



**TU Dublin Students' Union**  
**Student Council Officer Report 22/23**  
*Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn*  
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**Key Points Since Last Meeting**  
*Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach*

Training: Training began on July 1<sup>st</sup> until the beginning of August. Training included SafeTalk, Anti-Bias Anti-Racism workshop with Black and Irish, disclosure, tours of all campuses, information about TUDSU, information about our roles, GDPR training and much more.

Comms Week: Comms week was a week of essentially planning the year in August, we also assigned mandates and policies to each member of the team and planned for upcoming campaigns and determined which officer is taking the lead on what.

USI: We went to SUT (Student Union Training) in July from the 11-14th in Dundalk's DkIT, where additional training was provided on our roles, workshops and we made connections with other SU's around the country, giving us a chance to exchange ideas or get connections. SUT+ was more training and workshops and the first National council was held at the end of August. I didn't attend SUT+ as we had our first campaign and I stayed back in Dublin to run it.

Supplemental Exams campaign: This was ran in August for students sitting repeats/deferral exams. We wrote articles about Burnouts and the different between Stress vs Burnout and also wrote about how to manage your wellbeing during exam periods. We gave out free red bull and nature valley bars and some merchandise like pens, lanyards, copies. We also implemented a 'rent a calculator' where we lent calculators to students who may not have one or forgot one and we recorded their name and student number to keep track of the calculators. The education team also waived fees for these exams which was a huge relief for students!

Spill da T: Every Tuesday we run a 'Spill da T' common room event across all common rooms on all campuses from 12.30-1.30, where we offer free tea and coffee to students and every week there is a new activity. This is to urge students to come to our common rooms more and let them meet their SU officers for either a formal or informal chat! Sometimes the activities can be linked in with whatever event we have going on that week, such as for the week of the Student Walkout we had the activity be poster making, and for Mental Health Week it was speed ranting and mindfulness colouring.

Freshers: This year, the VP for events and engagement suggested we run a freshers fortnight to give all students the chance to meet each other properly and socialise as COVID had an impact on all years and all students. It was ran well on all campuses, with some minor obstacles with the Shack, but both the team and the Shack rectified this obstacle. The day time activities seemed to be a huge hit with students.

Mental Health week: Mental health week was ran and included gentle activities such as 'Write one Take one' where students wrote something positive on a sticky note and left it, while taking another someone else wrote. We had such positive feedback from students regarding this in particular. An SU issue arose on the Monday when 'Write one Take One; was to take place but we worked hard to implement this into the rest of the week. It didn't go as well as I would've liked as any events I wanted to host wouldn't respond to me, but overall it worked pretty well with what we done.



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Accommodation Sleep Out protest: This was lead by our Welfare and Equality team and included sleeping out in an attempt to raise awareness to both the accommodation crisis and homelessness. I was sick so couldn't attend myself, but students seemed to really enjoy it and from what I've heard, was all positive.

Student Walkout: The national student walkout was proposed by UCC and passed, where it was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The deputy of city campus arranged it across all 3 campuses. All officers took part in banner making and carrying out the walkout. The Tallaght Echo interviewed the deputy of Tallaght campus too and took some photographs of our Tallaght officers and students. At 11:11am we had about 200/300 Tallaght students leave their class and we protested at the main entrance of the college. The walkout was short and sweet and lasted 45 minutes at max but the students were really passionate and we definitely delivered a powerful message to the government, and it's only the beginning.

Evacuation social media campaign collaboration with TUD Health, Safety and Welfare: The welfare and equality vice presidents met with Health Safety and Welfare and together we filmed an evacuation social media campaign. It included all of the steps to take if there's a fire/fire alarm. We launched it prior to orientations. We put a fun twist on it so students would watch and engage with it including a sneak peak video of our bloopers, but we were still mindful it's a serious issue and made it as serious as possible with a light hearted element of the blooper reel.

Orientations: On the Tallaght Campus, the SU were heavily involved with Erasmus student orientations, Mature student orientations, Access student orientations and first year orientations. Some issues arose regarding first year orientations in that some students while on a tour didn't see the SU building (at no fault of the student leaders who done an incredible job!) and the two rooms used for orientation were separate due to the large volume of students, so the deputy of the Tallaght campus, the vp for education on the Tallaght campus and I had to split our orientation talks as they were simultaneous and didn't get to carry them out together as a 3, but we raised these issues with TUD staff and we are involved with them in making orientations for next years first years better!



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<b>Meetings Attended (and Number)</b> <i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i>	<b>Priorities for Next Period</b> <i>Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile</i>
Weekly team meetings (TAM) x7 Weekly welfare and equality vp meetings x7 Weekly welfare and equality vp and welfare staff and student advisor meetings x7 PTO meeting Jigsaw Southwest meeting x2 Meeting with TUD Health, Safety and Welfare x3 Dublin region working group Welfare and Equality working group x2 Access office meetings x2 Sexual health meetings x3 Meeting with Tallaght student services Meeting with counselling services on all campuses x4 Healthy campus meeting x1 Spill da T launch meeting Logging casework meeting Meeting with Threshold about renters rights introductory meeting Meeting with USI Dublin region officer and Welfare officer Meeting with chaplain x3 Meeting with ISSU Meeting for sleepout Support students at risk workshop Student assistant fund meeting Black History Month planning SHIFT week planning	Drug Harm reduction campaign Follow up on mandates/awaiting a reply for/further planning Meet with disabilities office Student council Halloween SHIFT week Class rep training



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<p>Mental Health week planning Crossover training SUT Congress 2022 (before term began) Constitution discussions x2 Comms week planning Freshers week planning including meetings in venues and with team organising it Meeting with President x2 Spill da T x4 Freshers night time events x6 Class Rep Addresses Training Tallaght 1<sup>st</sup> year orientations Tallaght Access students orientations Tallaght Erasmus students orientations Tallaght Mature students orientations Tallaght 1<sup>st</sup> year orientation daily reviews x3 Meeting with Tallaght student services regarding orientations Renters rights workshop Threshold Monthly meeting with executive staff member and team x1 Meeting with occupational therapist City campus</p>	
<b>Events/Activities Attended</b> Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí	<b>Annual Leave Taken</b> Saoire bhliantúil



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SUT National Council x 2 (online) Congress 2022 (prior to starting my term) Freshers National Student Walkout	15 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> of July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> of July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> of September  Total – 11 days
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<b>Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted)</b> <i>Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)</i>	<b>Comments</b> <i>Ráitis</i>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementing a food bank for TUD students in need</li> <li>Lobbying against CETA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linked in with the chaplain on the Tallaght Campus and USI to figure out best way to roll this out, contacted other SU's to see how their food banks are ran if they have one, met with the Shack Tallaght about food vouchers for students, will reach out to Foodcloud for any tips/advice.</li> <li>Emailed Extinction Rebellion to see if CETA is still relevant, awaiting a reply</li> </ul>
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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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Red Bull Nature Valley bars USI Student Walkout Tshirt USI Welcome pack	40.11 euro – Parking at grangegorman
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<b>Any Other Matters</b> <i>Aon nithe eile</i>
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