



**ISSU**  
IRISH SECOND-LEVEL  
STUDENTS' UNION

# ISSU Policy Book

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Policy 1	
<b>Supporting School:</b>	Coiste Gnó na nDaltaí
<b>Proposing Delegate:</b>	Eoin Connolly
<b>ISSU Supports:</b>	The ISSU Supports the gradual integration of all single-sex schools in Ireland.
<b>Rationale</b>	The ISSU constitution supports "inclusive" school environments, no school environment can be truly inclusive when it excludes more than half of potential students. Segregation on account of sex is wrong and only fosters stigmas in society. These schools also end up restricting students course options and pose unnecessary problems for Transgender students. This is nothing against any student attending any of these schools, this is merely to allow the ISSU to support moves to gradually integrate schools in Ireland which will be for the best.

Policy 2	
<b>Supporting School:</b>	Coiste Gnó na nDaltaí
<b>Proposing Delegate:</b>	Eoin Connolly
<b>ISSU Believes:</b>	The ISSU believes that schools should have secular governance. ISSU will continue to work with any managerial body regardless of this but stands with the principle of secular governance of education.
<b>Rationale</b>	Religious governance of schools in Ireland stemmed from the state's initial inability to do it themselves. Today it is in no way necessary. There are obviously brilliant and inclusive schools with religious governance but it is by no means the standard. Students are discriminated against on the grounds of "religious ethos" in an ever more diverse Ireland and we should support the move away from this.