

The Subsidisation of TU Dublin Canteens

Student Council Notes:

The Cost-of-living crisis has adversely affected students who, for the large part, are not working full time jobs and do not have stable incomes. Students are juggling numerous costs from [extortionate accommodation](#), [steadily increasing light and heat bills](#), [the highest fees in the European Union and associated educational costs](#). [Many students are facing a daily battle when it comes to feeding themselves](#). This is no more notable than in our very own canteens.

Student Council Also Notes:

There are 6 official canteens in TU Dublin run by a combination of 3 independent for-profit companies. While the University owns the canteens it does not run them, instead choosing to contract this out to these third-party providers. Therefore, these companies are naturally profit driven and impacted by inflation and the whims of the market. This is evidenced by the fact that canteen prices have risen significantly [as have other food providers](#) following the Pandemic and the ongoing war in [Ukraine](#). These price rises show no signs of stopping or at least significantly reducing anytime soon.

Student Council believes:

That University endorsed canteens should be a service provided to students to support them in their academic journey, not to make profit. In light of the cost-of-living crisis and the adverse impact it has had on students TU Dublin should take action to ensure that canteens are a space that are accessible to all through the subsidisation of costs for their students as is the case in most other European Universities.

Student Council Therefore Mandates:

The President of TU Dublin SU, with the support of the Campus Vice Presidents, to lobby TU Dublin for the subsidisation of Canteen prices on its campuses for students.

Student Council further Mandates:

The President of TU Dublin SU, with the support of the Campus Vice Presidents, to lobby the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation & Science for funding to support the subsidisation of university canteen prices across Ireland.

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Seconded by: TU Dublin SU Executive