

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 10

Short Description

Date: 9th October 2025

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.
Strand 3 Feedback	Members reviewed Strand 3 to discuss clarity, inclusivity, and alignment across the specification. Discussion centred on refining content, reducing overlap, and ensuring a balanced and practical focus within the learning outcomes, ensuring a clear Home Economics perspective to the learning.
Unifying Strand Feedback	Members discussed refining the Unifying Strand to strengthen coherence, practicality, and accessibility across the specification. They emphasised the importance of a clearer focus on applied learning, simplified language and clear layout.
Assessment	<p>Members discussed a potential model for an additional assessment component. The members highlighted the importance of assessing practical learning in any potential model for the AAC in Home Economics, while equally emphasising the necessity of maintaining a balanced, equitable, and student-centred approach. Considerations included alignment with learning outcomes, consistency in implementing an AAC across settings, and ensuring reliability, fairness, validity and feasibility of any potential assessment models.</p> <p>It was noted that the potential loss of a meaningful practical element could have implications on student engagement and subject uptake.</p> <p>Members indicated a desire for a practical food skills examination but acknowledged the need for further discussion on the feasibility of such an approach for Leaving Certificate Home Economics</p>

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: Wednesday, 12th November 2025</p>
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