

# TU Dublin Students' Union Student Council Officer Report 22/23

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn Aontas na Mac Leinn, Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta, Baile Átha Cliath 22/23



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#### **Key Points Since Last Meeting**

Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

### **Library Hours**

The library hours have been reduced even further due to staff shortages. I am working on a review document of TU Dublin's library hours. This document will contain research including two sets of data collections (students' opinions on library hours), outline the more accessible library hours in other institutions, and include academic references supporting accessible library hours regarding student learning. Besides this, I have been expressing student opinions about the library hours to the library staff and at multiple boards and meetings.

### **Class Rep Training**

Overnight class rep training took place in the Westgrove hotel on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Some great workshops were held, and class reps got to have some fun and get to know each other, which was great to see.

Nstep will be the next class rep training event. The 'Our Student Voice' materials are available on the TU Dublin website.

#### **Class Rep Meetings**

The second round of class rep meetings has now taken place. Every report is being logged and followed up on. Common themes across all sites include the need for hybrid learning approaches within TU, the lack of microwaves, and the delay in releasing exam timetables, with some students having exams approaching in 3 weeks and still waiting to receive an exam timetable. Inconsistencies with library hours were also brought up on some sites. I have been working on all the issues mentioned besides the microwaves (which should be addressed here at the council today), and I welcome any questions about these issues.

Lots of casework has also been propping up for individual classes. Myself Ian, Hazel, and Adam have been addressing these, and I plan to improve the Excel casework system in a way that student advisors can help cases regarding issues with specific modules; so the officers can focus on issues that are affecting multiple classes either on one site or across the city campus. An example of that type of issue would be the availability of free period products or lobbying for the earlier release of exam timetables.



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#### **Bolton St**

There are issues regarding facilities that affect all sites throughout the city centre campus. All of which need to be addressed. However, Bolton St has been facing many problems. Broken chairs, broken tables, poor ventilation, unsanitary bathrooms in Linen Hall, and bikes being stolen due to broken doors are just a few issues students studying here are facing. I want to thank student councilor Roberto Leahy who has agreed to take pictures throughout Bolton St and share them with me. I also encourage anyone who sees issues on their site to take a picture if possible; a picture is a great resource when reporting issues.

### **European Youth Forum**

I went to Brussels to attend the European Youth Forum with Education Officers from other student unions. It was great to participate in multiple workshops. Workshops were surrounded by activism, organisation, and communications. A European Youth Forum campaign of note is the #Banunpaidinternships campaign. I also met with the European Students Union which officially launched their Education is Freezing campaign.

Anyone interested in EU-funded initiatives could follow the link below, and click on 'EU initiatives https://youth.europa.eu



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Meetings Attended (and Number) Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)	Priorities for Next Period Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile
3x Education meetings 1x meeting with Clodagh USI 2x Class rep training meetings 5x class rep meetings 1x GRSB 1x Faculty board 1x Academic board 1x education working group 1x national council 1x meeting with ESU 2x TAM	Library Campaign  Access Support (if motion passes)  Class Rep Elections  Class Rep Training  - Nstep  - Handbook release  - Promotion of Our Student Voice  Exams Campaign  Class Rep Casework  Join the NAIN, and plan the academic integrity campaign
Events/Activities Attended Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí	Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted) Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)



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Gifts Received Bronntanais a Fuarthas	Personal Expenses Costaisí phearsanta  Prizes for class rep training – 100.90
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#### Any Other Matters

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I am happy to see that we now have a new staff member, Education Executive – Liam Cosgrave.