

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	<p>The Chairperson opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members. Minutes were read and matters arising seen to.</p>
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	<p>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.</p>
Strand 2 Learning Outcomes	<p>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.</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: 14th October 2025</p>