

NCGE Management of Guidance Committee 2017-2019
Record of the 4th Meeting
13th December 2017

1. Minutes from the last meeting (11th October) and Matters Arising

Minor amendments were made to the Minutes from the last Meeting. The Matters Arising were discussed and the Minutes from the last MGC meeting were agreed. Action points from the meeting had been completed.

2. National Forum on Guidance (NFG)

The Winter NFG took place on 18 October in the Clock Tower, DES with the broad theme of diversity. The report on the NFG is on the NCGE website: <https://www.ncge.ie/ncge/national-forum-guidance-second-meeting-2017>

NCGE will work with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland on a tool for guidance counsellors in helping persons with dyslexia.

3. Whole School Guidance Framework (WSGF)

NCGE received 23 applications from a wide range of schools for the WSGF pilot project, of which NCGE is planning to choose 15 for the pilot project. Each school was asked to choose from 2 strands (a) Looking at Whole School Guidance (WSG) Framework and (b) Delivering guidance in schools and the outcome of this. Strand (a) begins in February 2018. Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) has a specific interest in working in partnership with NCGE on this.

4. DES Online Compliance Survey

There is 60% compliance to date of the DES online compliance survey. For the 40% who have not completed the survey, they have to the end of January 2018 for returns. DES requires 100% compliance to complete the statistical analysis. NCGE has been asked by DES to support the analysis of the statistics.

5. DES Career Guidance Review

The Terms of Reference have not yet been agreed, however, DES has informed NCGE that the Review is due to start in Q1 and on track to finish at the end of Q2 2018.

6. FET Integrated Information and Guidance Strategy

The FET Integrated Information and Guidance Strategy and any talks on this are still on hold pending the outcome of the DES Review. Concern was raised on the “guidance issue in ETB” where a recruitment officer is being recruited to provide a ‘career guidance and counselling service’ which is not in line with the published DES Programme Recognition Framework. An urgent meeting with DES FET Section, SOLAS and NCGE has been requested.

7. 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.

8. Strategic Planning Activities for 2018

When the DES Review is completed work will start on the Strategic Plan for 2018-2022. Current work is on the strategic activities for 2018 as a continuation of the Strategic Plan 2015-2017.

9. Euroguidance (Information and Changes)

Hazel Stanley, the newly recruited Euroguidance Guidance Officer will commence her year-long secondment in NCGE on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

10. Plan and date of next meeting

At the beginning of the next MGC Meeting on 7th February 2018, each MGC Member will have 5 mins to talk about their work in guidance before the Committee continues with regular business items.

11. AOB

Eddie McGrath (EMcG) informed the Chair and the Committee that this would be his last meeting with the MGC as he has now retired from school and is no longer the President of the IGC. NCGE will inform DES and a request will be sent by them to the IGC for further nominations. On behalf of the MGC, the Chair thanked EMcG for his contribution to the Committee.

Roisin Doherty, has been nominated by DES to join the MGC as the rep for SOLAS. When the Léargas Board has approved this appointment, she will attend the next MGC Meeting.

The DEASP Rep informed the MGC that the current Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme ([SICAP](#)) is to end this year and a new 5-year programme due to commence in 2018.