

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 5

Short Description

Date: 13th February 2025

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.
Draft Structure for Senior Cycle Home Economics	The Executive presented a draft Senior Cycle Home Economics structure with three core strands—Living Well, Sustainable and Responsible Living, and Family, Community, and Society—along with an optional unifying strand to promote critical thinking. Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) were introduced to enhance practical learning, though opinions on their role were divided. Discussions focused on subject overlap, sustainability, assessment structure, and ensuring Home Economics retains a distinct identity. Concerns were raised about the subject's level, social responsibility content, and ALTs' implementation. The group later provided feedback on the draft specification, which will be reviewed 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: 13th Febraury 2025