

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 3

Short Description

Date: 11th December 2024

Time: 11.00 am to 3.30 pm

Senior Cycle Home Economics	Development Group Meeting Short Description
Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome, opening remarks and overview of the day	The Chairperson opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members. Minutes were read and matters arising seen to.
Rationale, Aims, Continuity and Progression	The Executive updated the group on the draft text, emphasising the need to focus on the overall structure and broader perspective while inviting comments to refine and finalise the rationale through further discussions.
Structure (broad)	The meeting focused on the strands of study, learning outcomes, and specification structure for Home Economics, emphasising the importance of a holistic, non-linear approach, sustainability, and practical application, with group discussions proposing various unifying themes, strands, and applied learning tasks while addressing concerns about assessment workload, gender balance, and retaining the core identity of the subject, with plans for further review and reflection at the next meeting.
Assessment Parameters	The Executive outlined the Assessment Parameters for tranche 3 subjects, focusing on appropriate weighting, reducing reliance on written examinations, and supporting key competencies, while discussions raised concerns about timing and workload, with plans for further reflection and consultation at the next meeting.
Next steps and next meeting	The Chairperson and Executive outlined an overview of the schedule of meetings. The Chairperson then reflected on the work done and thanked the members for their attendance and contributions. Next meeting: 16th January 2025