

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 4

Short Description

Date: 16th January 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.
Feedback on structures from Meeting 3	The Executive summarised feedback from the previous meeting and outlined plans for its integration into group tasks. The use of flexible curriculum mechanisms, such as unifying strands and applied learning tasks, was explained, with an emphasis on their alignment with assessments. Concerns were raised regarding the level of assessment when including the applied learning tasks, the written component and the additional assessment component. Additionally, it was noted that the programme's rationale and aims would be revisited to ensure coherence and consistency.
Presentation on Designing Learning Outcomes	The Executive delivered a presentation on designing learning outcomes, emphasising alignment with the NFQ, clarity, relevance, and collaboration. The use of action verbs and Bloom's Taxonomy was highlighted, alongside the importance of maintaining a balanced approach to avoid common pitfalls, such as creating excessive or overly complex learning outcomes.
Group Work	The Executive introduced a brainstorming activity on learning outcomes, noting that the structure would be revisited in the next meeting. The discussions emphasised the importance of balancing specificity with flexibility, considering time constraints, and promoting an integrated approach to developing learning outcomes.
Next steps and next meeting	<p>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.</p> <p>Next meeting: 13th Febraury 2025</p>