision in schools.
- Communicating with schools receiving Ukrainian students by providing a workshop on how to best welcome them into our communities.
- Working with No Name Club to help Ukrainian students financially.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer:

Regional Officer Body

- Working with the Regional Officers to promote the ISSU School Rep rooms and Cluster Meetings with schools reps.
- Supporting Regional Officers with their regional projects
- Sent out two ROAR emails for the month of March and April
- Held a call for the Regional Officer Body
- Held Individual Regional Catch up calls
- A huge congratulations to the Regional Officers (Andrew Victory elected as Rúnaí, Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin elected as Communications Officer, Rebecca Livingstone elected as Equality Officer, Gráinne Ní Ailín elected as Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Shari Irfan elected as International Officer and Eva Grace elected as Disability Officer) who were elected onto the Coiste Gnó at Annual Assembly who begin their terms in July!! In the meanwhile myself and the secretariat will be working on co-opting/electing new Regional Officers in those regions

Cork Consent Conference 2.0

- Planning our 2nd Cork Consent Conference alongside the Cork Regional Officers. we have some fantastic guest speakers Dr Siobhán O'Higgins, the co-leader of the Active* Consent Programme Team of NUIG. Professor Louise Crowley, who is the leader of the "Bystander Intervention" in UCC and Mary Crilly from Cork Sexual Violence Centre. We also have an amazing group of singers called Misneach joining us on the day! Being held in UCC on the 6th of May.
- Lead the promotion of the event, securing venue, food and guest speakers.

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- Setting the agenda for the event and supporting the Cork Regional Officers with their workshop on the day.

Regional Officers using local Trade Union Offices:

- Met with Fiona One Movement National Co-ordinator to draft up a set of child protection guidelines/protocols for U18 Regional Officers using these spaces alongside the SETL
- Fiona will be meeting with key people from the trade unions and will update me.
- I was invited as a guest speaker on the podcast "The Making of an Activist" which is hosted by Fiona Dunne.

Worldwise Global Schools

- Myself and the ISSU Representatives on the WWGS Advisory Group facilitated their annual student conference with other 500 students in attendance.

Annual Assembly

- Supported the planning of Annual Assembly.
- Packed the goodie bags in Liberty Hall, given to delegates on the day.
- Was re-elected as RLSO at Annual Assembly
- I attended the NWCi Women's Rally in Dublin alongside other ISSU Officers.
- I attended the Coiste Gnó in-person meeting in March.
- Worked on the Constitution Reform Working Group.

Oifigeach na Gaeilge:

Welfare Officer:

Uachtarán Oinigh:

- I attended the NWCi Women's Rally.
- I attended the Department of Education Chief Inspectorate Report Launch.
- Continuing work on the Student Council Charter launch event with LCETB.
- The Student Council Charter won the European Charlemagne Youth Prize.
- I am working on the Political Party Platform with the Uachtarán.
- Supporting Annual Assembly planning.
- I attended the JMB conference.