



**TU Dublin Students' Union**  
**Student Council Officer Report 23/24**  
*Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn*  
*Aontas na Mac Leinn, Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta,*  
*Baile Átha Cliath 23/24*



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**Key Points of work carried out since last meeting**

*Príomhphointí ón gcrúinniú deireanach*

**Social Justice week**

As the Ethnic Diversity Officer of the Student Union, I actively participated in enhancing inclusivity and representation within our community through arts such as dancing. During Social Justice Week, I facilitated the organization of dance classes by liaising with facilities managers to secure appropriate rooms and timings. Additionally, I coordinated with dance instructors to ensure the seamless execution of these classes, while personally overseeing the events to guarantee smooth operations. To maximize participation, I engaged with students individually, encouraging their attendance and fostering a welcoming atmosphere. Recognizing the importance of diversity in our offerings, I collaborated with dance society leaders to select a diverse range of dances reflective of our student demographic. Furthermore, I reached out to cultural societies, persuading them to support and promote our events, thereby broadening our reach and impact. My proactive involvement extended to logistical support, as I arranged for the sound system, essential for creating an immersive dance experience. Through these efforts, I aimed to foster a sense of belonging and unity, ensuring that all members of our community felt represented and valued.

**Culture week**

In support of the International Students Officer, Marco Nocerino, I actively contributed to two key events: Game Night and the Talent Show. At Game Night, I familiarized myself with the rules of the games and took on the role of moderator, ensuring smooth gameplay and an enjoyable experience for all participants. Additionally, I had the privilege of awarding prizes to the winners of each game, further enhancing engagement and excitement. For the Talent Show held in the city centre, I enthusiastically encouraged fellow students to attend, amplifying the event's audience and impact. Collaborating closely with Marco, I performed a classic cultural song, adding a touch of diversity and inclusivity to the showcase. Moreover, I seized the opportunity to engage with ERASMUS students, discussing upcoming events and strategies to increase our presence and influence within the student community. Through these endeavours, I aimed to strengthen bonds among international and local students while enriching the cultural tapestry of our university experience.

**Solidarity shoutout**

I participated in the solidarity shoutout event, a crucial initiative convened in response to de-escalating racial tensions and hate crimes targeting foreign nationals within our university community. The event served as a pivotal platform for fostering understanding, empathy, and proactive measures to address these pressing issues. Esteemed speakers like our very own Mr. Philip Owende were invited to address the audience, delivering impassioned speeches on the paramount importance of equality, diversity, and inclusion in our educational environment. Their poignant insights underscored the university's unwavering commitment to upholding racial harmony and combating discrimination in all its forms. Moreover, the event provided a forum for open dialogue and reflection, empowering attendees to engage in



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meaningful discourse and collective action.

**inner development goals for race equality**

I had the privilege of attending an event hosted by Madam Melody Chinenyanga, focusing on the inner development goals for race equality. Drawing from her recent participation in the esteemed conference 'Inner Development Goals-Connect the Dots' held in Stockholm, Sweden, Melody provided invaluable feedback and insights gleaned from her experience. Her presentation encompassed the motivations behind her attendance, the wealth of knowledge acquired, significant connections established, and profound insights garnered, all with a keen eye on the potential benefits for TU Dublin. This initiative, spearheaded by the Race Equity Community of Practice, underscores the university's commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity and equity. As someone whose responsibilities fall within the realm of welfare and equality, I found the event particularly enlightening. Melody's unwavering perseverance, especially as an individual from an ethnic minority background, served as a powerful source of inspiration. Her dedication and insights not only shed light on the complexities of race equality but also provided actionable strategies for advancing these important goals within our institution.



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<b>Meetings Attended (and Number)</b> <i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i>	<b>Events/Activities Attended</b> <i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i>
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Inner development goals for race equality	Solidarity shoutout Afrobeat dance class (Social justice week) Salsa dance class (Social justice week) Kpop dance class(Social justice week) Filipino hiphop dance class(Social justice week) Chinese hiphop dance class(Social justice week) Talent night (culture week) Game night (culture week)
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<b>Gifts Received</b> <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>	<b>Personal Expenses</b> <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i>
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**Additional notes**  
*Aon nithe eile*

I sincerely apologize for the delay in submitting my last officer report. I understand that my tardiness may have given the impression of inactivity, and for this oversight, I take full responsibility. Rest assured, my commitment to the welfare and inclusivity of our student community remains unwavering. Moving forward, I pledge to ensure that my reports are submitted promptly and efficiently. It is imperative that the collective efforts of the welfare team are accurately documented and communicated to the student body. We have been diligently working to organize and execute a multitude of events aimed at enriching the student experience and promoting a sense of unity and belonging. Despite the challenges we may encounter, our dedication to serving the needs of our diverse student population remains steadfast. I recognize the importance of transparency and accountability in my role as the Ethnic Diversity Officer. By submitting my reports on time, I aim to uphold these principles and ensure that students are informed of the tireless efforts undertaken by the welfare team. Once again, I apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delay. I also urge everyone to not hesitate to point out any shortcomings on my end.



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