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## TU Dublin Students' Union Newsletter

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### Rally Against Racism





Several weeks ago, on the 13th of February, your Students' Union held a Rally against Racism outside East Quad in Grangegorman. We asked all of you to attend in solidarity with the victims of the racist assaults that occurred recently just outside of the campus. We had a variety of speakers, including anti-racism youth activists, politicians, university staff, victims of the assault, and your Students' Union.

I'd like to thank everyone for sharing it so widely, for taking part, and for being what every student should aspire to be. We've been working with the university to set up a committee between ourselves, the university, the local policing force, and other major stakeholders, so that we can ensure real, tangible improvements are made.

**Keep on fighting, and making sure your voice is heard – and we'll stand with you.**

## Raise & Give Week





Hi all! As you receive this, we will be deep into our RAG Week activities. This year we are fundraising for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. If you would like to know more about our chosen charity you can read more about it by checking out this article I wrote recently: <https://rb.gy/hmpvol>

We have a lot of fun activities planned across all campuses for the week, some of which include a dunk tank (who doesn't want to dunk your SU President in cold water, a rodeo bull challenge, sumo suits, free candyfloss and popcorn and loads more.

We also have some cool night-time events including:

1. RAG Ball at Academy on Wednesday 1st March
2. And finally, our RAG Quiz at the Woolshed on Thursday 2nd March.

You can find out details about all the events here: <https://www.tudublinsu.ie/events/rag/>

We will be running around the place all week looking for students to get involved and help us reach our RAG fundraising goal.

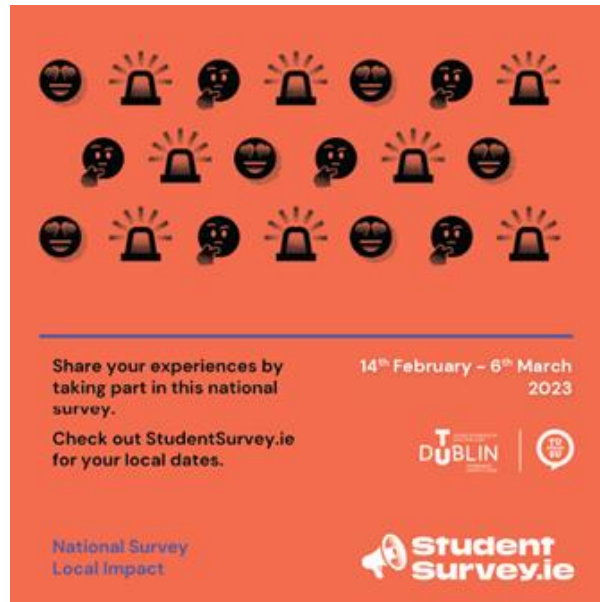
Hope to see you there.

Afraid of heights? Want to conquer your fear? Or just want to have a good laugh while raising some money for charity? Then our Charity Abseil is for you. On the 29th of April we will be hosting an abseil down the generator tower in Smithfield. We still have a few spots available, and you can sign up here. <https://rb.gy/8kive6>

### Events & Fundraising

Apart from our RAG events we have a bunch of stuff coming up to fill out the semester. We have a 90's night, a Taylor Swift night and a bunch of other stuff that we will announce over the coming weeks, Stay tuned

## Student Survey



Well, it's that time of year again and TU Dublin and TU Dublin SU are joining forces to encourage all 1st, 4th, and Postgrad Students to fill out the [National Student Survey!](#)

This survey gives you an opportunity to have your voice heard on all things University in Ireland! The feedback that you give in this survey helps us to fight for change in our third level institutions, like TU Dublin.

So, if you want to see things change, don't just give out about it, fill out the survey and make it count!

Not only can you make a change in your University but there are so many freebies and competitions up for grabs.

If you complete the survey, you'll be in with a chance to win one of numerous 100-euro WOW vouchers, there are also plenty of 20-euro vouchers to be given away to any runner ups.

So, keep any eye out around campus for posters, QR codes and your SU officers who can help you fill in the survey and be entered into a competition. There are also lots of goodies being given out around campus up until the 7th of March so keep an eye out!

**Calling all Class Reps!!** There is a special prize up for grabs if you are a Class Rep for any of those year groups. You can get a guaranteed €10 Just Eat Voucher! All you must do is fill in an application form you can get from your local SU office, follow the instructions, and drop it back into any one of our SU offices.

## Green Week



TU Dublin are holding their Green Week from Monday the 6th until Friday the 10th of March. Some of the events and activities taking place as part of the week include:

### **Book club**

TU Dublin Green Campus are delighted to announce that @colmoregan will talk about his book, Climate Worrier in CQ-007 in Grangegorman at lunchtime on Thursday, March 9th - talk will be online also. Full details on the Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/colm-oregan-climate-worrier-tu-dublin-green-week-book-club-tickets-552630000207>

Copies of his book will be available in the Libraries. €2 per ticket, and all funds raised will go to the TU Dublin Students' Union Rag Charity of the Year, The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

### **Vegan Bake-off**

Are you a Master Baker? Enter the TU Dublin Vegan Bake-off. Enter your vegan cake/buns and win the glory of being crowned Master Baker and great prizes. Enter here: <https://rb.gy/mcif61>

**Rules;** Each entrant to prepare vegan cake/buns/pastries sufficient for 8 people. The cake to be delivered to Central Quad, Grangegorman, by 10am on the morning of Monday, 6th March, for judging. Between 11am and 11.30am staff/students can sample the cakes, and there will be a public vote for a winner also. Winners will be announced at 11.45am.

Note that there will be a small charge for staff/students to sample the cakes, and all funds raised will go to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

There will be prizes for best baker (staff and student), public vote winner. Best of luck!

For more information on all the events and activities taking place - please click [here](#):

## Seachtaín Na Gaeilge



Dia daoibh! (Hi everyone!)

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our annual **Seachtaín na Gaeilge (Irish Week)** from the **6th – 10th of March**. We welcome you to join us in celebrating the rich culture and history



of our beautiful country. As well as challenge you to improve your knowledge on the Irish language, which we are so proud of!

We have a number of events and activities planned for the week. Each day on our Instagram we will be posting Cúpla Focal (a Couple of Words), with very basic Irish words and phrases that you can use throughout the week.

On Tuesday during our (WTF) Weekly Tuesday Freebies, we will be running Tae agus Plé (Conversation Circles), where you can practise your Cúpla Focal and talk with other students in Irish. You don't have to be fluent to join the Tae agus Plé, any amount of Irish you can use is welcome. We will also be going to The Cobblestone at 5pm (Smithfield) where they will be performing a Piper Seisiún, playing loads of traditional Irish music.

On Wednesday we will be screening An Cailín Ciúin (The Quiet Girl) during the evening. The location and time are still to be decided

On Thursday we will be doing Irish Bingo in The Woolshed at 7pm, using the small amount of Irish you've learnt throughout the week to help you figure out the answers. After the bingo, we will play music from famous Irish artists for the rest of the night, ranging from the Wolfe Tones to Shane Codd.

We can't wait to see everyone during the week, it's gonna be great craic!

Féach leat go luath! (See you all soon!)

## Students' Union Elections



Do you want to make a difference in TU Dublin? Do you want to lead positive change?

It's time to nominate yourself for a Students' Union Officer role for the Academic year 23/24!

**Nominations for TU Dublin SU Leadership positions are NOW OPEN!** There are 8 Full-Time and 10 Part-Time Officer positions available and all TU Dublin Students are eligible to nominate themselves

for one of these leadership roles. All information and nomination forms can be found here.

<https://www.tudublinsu.ie/studentvoice/elections2023/>

Nominations close on Friday 10th March at 1pm, so make sure to get your nomination in as soon as possible. The Full-Time Officers and Postgraduate Officer will be elected by Students, and the voting takes place on campuses on the last week of March 2023. Other Part-Time Officers are elected by Student Council in March. We hope to hear from you soon – and best of luck to everyone!

## Student Council



Student Council is the highest decision-making body of TU Dublin Students' Union, and it consists of Students from all campuses. They decide on the direction of the Union, and debate on motions and policies for the SU Officers to work on. In the last months, Council has for example mandated the Union to lobby for more seating areas for all campuses, to hold a Climate Emergency Campaign and to lobby for Earlier Leaving Cert results. You can find all information about Student Council and the motions/policies approved by Council [here](#).

## USI Updates







Your SU team has been attending USI National Council since the start of the year, representing all the students in TU Dublin on issues that they face. We've put forward many motions for the USI team to work on, ranging from education and welfare issues to overall student representation.



For those of you who don't know, USI Comhdháil/Congress is a four-day event where approximately 300 students and SU Officers across the island of Ireland debate and vote on motions and policies to direct the work of USI for the next 3 years. Think of it like our own Student Council but on a national level. We have a certain amount of seats given to us based on the population of students in TU Dublin, which involves all the Full-Time SU Officers and students from our Student Council who apply for a seat. This year it will be in the Clayton Hotel in Co. Sligo from the 3rd – 6th of April.