

Climate Emergency Campaign

Student Council notes:

The impacts of climate change might be the biggest threat to a stable present and future for humanity today. To avoid global warming carbon emissions must be stopped.

A working group of students and SU members should be set up to carry out a climate emergency campaign. We ask TU Dublin to make the necessary changes quickly and become carbon neutral within the next years.

The group could lobby the government to phase out Fossil Fuels until 2030, to support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty* on an EU level, and to set all new policies in line with the 1.5 degree limit (outlined in the Paris Agreement).

Student Council further notes:

In the second quarter of 2022 Ireland had the highest EU greenhouse gas emissions per capita in Europe (Independent, Jan 2023). Wealthy countries as well as educational institutions have the responsibility to take leadership in avoiding climate change. The campaign could be an opportunity to pressurize the government to take consequent climate action.

*About 91% of global CO₂ Emissions originate from the burning of fossil fuels. The Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty, signed by the WHO, Dalai Lama and more than 3000 scientists, calls for an end to the expansion of new fossil fuel infrastructure and production, to phase out existing production and use, and to fast-track solutions and ensure a just transition.

Student Council Mandates:

The executive and the VPs for welfare to form a working group consisting of students to lobby the government and to hold a climate emergency campaign.

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