



**ISSU**  
IRISH SECOND-LEVEL  
STUDENTS' UNION

# ISSU SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES 2020/21

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BEING AN  
ISSU SCHOOL REP!



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# GENERAL INFO



# WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Congratulations! You are now an ISSU School Representative!

As an ISSU School Rep you will play a key role in ensuring that your student council reaps the benefits of being a member of the ISSU. You will be the link in communication between your region's Regional Officer and the Student Council in your school. Your role is integral to the grassroots development of the Irish Second-Level Students' Union. Make the most of it!

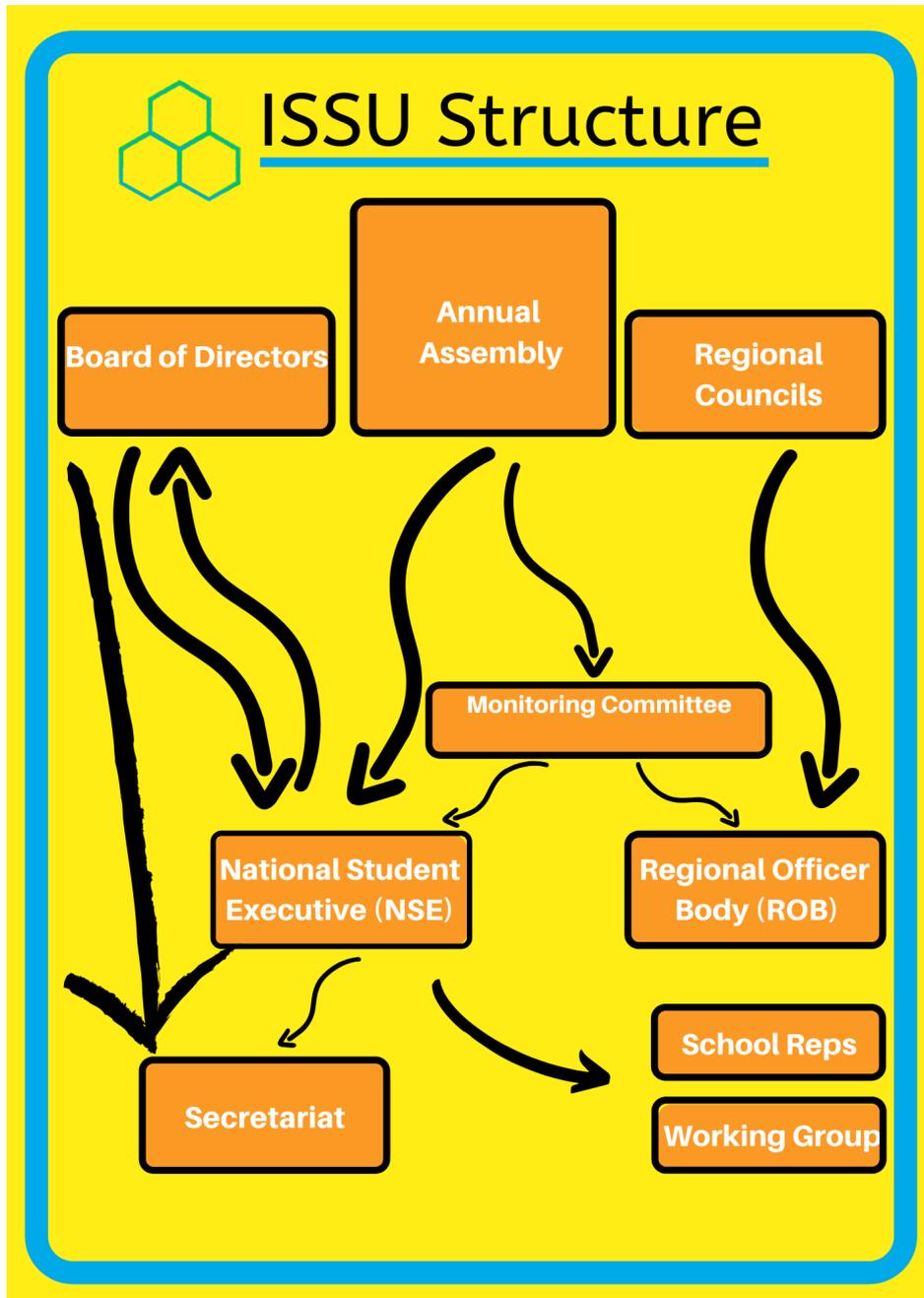


# WHAT IS THE ISSU?

First things first, what exactly is the ISSU? The Irish Second-Level Students' Union is the national representative body for second-level students' in Ireland. We represent, uplift and defend student voice. Throughout the year we meet with stakeholders, carry out events and campaigns on a national and regional level touching on a broad range of topics related to students from direct provision to education reform.



# OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ISSU



**YOU!**

# What is a Regional Officer ?

The ISSU Regional Officer is a second-level student who was elected at your local regional council this year. There are 22 Regional Councils that the ISSU host all around Ireland which aim to bring student councils in the region together to debate, discuss and determine the issues and problems students face regionally and nationally. At this event we also elect 2 students to represent their region (Regional Officers) and who will co-ordinate the ISSU school reps in their region in the year ahead! Collectively the regional officers are called the Regional Officer Body (R.O.B)



# What is a Regional Council ?

Every year the ISSU hosts 22 regional councils across Ireland. Member schools of the ISSU are invited to these events. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet other students on their school student councils or who are interested in student voice.





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# INFO ABOUT SCHOOL REPS



# Who are the ISSU School Reps?

Each school in every region will have 1 ISSU School Rep per student council.

The ISSU School Reps will be a new position on the student council.

The ISSU School Reps must be democratically elected onto the student council.

Your school must be a member of the ISSU to have an ISSU School Rep. You can apply for membership online. Please ask your Regional Officer if you are a member school if you are unsure.



# How are the ISSU School Reps elected?

*Situation: It is the start of the year and the student council has not been formed yet.*

1. The position of the ISSU School Rep will be listed along with other positions vacant on the student council such as, chairperson, secretary etc..
2. Students' in the school may run for the position and will be elected by their peers democratically.
3. *The ISSU School Rep has now been elected*

*Situation: The student council has already been formed but the student council want to elect an ISSU School Rep to be co-opted onto the student council for the rest of the year*

1. The student council will hold an election within their school for the position
2. Anyone in the school (even those on the student council) may run for the position
3. The ISSU School Rep is democratically elected to the student council

*\*\*NOTE: The way in which each individual school elects students to their student council is up to them. It is the responsibility of the student council to ensure this is democratic. The ISSU currently use the proportional representation, single transferable voting method at our national and regional elections.*

# What do the ISSU School Reps do?

The main role of the ISSU School Reps is to be the link in communication from the Regional Officer to the Student Council and the students in their school.

The ISSU School Reps promote the work of the ISSU to their student council i.e. informing them of events, campaigns, opportunities.

- Events such as Annual Assembly, Regional Councils, Invitations to events with stakeholders, ISSU consultation events etc..
- Campaigns may include, Climate action, education reform, vote at 16 etc..

The ISSU School Reps in each region will assist the Regional Officer with any tasks they are carrying out.

- This may involve helping to organise regional councils or a specific event that the regional officer is working on e.g. creating graphics for event, organising catering, recruit participants etc etc.

The Regional Officer should be in contact with the ISSU School Reps on a regular basis via email and google chats.

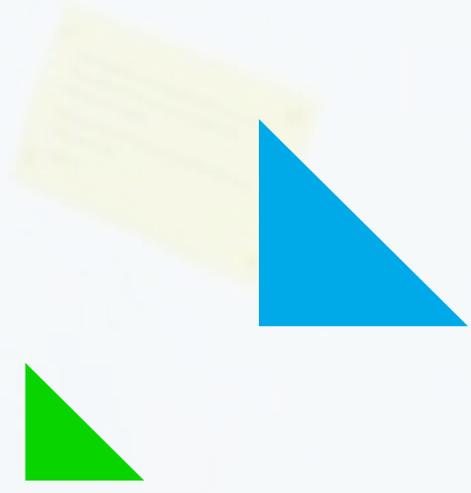
The ISSU School Reps may report any issues they are having within their school to the Regional Officer in order to receive support, help and guidance

ISSU School Reps can suggest campaign/event ideas to their Regional Officer which they feel are relevant to their school

ISSU School Reps may ask for assistance from the regional officer in carrying out their own events and campaigns specific to their school



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# REGIONAL INFO



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# Regional Council Locations

1. Carlow-Kilkenny
2. Cavan-Monaghan
3. Clare
4. Cork City
5. Cork County
6. Donegal
7. Dublin City
8. Dublin Fingal
9. Dublin South
10. Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown
11. Galway
12. Kerry
13. Kildare-Wicklow
14. Laois-Offaly
15. Limerick
16. Longford-Westmeath
17. Louth-Meath
18. Mayo
19. Sligo-Leitrim-Roscommon
20. Tipperary
21. Waterford
22. Wexford



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