

MINUTES
CG MEETING
ONLINE
11/02/2024 - 18:00-20:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Shari Irfan**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Education Officer: Heather Doyle (Partially Present)**
- **Sustainability Officer: Róisín Myers**
- **Welfare Officer: Máirín Harding**
- **Equality Officer: Bel Nabulele**
- **Communications Officer: Leo Galvin**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Louisa Tyrrell (Partially Present)**

With Apologies:

- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **International Officer: Iffah Rahmat**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Eimear Nic Dhonnchadha**

Absent:

Agenda

1.1 - Welcome and Introduction - Uachtarán	18:00 - 18:10
1.2 -Minutes of last two meetings for adoption - Leas - Uachtarán ☰ Coiste Gnó Minutes 05/01/2024 ☰ Coiste Gnó Minutes 28/01/2024	18:10 - 18:15
2 - Officer Check-In - Uachtarán	18:15 - 18:25
3 - DYDM Update - Sustainability Officer	18:25 - 18:40
4 - Youth and Student constituency of the Buildings Action Coalition + YDM endorsement - International Officer	18:40 - 19:10
BREAK	19:10 - 19:20
5 - An Comhdháil Bliantúil Update - Leas - Uachtarán	19:20 - 19:50
6 - Forsa Youth Event - Leas - Uachtarán	19:50 - 19:55
7- AOB	19:55 - 20:00

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

Uachtarán welcomes the Coiste Gnó to the meeting.

1.2 Minutes of last meeting for adoption

Leas - Uachtarán proposes the minutes from the past two meetings, Welfare Officer seconds the minutes.

Minutes from the 5th and 28th of January have passed.

2. Officer Check In

Officers present provide a brief update on their work since their last meeting; for more details please read our most up to date MEOW at <https://www.issu.ie/coiste-gno-updates>

3. DYDM Updates

Sustainability Officer gives an update on Debate your Decision Makers which is being held on the 12th of February.

Sustainability Officer states most of the logistics for the event have been sorted. Currently down on one decision maker, a back up plan has been put in place.

Sustainability Officer wants the decision makers to sign onto a Debate your Decision Makers pledge at the event. Asks the Coiste Gnó for suggestions.

Education Officer states that decision makers will have to consult their parties if they are signing onto something.

Communications Officer suggests sending the demands to a wider group of decision makers once they have been formulated.

Uachtarán asks if the pledge is going to be formulated on the day or in advance.

Sustainability officer goes through the plan for the day of the event, states that the pledge and demands formation is separate. Forming the demands on the day adds a lot of pressure, at last year's Debate your Decision Makers it was done in a rush.

Uachtarán asks what support is required from the Coiste Gnó on the day?

Sustainability Officer asks that everyone is there for 10am at the Mansion House to set

up.

Uachtarán states that Department officials will be attending the event, so to be conscious of that.

Equality officer asks for clarification on the pledge.

Sustainability Officer states it will be a list of demands formulated prior to the event which decision makers will sign onto at the event. The demands formulated on the day will be distributed at a later date.

Communications Officer provides some suggestions of what to include in the pledge.

Uachtarán asks Communications Officer what content

Communications Officer states there will be a selection of content that will be produced on the day e.g Tiktok's, Instagram reels. Quotes from a range of attendees will also be taken.

4 - Youth and Student constituency of the Buildings Action Coalition + YDM endorsement

Uachtarán states an invitation coming from OBESSU, to join a coalition of a number of European youth organisations and an African students union working towards food security and youth democracy.

A formal document will have to be completed.

Communications Officer states what we are exactly supporting?

The Youth Democracy Movement, in partnership with OBESSU, is cordially inviting ISSU to join the youth and student constituency, which is the first youth constituency for climate action. They are asking for the ISSU's endorsement.

Uachtarán proposes ISSU will endorse this campaign.

7 yes no 0 abstain 0

5 - An Comhdháil Bliantúil Update

Leas - Uachtarán provides an update to the Coiste Gnó regarding the progress of CB.

Leas - Uachtarán asks what date do we want to hold the 'Running for Election' webinar? Closing date for elections is March 19th.

Uachtarán suggests the 9th of March.

Education Officer states that the 9th is too close to the closing date for elections and suggests holding the event on a weekday like previous years.

Leas - Uachtarán Communications Officer suggest Thursday the 29th of February. The Coiste Gnó is happy to hold the webinar then, depending on the Returning Officers availability.

Leas - Uachtarán asks what guest speakers do we want? Do we want to invite Minister Foley again?

Uachtarán states that Minister Foley has been invited already, they are currently just waiting to hear back. Suggests to invite the chair of the NCCA if Minister Foley is unavailable.

Leas - Uachtarán states a high level official will be speaking on the in-person day and asks for suggestions for speakers that will keep participants engaged for Day 1 which is online.

Welfare Officer suggests Jim Flano, states that he has taken part in Mental Health initiatives and has recently been visiting schools to give workshops.

Leas - Uachtarán asks what workshops do we want to have at CB? We generally run two online half an hour workshops during the online day of CB. And we gave 45 mins to Conradh na Gaeilge at the in person day last year.

Uachtarán suggests inviting Conradh na Gaeilge again this year to improve relations between ISSU and Conradh na Gaeilge.

Welfare Officer suggests holding the workshop on Day 2 earlier in the day as at the previous CB the workshop was before lunch and led to disengagement.

Uachtarán agrees and states that we will ask Conradh na Gaeilge to make their workshop more engaging for students.

Equality Officer states that it is hard to make a workshop engaging in a theatre style venue.

Communications Officer suggests using some of the time on Day 1 to launch any survey reports CG officers are working on.

Leas - Uachtarán asks the Coiste Gnó to keep thinking about any organisations that could give a workshop.

Leas - Uachtarán states work will need to begin on the ISSU Coiste Gnó report, this needs to be available to ISSU members ahead of CB. The Department generally ask for a copy of this as well. A working document will be sent to the Coiste Gnó soon to start work on the report.

Leas - Uachtarán proposes Rob O'Donnell as Chairperson for CB 2023.

6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain

Leas - Uachtarán asks the Coiste Gnó to think of anyone else that would be suitable to co-chair with Rob O'Donnell.

Communications Officer states that some videos regarding CB need to be updated.

Leas - Uachtarán states they are happy to help out with rerecording some of the videos.

6 - Forsa Youth Event

Leas - Uachtarán states Fórsa Youth Committee have asked if ISSU are interested in collaborating to do an event for Trade Union Week in May- they have suggested a panel discussion or open mic on 'working class heroes'

They are open to other suggestions and are willingly to host this in Fórsa or in a community space like Connolly Books for example.

Leas - Uachtarán asks if the Coiste Gnó is happy for ISSU to organise an event alongside Fórsa.

There is consensus among the Coiste Gnó to support this event.

7 - AOB

Paper 1 Update

Paper 1 in English and Irish will officially not be held at the end of Fifth year, a decision to defer this change was made last year. The Department of Education has decided to continue with Paper 1 in English and Irish to be held at the end of 6th Year.

Out of Office notices

Uachtarán states that his day out of office is on Saturday, so anything non-urgent to direct it to the Leas - Uachtarán.

ROB Training

Regional Liaison and Support Officer states the ROB Training will be held on Saturday the 24th of February.