

Organisation information

Advisory Group for Contingency Planning for State Examinations 2020

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Who we are

The group has ceased activities and reconvened as the [Advisory Group on Planning for State Examinations 2021](#)

What we do

Advisory Group established to identify and advise the Minister and State Examinations Commission on altered arrangements for the running of the 2020 state examinations, the certification of students' learning in 2020 and any consequential actions arising.

The expected timeframe for the group is April 2020 to September 2020. The group will meet twice weekly at the outset.

Terms of Reference

- To enable all examination candidates to be enabled to demonstrate their learning achievements to their best ability despite the disruption to their learning caused by the Covid-19 crisis
- All Leaving Certificate (LC) candidates to receive a fair recognition for their learning achievements so that they will be able to use their LC grades to seek entry to higher or further education or the world of work in autumn 2020
- To minimise, as far as possible, the particular impact that school closures have had on the learning and examination performances of vulnerable groups of students. These include students from disadvantaged backgrounds (including students in homelessness or emergency accommodation, students in refugee/asylum seeker accommodation), students for whom remote learning has not worked well, and students with special educational needs
- To care for students' well-being by reducing any additional stress that may be caused for them by the Covid-19 crisis, including stress associated with uncertainty, disrupted learning, economic stress, family bereavements and pressures to gain places in higher and further education
- To minimise any risks to the safety and health of students and their families, and to the safety and health of teachers and other school and SEC staff who enable them to participate in examinations or other assessments.

Membership

Seán Ó Foghlú	(Chairperson) Secretary General, Department of Education (DE)	*
Reuban Murray	President, Irish Second-Level Students' Union (ISSU)	
Alison Dervan	Student Voice Development Manager, ISSU	
Áine Lynch	Chief Executive, National Parents' Council – Primary (NPC-P)	
Mai Fanning President	National Parents' Council – Post-Primary (NPC-PP)	

Ann Piggott	President, Association of Secondary teachers Ireland (ASTI)	
Kieran Christie	General Secretary, ASTI	
Martin Marjoram	President, Teachers' Union of Ireland (TUI)	
Michael Gillespie	General Secretary, TUI	
John Curtis	General Secretary, Joint Managerial Body (JMB)	
John Irwin	General Secretary, Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools (ACCS)	
Nessa White	General Secretary, Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI)	
Clive Byrne	Chief Executive, National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD)	
Aidan Farrell	Chief Executive, State Examinations Commission (SEC)	
Andrea Feeney	Director, Calculated Grades Executive Office, DE	
John Hammond	Chief Executive, National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)	
William Beausang	Assistant Secretary General, DFHERIS	
Keith Moynes	Assistant Secretary General, DFHERIS	
Anne Tansey	Director, National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)	
Harold Hislop	Chief Inspector, DE	
Deirdre Shanley	Assistant Secretary General, DE	
Dalton Tattan	Assistant Secretary General, DE	
Yvonne Keating	Deputy Chief Inspector, DE	
Orlaith O'Connor	Assistant Chief Inspector, DE	
Eamonn Moran	Principal Officer, DE	
Ciara Molloy	Assistant Principal Officer, DE	
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