

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 9

Short Description

Date: 8th September 2025

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

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 and Cross-cutting Themes	<p>Rationale: The group agreed the rationale is clear but highlighted the need for consistency, balance of skills and knowledge, and reduced emphasis on public policy.</p> <p>Aims: The group welcomed the focus on personal agency and home context, but recommended closer alignment with the strands, refinement of language, and moderation of digital literacy and policy references.</p> <p>Cross-cutting Themes: Members expressed concern that the themes are overly broad, complex, and duplicative of the unifying strand, with calls for stronger emphasis on practical application.</p>
Strand 1 Learning Outcomes	The group welcomed the clear progression and practical focus but recommended reducing detail in the students learn about (SLA) column, avoiding duplication, and refining outcomes to strengthen alignment and application.
Strand 2 Learning Outcomes	Members highlighted the contemporary and practical focus as a strength, while also pointing to excessive content, overlap between outcomes, questions about financial literacy and circular economy, and mixed views on the future of textiles.
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: 14th October 2025</p>