

NCGE Management of Guidance Committee (MGC) 2017-2019
Record of the 7th Meeting
18th June 2018

1. Minutes from the last meeting (25 April 2018) and Matters Arising

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1.1. DES Online Compliance Survey

The report on the completed survey to be issued – no date set still.

1.2. NCGE Output Statement

Minor changes signed off on the NCGE Output Statement which was completed and submitted to Léargas. The Léargas Annual Report to be completed by end of June and NCGE will update the MGC when published and send them a link.

1.3. SOLAS – FET Guidance

Andrew Brownlee is the newly appointed SOLAS Executive Director with whom NCGE is meeting to set up agreements on GDPR implications for DES, SOLAS and NCGE with regard to the Adult Guidance Management System and the Progress Review of the FET Strategy 2014-2019. NCGE is hosting the next scheduled meeting of NCGE and Directors of FET; and the NCGE Director will update the MGC at the next MGC meeting in September.

2. Report from the Finance Sub-Committee

There was an update rather than a report from the Finance Sub-Committee as the Q2 report was not due until early July. Léargas Board advised that NCGE budget and expenditure are on target.

DES has sanctioned recruitment for a one-year full-time contract for a Guidance Programme Administrator which will be a salary, rather than a programme cost.

Update on SOLAS Rep joining the Finance Sub-Committee at the next MGC Meeting.

3. MGC Members Update

3.1. NCGE Director update re EU Commission & Cedefop

Handout on EU Commission Guidance Study given to the MGC to read. This is an 18-month process, due to start in Autumn and running in 2020 to indicate where guidance will fit in the future. All questions to be directed to the NCGE Director.

The NCGE Director informed the MGC about the Cedefop CareersNet Network, a network of national experts on lifelong guidance and careers education, created to collect comparable and reliable information in the field of lifelong guidance and career development issues and to inform Cedefop on what is happening in guidance across Europe. One representative from each country is invited to participate on the network; none is a governmental rep and all come from various backgrounds (e.g. former ELGPN). In 2017, the NCGE Director was appointed by Cedefop to act as a National Expert (Ireland) within the CareersNet.

National authorities are not obliged to support CareersNet, however, Cedefop would appreciate any support to CareersNet members in collecting relevant data and analysis in the field of lifelong guidance and career development issues (e.g. official statistics, national reports/plans, estimates, study results). The NCGE Director will provide further updates to the MGC as appropriate.

4. DES Career Guidance Review

The MGC submission for the Review was emailed before the first deadline (Friday 25 May) which was then extended to 1 June 2018. A discussion took place among the MGC members on the final submission. It was noted that even with the last minute deadline extension the timeframe was too short for all members to meet to discuss in full.

The MGC Chair and NCGE Director have been invited and will attend the Indecon Guidance Review Consultation Workshop on 19 July in Farmleigh Phoenix Park.

5. AOB

The NCGE Director mentioned that NCGE is working on moving MGC group communication system from the VLE (Moodle) to the NCGE website (online meeting space) with the aim to have it in place for the September meeting. Further information on the online meeting space will be emailed to the MGC before the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 12:55.