

Membership of ICOS

ICOS welcomes new members:

Full Membership (with voting rights) is available to:

- Educational institutions and professional training organisations based in the Republic of Ireland
- Student organisations, faith bodies, NGOs, private and public sector organisations with an interest in international education

Subscription Service (without voting rights) is available to:

- Small educational institutions/voluntary organisations with low numbers of staff/students
- Individuals who are not attached to member or potential member organisations

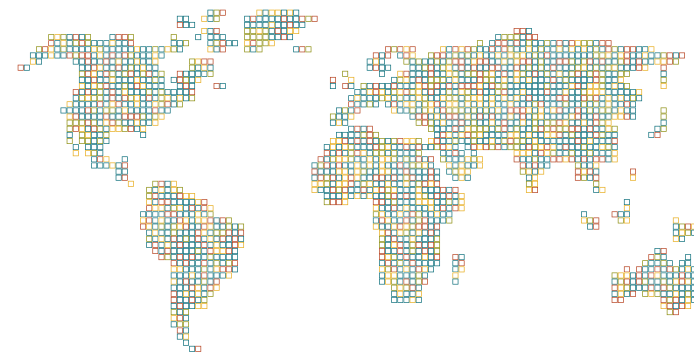
MEMBER BENEFITS

- Be part of an active network of like minded professionals
- Keep updated on developments in the sector locally and internationally through regular e-bulletins and ICOS website
- Avail of advice service from experienced staff
- Benefit from subsidised training and network events

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- Athlone Institute of Technology
- Ballsbridge College of Further Education
- Champlain College Dublin
- Dublin Business School
- Dublin City University
- Dublin Institute of Technology
- Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology
- Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
- Griffith College
- IES Abroad Dublin
- International Study Institute Ireland
- Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
- Institute of Technology Carlow
- Institute of Technology Sligo
- Institute of Technology Tallaght
- Institute of Technology Tralee
- Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland
- Limerick Institute of Technology
- National College of Art and Design
- National College of Ireland
- National University of Ireland Galway
- National University of Ireland Maynooth
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- Shannon College of Hotel Management
- Trinity College Dublin
- Union of Students in Ireland
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin
- University of Limerick
- Waterford Institute of Technology
- Individual members and Subscribers

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What is ICOS?

The Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) is an independent non-profit network of educational institutions, NGOs and individuals interested in international education and working with government and other agencies to promote good policies and best practice in relation to the recruitment, access and support of international students in Irish education.

What is ICOS' vision?

That all students who come to Ireland to study achieve their educational aims and are valued and treated equitably by the institutions that host them and by the wider society in which they live and work.

What are ICOS' Key Aims?

- ❑ Promoting the rights and entitlements of international students
- ❑ Promoting good practice and professional standards in the quality of service offered to international students in Irish Educational Institutions
- ❑ Promoting the role of international education in contributing to global understanding and human development

How is ICOS Governed?

ICOS is governed by a Council made up of its members and to which it reports annually at its AGM. This body decides on broad strategy and membership issues and elects an Executive Committee to oversee the implementation of its work programme. ICOS has a full-time professional staff operating from its office in Dublin.

Fellowship Programme Administration

ICOS works closely with the Irish Aid Directorate in the Department of Foreign Affairs on the management and administration of the Fellowship Training Programme (FTP). This is one of the instruments used by Irish Aid to support capacity development in Ireland's programme countries in Africa and Asia. The FTP involves the award of fellowships to suitably qualified candidates from partner countries to undertake studies, usually at postgraduate level, in fields such as development studies, rural development, health care and education and other disciplines which are likely to support and enhance the capacity of recipients to contribute to the development effort in their own countries.

ICOS' responsibilities include placement administration, travel and accommodation services as well financial management and practical support to Study Fellows while they are in Ireland.

ICOS offers advice to Irish Aid on the quality and range of courses available under the FTP and, in addition, provides support for the development of an alumni network of former fellows.

ICOS Activities

❑ POLICY

ICOS members seek to reach common positions and influence Government, educational institutions, the media and public opinion generally on matters which affect the rights, entitlements and welfare of international students in Ireland. Typical actions are submissions and representations to Government and the organisation of national seminars and meetings.

❑ SUPPORT

ICOS supports the professional development of its members through information services, training workshops and special events.

❑ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ICOS engages with international students and their representative organisations to ensure that their voice is heard. The main vehicle for this engagement is an annual International Students Forum.

ICOS also provides information support directly to students through its website and offers mediation and advice to students in difficulty.