

## Email to Guidance Counsellors re Autumn Conferences – 22 October 2021

Dear Guidance Counsellor,

I regret to inform you that, in consultation with the Higher Education Institutions, a decision has been reached to cancel the in-person IGC/HEI/CAO Autumn Conferences.

When we were organising these events, we had agreed to proceed subject to the approval of the public health measures that were scheduled to come into place on 22 October. We apologise for the short notice; however, we were monitoring the evolving situation closely and in the interests of the health and safety of our delegates, colleagues in the HEIs, and CAO staff, we have decided to move the events **online only**.

The benefits of the physical conferences include the Q&A session and the opportunity to engage with each other at the intervals, however in order to comply with the current regulations it would not be possible to achieve this level of engagement. We are very disappointed that we are not proceeding in the traditional format, and very much hope that the country will be in a better position next November.

In the meantime, I ask that you **click on the below link to register for one of the four online conferences**. In order to ensure that you do not have any scheduling issues, we have decided to offer an online conference on each of the days that a physical conference had been scheduled to take place.

### [Conference Registration Link](#)

Those who have already registered for the Sligo Conference, if your schedule allows, I ask that you consider attending an alternative online event as attendance figures at this online event are already very high, and we would prefer a more even spread across each of the online events to help facilitate the Q&A session. If an alternative date does not suit, you do not need to do anything as your existing registration for the live stream event will still stand.

If you have any questions, please email us via the Contact form and mark 'Conference' in the subject line and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph O'Grady

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**General Manager**