



National Strategy for Higher Education

The Higher Education Strategy Group has been established by the Minister for Education and Science with detailed terms of reference. The Group is expected to report to the Minister by year end.

The Group wishes to take account of the views of all stakeholders as it prepares its report and proposes to undertake a two phase process of consultation. Accordingly a structured process of consultation will take place in August/September. This will take the form of a consultation document on the major issues arising from its terms of reference.

In addition at the first stage of the process, the Group is now inviting submissions in respect of the development of the vision and objectives for Irish higher education. Accordingly, stakeholders are invited to submit

- the **three** most significant changes that they would wish to see made to Irish higher education, and
- the barriers or obstacles which they would identify to the achievement of those objectives.

In light of the above, you are invited to submit your views on this first stage of the process using the Guidance Document. You can download this document by clicking [here](#).

The Terms of Reference document is available for download [here](#).

Where submissions are being made, the Group requests that they would be limited to no more than 2,000 words. Submissions should be made electronically no later than Friday 19th June 2009, to hstrategy@education.gov.ie or to

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Disclosure of submissions

All those making submissions should be aware that it is the intention of the Group to make the submissions publicly available, unless otherwise requested, and that any submissions received will also subject to requests for release under the Freedom of Information Acts.