

ISSU STUDENT COUNCIL SCALE

The **ISSU Student Council Scale** is a tool which you can use to benchmark your own student council and identify improvements you can make.

The updated scale looks at **3 different categories** in which you can compare your student council

STRUCTURE & WORK

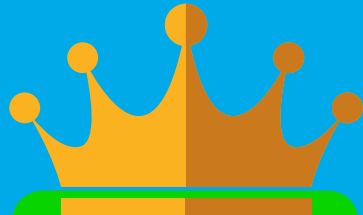
How is your student council set up, and how much work is it doing?

CAMPAIGNS & COOPERATION

How is your student council fighting to better students' rights, and how are you working with management?

ISSU MEMBERSHIP

How should you be interacting with ISSU, and how can ISSU help you?



LEVEL 5

STRUCTURE & WORK

- Does your school recognise the student council as a fully autonomous, representative body of students?
- Is your student council capable and willing to work on multiple projects / campaigns?

CAMPAIGNS & COOPERATION

- Advisory member of Board of Management
- Do you meet with Board of Management representatives or the Parents Council when appropriate?

ISSU MEMBERSHIP

- Do you nominate students to run for election for the National Student's Executive (NSE)?

LEVEL 4

- Does your student council lead campaigns in your school?
- Does your student council have subgroups or specific officers to run campaigns and projects?

- Has your student council ever initiated a meeting or made a presentation to the Board of Management with an idea?
- Do you propose amendments to school policies to the Board of Management?

- Do you nominate students to sit on ISSU working groups?
- Do you propose motions at Annual Assembly?
- Do you nominate students to run for Regional Officer

LEVEL 3

- Does your school recognise the student council as stakeholder that should be consulted and worked with?

- Has your student council ever met the Board of Management?

- Do you actively communicate with your local ISSU Regional Officers or the NSE, and input to their work and consultations?

LEVEL 2

- Does your student council meet regularly (at least once a month, ideally every 2 weeks)?
- Are you actively consulting students in all classes, using different methods?

- Have you ever input to a school policy review?
- Do you communicate with your school principal?
- Do you have meetings with the school principal?

- Has your student council been represented at one ISSU event in the past year?
- Do you register delegates to attend Annual Assembly and Regional Council?

LEVEL 1

- Are your student council members democratically - elected?
- Is there equal representation for each year on your SC?
- Is there a Chairperson, Secretary and other roles on your student council?

- Does your student council know the structure and make up of the Board of Management?
- Does your student council read and understand the school policies?

- Have you joined the ISSU?
- Have you elected an ISSU School Rep?
- Does your School Rep attend meetings with their Regional Officers?
- Do you apply for and receive ISSU student council training?

LEVEL 0

- Does your school have a student council?
- Does your student council have a student council liaison teacher?
- Does your student council have a constitution?

At Level 0, there is generally little or no campaigns being carried out or communication with other stakeholders in the school taking place

At Level 0, student councils are generally not eligible for ISSU membership. We can of course help your to develop though! Contact studentvoice@issu.ie for help and advice

Start at Level 0 and read upwards to see where your student council is in each category!

