

Black History Month

There is a significant lack of participation within student politics for black students. There are currently less than 10 full-time Officers across the island of Ireland who are people of colour, and the Union believes representation matters when it comes to participation.

Black History Month began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African and Caribbean diaspora, and is now globally celebrating Black excellence, the importance of remembering, uplifting and empowering an entire group of young activists.

The celebration of black excellence, black history, and empowering people of colour should not be limited to tokenistic representation or events, and that events ran under Black History Month should be led by Black voices, with the goal of staying true to the ideals and goals of Black History Month.

TU Dublin SU Executive (or the appropriate officer) is therefore mandated to run an extensive Black History Month campaign which will include speakers, events, data, and showcase Black excellence throughout the month of October, and for this campaign to be conducted annually.

TU Dublin Students' Union Executive is further mandates to include the voices of Black students when organizing and brainstorming the event to ensure that students are at the forefront of leading this campaign; intersectionality must therefore form a key focus throughout.

Black History Month, finally, must not be the only time of the year that Black voices are platformed, and that the work on decolonising the curriculum, inclusion of Traveller and Roma students in education and community outreach, must continue to be done throughout the year.

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