

**APRIL 12th & 13th 2023**  
**AN CHOMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL**



# **ISSU PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL 2023**



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

| Amendment to Policy 1 |   |
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| Supporting School     | Longford Westmeath Region   |
| Proposing Delegate    | Sam Brooks  |
| Amendment             | <p><b>Replace:</b></p> <p>‘The ISSU supports the policies of Conradh na Gaeilge regarding the teaching of the Irish language to allow for consistency in the work of the ISSU.’</p> <p><b>With:</b></p> <p>‘The ISSU by default supports the policies of Conradh na Gaeilge regarding the teaching of the Irish language to allow for consistency in the work of the ISSU however the Coiste Gnó may by a simple majority choose not to follow a Conradh na Gaeilge policy”</p> |
| Rationale             | <p>While the original points were good we must also recognise that as Conradh na Gaeilge is solely concerned with promoting the Irish language they may not fully take into account any other viewpoint. While the vast majority of Conradh na Gaeilges policies are suitable the ISSU should have the option to not follow them in necessary cases.</p>  |

| Amendment to Directive Mandate 1 |   |
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| Supporting School                | Longford Westmeath Region   |
| Proposing Delegate               | Sam Brooks  |
| Amendment                        | <p><b>Replace:</b></p> <p>Many students that don't attend mainstream schools (i.e. are home-schooled) do not have access to joining the ISSU as they do not have the facilities to develop a student council.</p> <p>This here-by mandates that the ISSU develop a structure for these students to join the union and be represented by the Irish Second-Level Students' Union.</p> <p><b>With:</b></p> <p>Many students that don't attend mainstream schools (i.e. are home-schooled) do not have access to joining the ISSU as they do not have the facilities to develop a student council.</p> <p>This here-by mandates that the ISSU develop a structure for these students to join the union and be represented by the Irish Second-Level Students' Union.</p> <p>This structure must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provisions to allow homeschooled students to attend ISSU events including Annual Assembly and Regional Council</li> <li>- Provisions to allow homeschooled students to run for election in ISSU"</li> </ul> |
| Rationale                        | <p>This gives a more clear vision of how homeschooled students should be included in the union while also leaving it fairly flexible to allow the incoming coiste to develop a structure that fits with the current capacity constraints of the organisation</p>  |



| Amendment to Constitutional Amendment 11 |  |
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| Supporting School                        | Longford Westmeath Region  |
| Proposing Delegate                       | Sam Brooks   |
| Amendment                                | <p><b>Replace:</b></p> <p>“Replace:<br/>7.4 Each year, the female identifying members of the Coiste Gnó will lead the organisation of the 'ISSU Women's Conference'. The ISSU Women's Conference (IC) is an annual event for young women to come together to celebrate International Women's Day while discussing important topics such as but not limited to; fields where women are underrepresented, gender equality in schools, consent and sexual health, etc.</p> <p>With:<br/>7.4 Each year, the female identifying and non-binary members of the Coiste Gnó will lead the organisation of the 'ISSU Women's Conference'. The ISSU Women's Conference (IC) is an annual event for female identifying and non-binary students to come together to celebrate International Women's Day while discussing important topics such as but not limited to; fields where women are underrepresented, gender equality in schools, consent and sexual health, etc.”</p> <p><b>With:</b></p> <p>“Replace:<br/>7.4 Each year, the female identifying members of the Coiste Gnó will lead the organisation of the 'ISSU Women's Conference'. The ISSU Women's Conference (IC) is an annual event for young women to come together to celebrate International Women's Day while discussing important topics such as but not limited to; fields where women are underrepresented, gender equality in schools, consent and sexual health, etc.</p> <p>With:<br/>7.4 Each year, the female identifying and non-binary members of the Coiste Gnó will lead the organisation of the 'ISSU Women's Conference'. The ISSU Women's Conference (IC) is an annual event for female identifying and non-binary students to come together to celebrate International Women's Day while discussing important topics such as but not limited to; fields where women and non-binary people are underrepresented, gender equality in schools, consent and sexual health, diversity and inclusion of gender minorities, issues faced by women and/or non-binary people, etc.”</p> |



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| Rationale | <p>If ISSU wants to include non-binary people in this conference it must also ensure to discuss non-binary issues otherwise there is little point in including them. While I am sure this would be done regardless, this amendment further clarifies that.</p> |
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