

TU Dublin SU to Support a YES-YES Vote in the 2024 Irish Referenda

Student Council Notes

On the 8th of March, the nation will vote on the amendment of Constitutional provisions related to family and family care. The Government last month approved the publication of the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 and the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023.

The public will be asked to agree to:

amend Article 41 of the Constitution to provide for a wider concept of Family; and delete Article 41.2 of the Constitution to remove text on the role of women in the home and insert a new Article 42B to recognise family care.

Student Council Applauds

TU Dublin SU has a proud history of engaging in and supporting important referenda, such as the Same Sex Marriage (34th Amendment) and Repeal of the 8th Amendment (36th Amendment) referenda. Similarly, March 8th holds great significance for the advancement of equality, particularly for individuals who identify as women and all families who should have the same rights and benefits, regardless of their marital status.

Student council Acknowledges

TU Dublin SU holds a responsibility to encourage and empower students to participate in all elections and referenda, recognizing that the outcomes will have lasting impacts on the young people of Ireland. Despite some dissatisfaction amongst various advocacy groups, the Union believes that the overall changes that would be introduced through these referenda (if passed) still represent a step in the right direction.

Student council further Acknowledges

Multiple Non- Government Organisations (NGO's) including The National Women's Council and One Family are running a "YES-YES" campaign to support the Referenda.

Student council therefore Mandates

TU Dublin SU takes a clear and unequivocal stance in support of a YES-YES vote in the upcoming referenda on March 8th, 2024, and to engage with external bodies to offer accurate information to students in support of this campaign.

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