

Note of meeting, SC SPHE Development Group meeting #3

January 23rd, 2023

Agenda item		Decision/Action
Agenda and minutes	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the group and the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with no matters arising.	
Report on Background Paper and Brief for the redevelopment of Senior Cycle SPHE	<p>A presentation on the main findings from the Report was followed by discussion. Amongst the points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students' critique of current approaches to 'teaching resilience' merits consideration when framing LOs • Agreed that we should not name specific social influencers in the report • The report highlights the importance of developing skills and capacities of young people through SC SPHE • Importance of being sensitive to the language used in SPHE (for example to avoid stigmatizing body types, the need to 'normalise' discussions about LGBTQ+ issues while avoiding 'othering') • The need for the learning outcomes to be cognisant of, and cater for, the experiences of <i>all</i> students insofar as possible. 	The findings from the Report will inform the work of the Development Group
Draft aim and rationale	A small number of suggested amendments to the draft aim and rationale were discussed and agreed.	Feedback will be taken into account in redrafting the aim and rationale
Guidelines on developing learning outcomes	A presentation on the principles and guidelines for writing learning outcomes was made. The group agreed that this provided a helpful overview of the key considerations that need to be kept in mind when developing LOs for the SPHE curriculum.	
Reviewing draft learning outcomes	<p>Feedback and discussion was facilitated on a set of draft learning outcomes which were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Suggestions regarding the re-positioning and reformatting of LOs were noted and will be incorporated into the next draft.</p>	A redrafted set of LOs will be circulated to the DG within a week, inviting further suggestions.
AOB and dates for next meetings	<p>Under AOB the Chairperson suggested the main points of information regarding SC development work that DG members might share with the bodies they represent.</p> <p>Dates for meetings: Agreed</p>	