



TU Dublin SU Newsletter March 2024



Dia dhaoibh a chairde,

I'm Louise, your Vice President for Communications and Media and Deputy President. A major part of my role along with capturing memories and content for social media and collaborating with students, officers and university staff on projects, is to establish a student media outlet.

Keep an eye out for content from student journalists who will be trialing different formats and types of content that we would love you to engage with and feedback on!

This month is jam packed with exciting events and dates for the diary.

We are saying goodbye to the dark winter nights and hello to the grand stretch in the evenings. We don't know about you, but we are certainly here for it!

We are celebrating the success of The U Survey and looking forward to a busy election period starting March 19th to 21st. Tallaght Campus will welcome Spring 2024 graduates on campus on March 14th. This month we celebrate Seachtain Na Gaeilge so make sure to use your cupla focal and enjoy the St Patricks Day Celebration!

What's Happening!



RAG Week Round Up

We would like to say **A huge THANK YOU** to everyone who generously donated or participated in our RAG Week activities last week in support of our Charity of the Year, the Irish Cancer Society! 🎗️

Your incredible contributions have brought us closer to our **annual goal of €20,000**.

Together, we've achieved something truly remarkable. Through your kindness and support, we managed to raise **€3,895.18** just last week, bringing our total funds raised to an inspiring **€8,844.82!** 🌈 Every single donation, every volunteer hour, and every moment of involvement has made a significant impact in the fight against cancer.

Remember, we still have plenty of other ways you can get involved and help us reach our goal, including

- Daffodil Day
- Our Charity Sleepout on the 12th of April - [Register here](#)
- TU Dublin SU Relay for Life Event - [Register here](#)

Thank you once again for your unwavering generosity and commitment to our cause. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of others.



TU Dublin Students' Union

Relay For Life

Celebrate, remember, fight back

Irish Cancer Society TU Dublin SU

Register a team, join a team or just participate yourself

Date: 25th of April
Time: 10am - 10pm
Route: TU Dublin Grangegorman Campus

Food, refreshments, entertainment, Candle of Hope Ceremony, spot prizes and lots more...

Register here

TU Dublin SU Relay for Life Event

On Friday the 1st of March we launched the **TU Dublin Students' Union Irish Cancer Society Relay for Life** Team Registration website!

Join us in our mission to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Our Relay for Life event, happening on **April 25th at Grangegorman Campus from 10 am to 10 pm**, promises a day of hope, remembrance, and celebration. **We aim to raise €20,000** to support cancer research, services, and advocacy, but we need YOUR support!

We're inviting everyone from TU Dublin, students, staff, and the local to get involved. Expect fun activities and updates on our website and social media. The day will honour those affected by cancer, celebrating survivors. We unite as a community to support each other. Whether you're a survivor, caregiver, or wish to help, join our Relay for Life family. Let's come together and create a meaningful impact!

[Sign up your teams here, and pledge your support today.](#)



VOTE 2024

This **March 19th-21st 2024** you are being asked to make your voice heard in our jumbo-voting special! The following votes will be taking place:

ELECTIONS 2024

Vote Today to Shape Tomorrow!

Have your say in who will represent you for the next year.

REFERENDUM 2024

USI Affiliation: Should we stay, or should we go? YOU DECIDE!

PLEBISCITE 2024

Do you have 'Confidence in the 33rd Government of Ireland?'

Say it loud and say it clear in our Plebiscite.

For all you need to know about VOTE 2024 head over to:

www.tudublinsu.ie/studentvoice/democracy/

WHAT?

What is an Election?

An SU election is a vote that happens every year where all students of TU Dublin get to vote for who they would like to lead the TU Dublin Students' Union for the next Academic Year.

[Find out more about our Full-Time Officer Elections here:](#)

What is a Referendum?

A Referendum is a direct vote of the students on a key decision or policy of the Union. All students can vote and choose 'Yes' or 'No' and then the TU Dublin SU must follow this decision. This year the Union is holding a referendum on whether TU Dublin SU should remain a part of the Union of Students in Ireland (USI).

[You can find out more about the USI Referendum here:](#)

What is a Plebiscite?

A Plebiscite is a public vote of all the members of an electorate on an important public question that can influence the direction and policy of the Union.

You can find out more about the Plebiscite here:

www.tudublinsu.ie/studentvoice/democracy/plebiscite/

WHO?

Candidates for:

- President
- Vice President for Communications & Media
- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Vice President for Welfare & Equality
- Vice President for Events & Engagement
- Vice President for Blanchardstown Campus
- Vice President for City Campus
- Vice President for Tallaght Campus
- Postgraduate Officer

[Find out more about your candidates here](#)

WHERE/WHEN?

Where to vote:

Campus:

Location:

Date(s)

Times

- **Aungier Street**
- Main Foyer
- 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2024
- 9:30am – 7:30pm
- **BIMM (Francis St)**
- Main Foyer
- 20th March 2024
- 10:30am – 2:30pm
- **Blanchardstown**
- Main Foyer
- 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2024

- 9:30am – 7:30pm

- **Bolton Street**
- Stage Area
- 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2024
- 9:30am – 7:30pm

- **Linenhall**
- Main Foyer
- 20th March 2024
- 10:30am – 2:30pm

- **Grangegorman:**
- East Quad
- Main Foyer
- 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2024
- 9:30am – 7:30pm

- **Grangegorman: Central Quad**
- Main Foyer
- 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2024
- 9:30am – 7:30pm

- **Tallaght**
- Main Foyer
- 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2024
- 9:30am – 7:30pm

HOW?

How do I vote?

Find your nearest polling station.

Show your Student Card or Photo ID and collect your Ballot papers.

Cast Your Vote:

- Elections: Vote 1 for your favourite candidate, 2 for your second favourite and so on.
- Referendum & Plebiscite: Clearly mark an X on either the 'YES' or 'NO' options.

Put your ballot papers into the ballot box.

That's it! Don't forget to claim your DemocraTea Voucher!

WHY?

Why even bother voting?

TU Dublin Students' Union is democratic at its very core. We are an organisation **of students, by students and for students**. Therefore we need... you know... **students** to run for election and to vote in our public votes.

Voting is an incredibly impactful activity; it gives you the opportunity to have YOUR say on the future of YOUR Union – who leads it, and what it should focus on.

With thousands votes cast in previous Elections/Referendums this gives your officers the mandate to fight for your issues on a university and national level.



Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week is coming up during March 19th-22nd. This semester we'll be focusing on lending a helping hand and educating ourselves on how to support those who are struggling.

There will be a Safetalk training happening on Tuesday the 19th from 9.30am to 13pm in CQ206 (Grangegorman campus). Safetalk is a suicide alertness training that provides skills to enable individuals to support those with suicidal thoughts. The training will be run by 3Ts and is capped at 30 participants, so [if you're interested register here!](#)

An online workshop will also be available this week from Niteline. This video workshop is pre-recorded to be there when you need it and focuses on Supporting a Friend.

[You can register for the workshop here.](#)

3ts will also be bringing their suicide awareness installation 'Share the Load' to Bolton Street on Wednesday the 20th of March.



TUDSU



Last Chance for Custom Class Hoodies and Sweaters!

Attention all TU Dublin students! Time is running out to order your personalised class hoodies or sweaters. Don't miss out on this opportunity to commemorate your time at TU Dublin with a garment that reflects your unique style and personality.

Choose from a variety of vibrant colours and styles, all featuring

- The official TU Dublin logo,
- Your course code and name
- Your own name or initials.
- Or, an optional slogan on the back to make your hoodie or sweater truly one-of-a-kind.

Whether you're looking for a cosy sweater to keep you warm during study sessions or a stylish hoodie to show off your TU Dublin pride, now is the time to place your order. Don't delay – this is your last call to customise your class hoodie or sweater for this academic year.

*Please note we don't accept orders less than a quantity of 5

If you are looking for an individual hoodie or sweater then please drop into one of our SU offices on your campus to purchase.

[Order here now before it's too late and make your mark at TU Dublin!](#)

Get in touch



For student queries or advice, please contact us at advice@tudublinsu.ie and we will reply as soon as possible.

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