

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 13

Short Description

Date: 9th December 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.
Assessment	The group discussed their overall preferences for assessment, emphasising the need for a stronger focus on assessment of advanced practical skills and greater flexibility in how evidence of learning is captured. There was a general consensus among members that they didn't support a solely written submission as evidence of learning for the additional assessment component. In reviewing the two proposed AACs, members expressed a preference for an assessment task centred on food practical skills, while noting the need to strengthen the emphasis on practical skills across both AACs. The AAC as presented at the meeting requires further discussion and development.
Specification	<p>Teaching for Student Learning The group noted that the <i>Teaching for Student Learning</i> section is improved, with the focus on practical contexts particularly welcomed. Members recommended clearer emphasis practical skills and related teaching approaches, alongside refinement of references to digital tools, inclusion, and key competencies.</p> <p>Unifying Strand The redrafted unifying strand was welcomed, with members recommending simplification and refinement of some learning outcomes, and a stronger emphasis on practical, iterative problem-solving informed by feedback.</p> <p>Strand 1 Members suggested a number of minor wording, alignment and structural edits to specific learning outcomes in Strand 1.</p>
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.

	<p>The meeting finished at 2.50 pm due to an orange weather and therefore the agenda was not completed.</p> <p>Next meeting: TBC</p>
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