

**NCGE Management of Guidance Committee 2017-2019**  
**Record of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**1. Minutes from the last meeting (31st May 2017) and Matters Arising**

The Matters Arising were discussed and the Minutes from the last MGC meeting were agreed. There were no action points from the meeting.

**2. National Forum on Guidance (NFG)**

The NCGE Director advised that the theme for the next (Winter) NFG, taking place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the Clock Tower, Department of Education & Skills (DES), will have the broad theme of 'diversity'. She gave an update on the Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA) thematic seminars (funded by Léargas and run by NCGE) which was a follow-on from the NCGE NFG on data gathering. The TCA Seminar is a two-part seminar with the first part on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September in Malahide, Co Dublin and the second part taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 in Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin. Participants are from all over Ireland and across Europe. Further information is available on the NCGE website.

**3. Career Learning and Development Framework (CLDF)**

The NCGE Director gave a brief update on the CLDF photo shoot launch which took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> September with Minister Bruton welcoming the launch. All details of the CLDF (published at Whole School Guidance Framework) and its press release are on the NCGE website (<http://www.ncge.ie/news/>).

**4. DES Online Compliance Survey**

The NCGE Director gave a brief update on the DES online compliance survey. This survey is on the DES website and NCGE having a page on their website with information on completing the survey, answers to questions and a worked example of a completed survey. DES has requested 100% completion (700+ schools) of the survey and following this there will be statistical analysis of all the data. DES will provide the results of this analysis.

**5. NCGE Scoping Report for DES**

The NCGE Director conveyed thanks, from the DES, to all who contributed to the NCGE Scoping Report which will be used to inform the terms of reference for the DES Review. The DES review is due to start in Q4 2017 and the review results to be completed in April 2018. It is envisaged that there will be strategic recommendations from this review.

**6. Report from the Finance Sub-Committee**

The NCGE Director provided a copy of the Finance Sub-Committee Report to the MGC Members. The Report was discussed and adopted by the MGC.

**7. New NCGE and Euroguidance Websites**

The NCGE Director advised the MGC that the new Euroguidance website (Euroguidance.ie) was launched in September with great success. The new NCGE website will be launched in November.

**8. Strategic Planning for 2018-2020**

Owing to the significance of the DES Review expected end April 2018 and the key strategic decisions to emerge from it, the MGC agreed to continue working on the numerous current strategic priorities and to extend the current Strategic Plan by 6 months to end April 2018. Post DES Review the MGC agreed to look at doing the whole 3-year Strategic Plan.

### **9. Cedefop - Estonia Presidency**

The NCGE Director gave a brief update on the 7th EU presidency conference on lifelong guidance policy held during European Guidance Week in Tallinn. The Director has been appointed by Cedefop as a representative for Ireland on CareersNet network.

### **10. FET Integrated Guidance Strategy**

The NCGE Director updated the MGC on the FET Integrated Information and Guidance Strategy submitted to DES and SOLAS by ETBI and NCGE. DES has indicated that further developments of this guidance strategy will be informed by the DES Review of the Guidance Service (as part of the Action Plan for Education 2017) and have asked NCGE and the ETBI to postpone the guidance strategy discussions pending the outcome of the Review.

### **11. Date of next meeting**

The date for the next meeting of the MGC was arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.