

National Counter Disinformation Strategy

Working Group – Minutes of 6th Meeting

10 August 2023

Attendees:

- Martina Chapman (Independent Chair)
- Seamus Hempenstall (D/TCAGSM - Secretariat)
- Paul Kilkenny (D/TCAGSM - Secretariat)
- Fiona Shevlin (D/TCAGSM - Secretariat)
- Eve Quilty (D/TCAGSM - Secretariat)
- Eugene Farrelly (D/Taoiseach)
- Susan Daly (Press Ombudsman Representative)
- Cormac Flood (Department of Justice)
- Deborah Molloy Bergin (Coimisiún na Meán)
- Eileen Culloty (Dublin City University)
- Sabha Greene (Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment)
- Eunice Delaney (An Coimisiún Toghcháin)
- Johnny Ryan (Irish Council for Civil Liberties)
- Paul Gordon (National Youth Council of Ireland)
- Robert O'Driscoll (Department of Foreign Affairs)
- Vincent O'Brien (National Cyber Security Centre)
- John Dunne (National Cyber Security Centre)

The Chair welcomed Working Group members to the sixth meeting. As some alternate nominees were present, brief introductions were conducted at the start of the meeting.

1. Draft minutes of fifth meeting (3 July) and matters arising

The Chair presented the draft minutes of the fifth meeting for approval. They were approved subject to some minor technical changes.

2. Draft Scoping Paper for Agreement

The Secretariat outlined the intention to publish the scoping paper as a basis for the public consultation. It was suggested that as such, the paper should note that views expressed in it did not necessarily represent official views of members of the WG. Chair and Secretariat will consider.

3. Public consultation update

Secretariat updated that the public consultation is planned for early September. The Working Group considered a draft survey questionnaire. Ways in which to allow respondents identify their organisation (as applicable) and appropriate word limits were discussed. Secretariat will consider further with the Chair.

4. Individual submissions

The Chair and Secretariat reiterated their invitation to all members of the group to make individual submissions using the template (Secretariat has engaged with members on this as well).

5. Draft schedule for Consultation Forum

The Secretariat outlined the proposed schedule for the consultation forum event. The Working Group considered the strategic objectives and format with a view to giving participants the opportunity to feedback substantively.

6. Suggested speakers and invitees for the Forum

As part of the discussion of the format and making best use of time, the necessity of including a keynote speaker was discussed. Chair invited the Working Group to consider further and revert with suggestions and/or feedback.

7. Next meeting of Working Group

The next meeting of the Working Group is Thursday 28 September at 11am in Kildare Street.

8. AOB

There were no matters arising under AOB.

NCDS Secretariat

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