

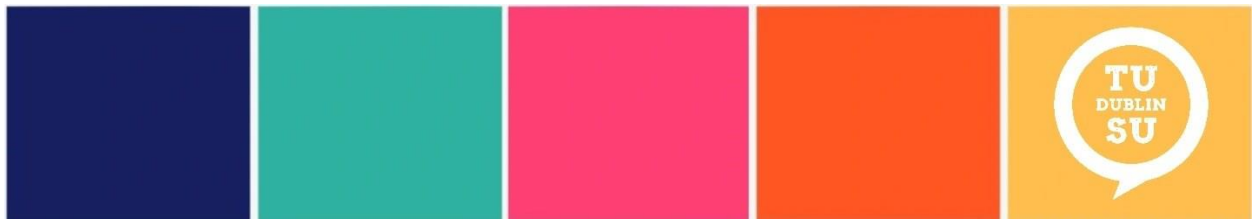
**Your Union,
Your Voice**



TU Dublin Students' Union Newsletter

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Welcome Back!



Welcome Back!

Hello students of TU Dublin! Exams are officially over, we've all failed our New Year's resolutions, and best of all – it's the start of a new semester!

What does this mean, you might ask? It means a WHOLE new semester of campaigns, events, and ways to make your college experience something to remember! We have so, so much coming up, and while I normally hate lists, I think in this case we need it:

- · SHAG (a week of sex-positive events across each campus)
- · RAG (the most entertaining fundraising attempts you'll ever witness)
- · Diversity & Inclusion (multi-cultural food stands will be a personal favourite)
- · Abseils (Scale down a building with us)
- · Fundraising (Prepare to laugh at us whilst we spend 9 hours on exercise bikes)

- Elections (Become the leaders of your Union!)

Not interested in any of these? Don't worry! We have something that ALL students will care about – NATIONAL PROTESTS! Were you frustrated with the lack of change after last semester's walkout? Good, because so are we. This semester, we'll have several national protests (march to the Dáil anyone?), lobbying days, and a whole host of plans to show the government just how powerful the student voice really is. So get involved!

And as always, it's an ongoing pleasure representing each of you across TU Dublin – say hello if you see me around campus!

Minister Harris Visit



On the 11th January, both the Deputies for Tallaght and Blanchardstown Campus (James and Louise), and I (Your President) met with Minister Simon Harris and several members of the UET (University Executive Team).

While the event itself was about beginning the next phase of building development in the Broombridge Campus, we also discussed the need for affordable student accommodation on campus for our students. Feedback from both the Minister and the President of the University was very positive on this, and we will continue to fight for you!

Canteen Protest



Last Semester, Student Council passed a motion mandating the Students' Union to hold a university-wide protest about the canteen services in TU Dublin. Demands included the provision of **additional microwaves**, student-friendly prices, and more seating, to name just a few. The protest was due to go ahead this Wednesday (12pm, 1st February) but has **now been postponed, pending positive discussions with the University to resolve these issues**. We'll keep you posted on the outcome of these negotiations, but for now, this represents ongoing partnership between the University and your Students' Union.

Raise Awareness & Give



Hello all!

Firstly, I want to say a big thank you to everyone that came out to support our events in semester one! We had a ball and I hope you did too! Freshers, Halloweek and TU Dublin Christmas Day were my personal highlights.

As you may know we are fundraising this year for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. I am delighted to say that we have already raised close to 9000 Euro and the start of semester 2 will see us ramp up our fundraising endeavours.

If you'd like to donate to our fundraising efforts, you can do so on this link - <https://gofund.me/a2430b55>



Interested in getting involved in fundraising? We have also got you covered. We are open to all ideas, big and small.

SPEAKING OF WHICH!

Did you know your Students' Union has organised a charity Abseil down the Generator Tower in Smithfield?

If interested, please apply via the [following link](#), and if you have any questions, feel free to email me on events.cc@tudublinsu.ie

RAG Week



Our annual Raising and Giving week takes place the week of the 27th of February. We have plenty of campus activities happening for to you to enjoy. Some of these include our:

- Candy floss and popcorn days
- Our SU Officer Dunk Tank challenge (Want to plunge some of our officers into freezing cold water?? Me too haha)
- Our Rodeo Bull Challenge
- Our Inflatable Basketball Challenge
- Our Sumo Suits Event
- And our now annual Jersey Day/night!

We also have several night-time events including our RAG Ball, Rock 4 Rag, Rave 4 Rag, Messy Mondays, and our Big Rag Quiz!

No matter what your tastes we hope we have you covered!

SHAG



Hi Guys,

February has come around so quickly hasn't it! We are super excited to bring you a jam-packed SHAG week starting February 13th!

We have Loads of on campus activities like TUDSU'S Epic SHAG Quest Photo Challenge that you can take part in with your mates in teams up to 4, You can sign up for that here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nK7dCjNtRr>

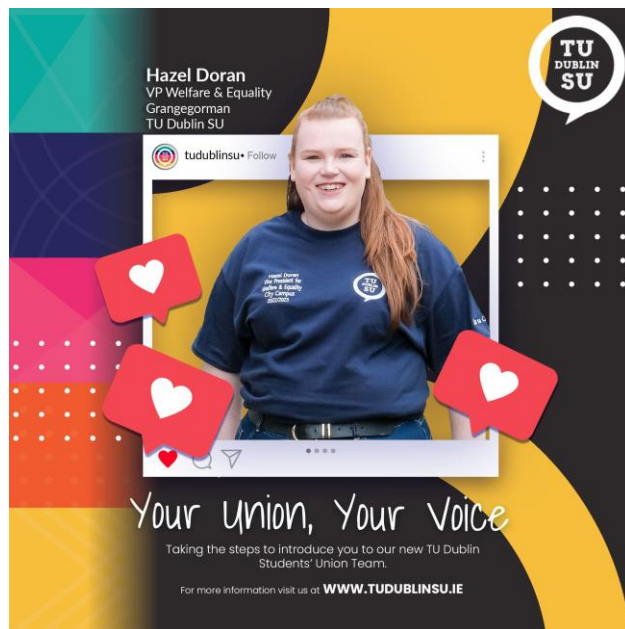
As well as our onsite pop up stands with amazing games and prizes, we have some amazing offsite events taking place. The Big sexy quiz will take place in the Woolshed on Wednesday 15th, Come along and test how dirty minded you really are!

Rounding off the week is our annual TUDSU Drag Race on 16th Feb in the Workmans in which you can participate in! If you'd like more info, you can email me directly @ welfare.cc@tudublinsu.ie or sign up and show us how it's done: <https://forms.office.com/e/5dAAAd5yamE>

You can get tickets for our night-time events from Eventbrite [Tickets HERE!!](#)

See ya there!

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Week



EDI Week will take place from 20th Feb 2023, we are collaborating with some amazing groups this year including Neuro Pride Ireland, Black & Irish, Pavee Point and LOADS More.

There's FREE Sensory Slime Workshops taking place across all campuses on Tues 21 Feb, join us in a chill environment, make your own slime and stim to your hearts content.

On Wednesday 22nd we're collaborating with societies across the university on our multicultural festival! Keep an eye on our Instagram to see what's happening and where!

Finishing off the week on Thursday 23rd Feb we will be hosting open mic night! We know you're all a talented bunch so whether your medium is storytelling, poetry, or song, we want to hear what you've got for us! If you'd like to take part, you can sign up here to participate: <http://surl.li/enirn> and do keep an eye on our Eventbrite as tickets for this will be launching soon!

Leadership Race



It's Semester two, which means one thing and one thing only – ELECTION SEASON! Following on from our ground-breaking referendum results, our upcoming Leadership Race will look very different to previous years! As well as a new suite of full-time and part-time positions being available (**click [here](#) for the different positions & important dates**), we'll also be holding some special events along the way!

Whether you're interested in being the next leader of the Union or want to grill them at our inaugural Leadership Debate (cocktails, questions, campaigning galore), it's set to be the highlight of the Semester! Any questions about what being a Union leader would entail? Chat with any of our elected Officers (contact information [here](#)) or email (elections@tudublinsu.ie)!

Exams



Well done everyone on completing the winter exams for 2022! It was the first time for many to sit an in-person examination, so we created the TU De-stress campaign to provide information and motivation to students during the busy season!

On the ground, we were loaning calculators, pens and energy boosting snacks! Apparently, oranges are no longer a fan favourite! We will take that on board for next time Tallaght students! Our social media was full of tips and advice for exams and lots of you reached out for support.

Huge thank you to Blanchardstown Nurse Deirdre Betson, who organised Yabba Doo and other service dogs to meet you throughout the week. We got so much great feedback on this and will make sure to welcome the service dogs back in May! We also collaborated with the counselling and chaplaincy service to provide exam anxiety support, meditations and unlimited cups of tea and coffee!

If you missed out on additional supports during the exams, please reach out to student services in your campus and they can assess your needs for summer exams in May.

Exam results are due to be released the week of the 30th of January 2023. Keep an eye on your student email as there are opportunities to get feedback, have marks rechecked and reviewed but you need to apply within the correct timeframe - see [Examinations | TU Dublin](#) for more info.

You can also drop into your local Students' Union office or contact our Student Advice Team Advice@tudublinsu.ie if you have any queries about your result or any other aspect of student life in TU Dublin.

We're here to help, all you have to do is ask!

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Student Survey is a national survey that aims to evaluate the student experience in different institutions, respectively. The data collected from this survey is analysed by both Student Survey practitioners and staff here in TU Dublin. How students feel about their experience here in TU Dublin will be presented on different boards and committees where academic staff and student reps from your union will decide on action points to help improve the student experience.

I want to encourage first-years, fourth-years, and postgraduate students to participate in the student survey between the 14th of February and the 7th of March. If you take part, you can:

- Help change your programme for the better
- Be entered into a competition for a chance to win some fab prizes
- Get free merchandise and goodies from Student Survey and TU Dublin SU

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New York, San Fran & Boston

**Apply 31 Jan for May departure,
or by 28 Feb for June departure.**

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