Graduate Students’ Union

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Sabbatical Officers (2019–20)
→ President: Shaz Oye
→ Vice-President: Gisèle Scanlon

Trinity’s Graduate Students’ Union (GSU) is the representative body for all postgraduate students in Trinity College Dublin. The two Sabbatical Officers of the GSU work full-time and represent postgraduate students on all major committees including Board, Council, Student Life, Graduate Studies Committee and Research Committee. The Union represents postgraduate students within the University, advocates on behalf of Union members on issues that impact your education internally and nationally; and protects the interests of our members during their studies.

The Union provides social and recreational facilities for postgraduate students, manages the facilities of the 1937 Postgraduate Reading Room in Parliament Square and provides a Graduate Common Room for postgraduate students in House 7. The Union also provides lockers for students in the 1937 Reading Room, with rental organised through the House 6 Front Office.

The GSU President and GSU Vice-President are elected to represent their respective areas separately from one another. Both report independently to the GSU Executive and to GSU Board and at GSU Council. The GSU President works primarily in the area of policy and the GSU strategic initiatives and directly oversees the implementation of the Union’s fiscal and commercial development and annual growth. The Vice-President is the Welfare and Academic Officer whose focus is to help postgraduates realise their academic potential and provides confidential one-to-one advice, advocacy and support with issues like supervisor relationships and financial deprivation. The GSU sends a weekly email of information, postgrad events and updates from the university. This year’s sabbatical team will work to ensure that postgraduate students are heard, valued and respected, and endeavour to create a progressive, inclusive, dynamic environment where everyone can participate fully.

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→ #PuttingPostgradsFirst
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→ Instagram: @tcdgsu
→ Twitter: @TrinityGSU

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A chairde,

Míle fáilte roimh go dtí an GSU. Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go maith.

Dear friends, welcome to the World of the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU). I hope all is well with your good selves. Along with Gisèle Scanlon, Vice-President, I recently assumed stewardship of the Graduate Students’ Union 2019–2020 term. Established in 1973, we are the main representative body for postgraduate students in Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, and one of only two such unions in Ireland for postgrads. All registered postgraduate students with Trinity College Dublin are de-facto members of the Union. We exist to enable you – the postgraduate community – to be brilliant. Trinity benefits greatly from your intelligence, vision, energy, enthusiasm, creativity, and investment, therefore you are represented at all levels of College governance through your GSU.

As President, and primary spokesperson for the Union, it is my job to articulate the views and concerns of the membership on local and national issues, and to ensure that the Union amplifies your voice. I am responsible for implementing the Union’s mandates, for pursuing GSU strategic initiatives, and implementing our annual and multi-year plans. It is imperative that college undertakes to postgrad-proof its decisions, that is, to improve the culture of the organisation around how it engages with postgrads, and in the coming term I will endeavor to make this a reality. I need your help to do that. I will be working to represent your interests on College committees such as Board, Finance, and Graduate Studies, and to maintain and develop productive, professional relationships with all Trinity stakeholders so as to improve, and enhance, your learning – and work – experience during your time here. Meet me halfway. Becoming active in the GSU will provide you with a structured way of plugging into campus life, plus it’s a great way to get to know your peers. There are many ways to engage, from volunteering at social events, to campaigning, to fundraising. You can get involved as a Course Representative, a member of the Executive, you can keep yourself informed by attending GSU AGM and Council meetings, or simply come along to our social events.
As someone who has returned to education later in life I understand the sacrifices that postgrads make to engage with College. This is especially true for international students unfamiliar with Irish culture, and who may be grappling with a language that is not their native tongue; for student-parents juggling home and work-life balance, and older postgrads (especially those returning to education after a long break) and members of minority groups. I know that many of you, for example doctoral candidates working in isolation, will end up spending a lot of time studying alone, and that it can be difficult to interact socially with your peers. If you are member of a minority like myself, that is Black, Irish, and Queer, this can be a bit more complicated. If any of this resonates with you, then the GSU is here for you! GSU Vice-President, Gisèle Scanlon, and I were elected on a platform of “Putting Postgrads First”, encompassing three pillars: vision, engagement, and inclusion. Visibility is critical to promoting diversity and inclusion. People need to see themselves reflected, so get involved. Personally I hope that my ethnicity, sexuality, and gender will help minority groups represented by the GSU to find their tribe. I represent all of us. I am committed to working to create an environment in Trinity where each of us, regardless of our differences, is free to be the best version of ourselves. I will endeavour to ensure that your voice is heard, and that your contribution to College life is valued, and respected. Work with us to create an inclusive, pluralist and democratic space where all postgrads can feel supported and affirmed in College. We are your tribe. Together let’s make 2019–20 the year of #PuttingPostgradsFirst.

Biography
A fourth-generation Dubliner, Shaz Oye enjoyed successful careers in both the Arts, as a singer, songwriter and producer; and Third Sector, as former Executive Director of Dublin AIDS Alliance (now HIV Ireland), and appointee to the Equality Authority Advisory Committee on Sexual Orientation (now Irish Human Rights Commission) before being accepted onto the Trinity M.Ed. (Music) programme in 2017. She served on the GSU Executive as Equality and Diversity Officer 2018–2019 where she led on UNCRPD disability rights, and Repeal with Gisèle Scanlon.
Collaboration
Dear fellow postgraduate,

I hope by now that you are starting to find your place? Obviously, there is no single answer to this question. So if you will forgive me, I’m going to talk about finding your place here with the help of the many mentors and services available in Trinity College. I first entered Trinity when I was seven: through Front Gate, under the arch and out into the great expanse of front square. I re-entered three years ago through Front Gate as a postgraduate and this journey – under the arch into shadow and out to an inspiring open space – is for me a metaphor of what this place should do for you.

As you grapple with the question of how you will find your own space to excel in academia, you will find that for the most part this means spending time in the library or one of the postgraduate study spaces in college. As a postgraduate I spent a lot of time in the 1937 Reading Room and the Berkeley Library where without the subject librarians’ help I know I would not have thrived.

Negotiating a new environment and the pressure of a looming dissertation or paper isn’t easy, I know that, when something prevents you from achieving your full potential. It is in that capacity that I am here to offer you my full support so that I may direct you to the many experts on hand to help you.

I know that you have made a huge effort to be here, and that it can become challenging sometimes. As the welfare and academic officer, I know that the risk of difficulty increases if you are struggling financially – you might even be giving up a career to take this route, or trying to balance your studies with a job or family responsibilities. Whatever your circumstance, you will hopefully be reminded that brilliance comes in many forms, and that success is sometimes slow and subtle, and rewarding in unexpected ways.

These are merely words, but words are the building blocks you will build with to communicate your ever-growing ideas. Academia can be a fragile space in some ways but if it cracks, there are people here who will try to help you repair it. I hope that you will find friendship and connect with teachers, fellow students and the Union. You are varied and valuable and like the scholars who have tread these cobbles before you for hundreds of years in Front Square, you are different like each and every cobble. I look forward to honouring your difference.

Le dea-mhéin an eagarthóir.
We’re part of history
We are members of a unique Union, with a very rich history in Trinity College Dublin. Each year since we were founded has been different and distinct, defined by the character and personality of our members from across the world. In 2019 we continue to create firsts.

GSU: A History of Firsts

→ **1969**, the then Dean of Graduate Studies proposes a Research Student Common Room as a way to foster community and intellectual discussion among Trinity’s small but important postgraduate cohort. After some negotiation, the Bursar allocates a lecture room on the first floor of House 7 overlooking College Green and Westmoreland Street. This room is still in use as the GSU Common Room today and hosts the weekly social events.

→ **1973**, the student committee of the Research Student Common Room and others decide to unionise to collectively bargain for better salaries and conditions for research students. They were supported by the Student Representative Council (later TCDSU) and in 1973 the GSU was founded. This was the first formal student union in Trinity’s history.

→ **1980**, *Alumnus* the GSU’s first publication was established. Publishing notices, creative writing and drafts of scholarly work, this was a precursor to *College Green*, *Trinity Postgraduate Review* and the weekly newsletter, *Postgrad News*. The *Alumnus* editorial board would go on to include scholars like the late Peter Hart and former Vice Provost Chris Morash.

→ **1991**, *College Green*, Trinity’s Creative Arts magazine for postgraduates, staff and alumni was established by the former Vice Provost Chrish Morash. It would go on to publish pieces by Seamus Heaney, Brendan Kennelly, Eavan Boland and Paula Meehan.

→ **1996**, the GSU President becomes a sabbatical (full-time, salaried) post due to the increasing need for specialist support for postgraduates. This marks the first postgraduate-specific sabbatical officer in any Irish student union.

→ **1997**, the Universities Act is passed by the Oireachtas (Irish parliament). This requires all universities to include at least one postgraduate student as a member of their governing authority. From then on elections of GSU Presidents are simultaneously elections to the College Board.

→ **2001**, following the establishment of the Ussher Library with a new 24-hour study space (now part of Kinsella Hall), College agrees to re-dedicate the 1937 as a postgrad-only reading room, with a particular
view to ensuring study space for Arts and Humanities research students. The Library and GSU establish a 1937 users committee to oversee the space and its development.

→ **2001**, The *Journal of Postgraduate Research* (later called *Trinity Postgraduate Review*) is founded. This is the first journal to publish scholarly work in any discipline and becomes a first experience of academic publishing and peer-reviewing for many future scholars.

→ **2006**, the workload of the GSU President and part-time Vice-President (education officer) is too significant. An application to the College Change Fund successfully secures resources to support a second sabbatical officer. The GSU Vice-President becomes full time and its brief expands to include student welfare. It would be another seven years before another university would elect a postgraduate education officer (UCD in 2013).

→ **2010**, The GSU elects its first all-female sabbatical team. This would be replicated again in 2015 and 2019.

→ **2014**, The GSU celebrates its 40th anniversary as Ireland’s oldest postgraduate student union and Trinity’s oldest SU.

→ **2017**, *Trinity Postgraduate Review* invites submissions from students outside Trinity, becoming an inter-institutional journal for the first time.

→ **2019**, Trinity College Dublin Students’ Union and Trinity College Graduate Students’ Union elects its first all-female sabbatical teams electing a total of seven females to both unions.
How do I get involved?

When we work together and support one another, we’re at our best. It’s our collective energy, teamwork and friendship that makes the Graduate Students’ Union a warm and welcoming place to create bonds for life while you study and work. We’re stronger together.

How can I get involved?

→ The Graduate Students’ Union (GSU) offers an array of possibilities for student participation, all with varying degrees of time requirements. The three main ways to get involved are becoming a course, department (PhD students) or school representative; becoming a member of the Executive Committee, or becoming a member of the Electoral Commission. There are also committees such as the Events Committee and the Communications Committee, as well as other sub-committees to the Executive Committee that are set up from time to time for specific purposes.

Become A Representative

→ The skills developed during your time as either a course or school rep, particularly gained through rep training, are invaluable for future employment. It’s also a great way to meet fellow students, and members of the academic staff, to get involved with the GSU and experience the internal workings of the college. Rep elections are held early in the academic year, and anyone interested is encouraged to put themselves forward.

Course/class representative

→ Course Reps provide the connection between the GSU and the student body, and act as a link between students and their course coordinators and department or school administrators. Course Reps help to resolve minor academic issues and to arrange activities and nights out for their course.

‘The fact that I was able to effect positive change along with the Graduate Students’ Union by providing academic support to friends and colleagues is one of my proudest achievements.’

Sarah Cullen, GSU School Rep School of English.

School Representative

→ School Reps sit on the executive Committee of their School, where they represent their classmates and make sure that the postgraduate perspective is fully considered. They provide the GSU with a presence on the ground, and keep the Executive and Sabbatical Officers informed of any issues that needs to be raised at College level.
‘As the GSU Faculty EMS Rep I had a wonderful experience and met and worked with others, especially those in STEM. It was extremely valuable as an international student to learn more about the graduate student community through the Graduate Students’ Union at Trinity College.’

Daniel J (DJ) Ringis, GSU Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science (EMS) Rep.

Become a Member of the Executive Committee
→ The GSU’s Executive Committee is responsible for the management of the day-to-day affairs of the GSU. It is made up of fourteen positions.

The eleven elected positions:
→ President
→ Vice-President
→ Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Officer
→ Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Rep
→ Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science (EMS) Officer
→ Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science (EMS) Rep
→ Faculty of Health Science (HS) Officer
→ Faculty of Health Sciences (HS) Rep
→ Research Student Officer
→ Equality and Diversity Officer
→ Chairperson

Faculty Officers and Reps
→ We have a number of reps from various bodies in the university, with Faculty Officer and deputy Faculty Rep positions in AHSS, EMS and Health Sciences. These Faculty Officers not only represent their students on GSU Exec but also at university meetings.

→ Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Officer
→ Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Rep
→ Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science (EMS) Officer
→ Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science (EMS) Rep
→ Faculty of Health Science (HS) Officer
→ Faculty of Health Sciences (HS) Rep

Research Student Officer
→ The Research Student Officer is responsible for liaising with the Sabbatical Officers on Research Student issues, both academic and social. This Officer will assist the GSU with the organisation and running of research related events. This position is crucial, as doctoral study can present students with unique challenges.

Equality and Diversity Officer
→ This Officer shall represent Union members in, and deal with issues faced by the postgraduate community right across the university in areas of Equality and Diversity. This includes working in areas pertaining to accessibility, championing the opposition to all forms of discrimination and working to ensure that all Union members are afforded equal opportunities within the Union and across the University.

Chairperson
→ The Chair presides over GSU Executive meetings and over GSU Council meetings and sits on the Electoral Commission which plans and implements Sabbatical elections.

The seven appointed positions
The following seven positions forming part of the GSU’s Executive Committee will be filled through a CV and interview process.

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Those seven positions are as follows:

- Communications Officer
- Events Officer
- International Student Officer
- Environmental Officer
- Oversight Officer
- Director of PG Spaces
- Treasurer

**Communications Officer**

The Communications Officer is responsible for the GSU’s communication strategy, which targets diverse audiences, from students and staff, to outside journalists. S/he advises the Executive Committee on communications methods, prepares the news releases for Facebook, Twitter, news articles, the weekly Postgrad News, and manages the TCDGSU website.

**Events Officer**

The Events Officer is responsible for organizing social events and activities throughout the year. These events can range from informal coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to holiday parties and our celebrated Halloween Ball! This position is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable organisational, management and event planning experience within a fun and active environment. The Events Officer also chairs an Events Committee that provides support for the planning and execution of GSU events.

**International Student Officer**

The International Student Officer is on the Executive Committee to represent the interests of the international student postgraduate community within the Union. This Officer will work to assist international students with their visa/immigration concerns and also be actively engaged in liaising with College bodies that work in areas of importance to international students.

**Environmental Officer**

The Officer shall represent Union members in areas pertaining to the environment which affects the postgraduate community right across the university and society. This Officer also works to implement and improve the Union’s conservation practices in a bid to reduce the Union’s ecological footprint. This Officer also represents the postgraduate community on college committees that work in areas of importance to the environment and is a champion of health and safety in the Union.

**Oversight Officer**

The Oversight Officer is on the Executive Committee to ensure there is a continuity from one year to the next. Their responsibility is to advise and support the Communications Officer and the Events Officer in their roles, as well as record the minutes of meetings. The Oversight Officer sits on all five governance bodies in the Union.

**Director Of PG Spaces**

In charge of how the Graduate Students’ Union handles places like the 1937 Reading Room, the GSU Common Room, carrels and PG space across campus, the Director is vital to helping us examine, report on and improve conditions in these spaces for our members. Union’s Board.

**Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for safekeeping the funds of the GSU. They will record all incomings and expenditure and will report on the financial position to the Executive Committee on an ongoing basis. They will prepare end-of-year financial reports with the support of an Accountant. It would be ideal to either have previous experience or have a relevant educational background and interest.
Postgraduate Spaces

The GSU Graduate Common Room
→ In 1969, the then Dean of Graduate Studies proposed a Research Student Common Room, in the hope that the communal space would bring the small postgraduate community together and encourage intellectual discussion. After some negotiation, the Bursar allocated a lecture room on the first floor of House 7, overlooking College Green and Westmoreland Street. Today it is the GSU Common Room, an important hub of postgraduate activity where several social events take place weekly.

→ This room, which is located in Front Square on the first floor of house 7, is a spacious social area reserved specifically for postgraduate students. It is designed to offer a friendly environment for students to unwind and connect with each other. We would ask you to respect this space and keep it as you would hope to find it, clean, tidy and well looked after!

→ The Common Room provides students with an array of amenities. The area is equipped with a projector and accompanying sound system, which will allow for movies and videos to be shown. The Common Room also includes kitchen facilities, where tea, coffee and milk are available. The GSU would like your help to grow our ‘take a book, leave a book’ library available for all its users. This space is open Monday through Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm.

→ All postgraduate students have access to this space through swipe access by using your student card. Outside the opening hours specified, postgraduates will not be able to gain access to the Graduate Common Room.

1937 Postgraduate Reading Room
→ In many ways, the Reading Room is one of the focal points of postgraduate life at Trinity. It is one of the few postgraduate-only designated study areas on campus, and is available to every registered postgraduate student regardless of discipline, programme or year of study.

→ The Reading Room is situated in Front Square and is accessible by student card swipe access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The building features a large study room, which has a respectful silence policy in place among the postgraduate community. A separate computer room with printer access, a new kitchenette which has two microwaves, a kettle and fridge and a small breakout space, as well as toilets, a fresh drinking water source and vending machines are also available in this space.

→ Lockers are also available in the Reading Room, and can be secured on the 12th and 17th of September 2019 by visiting TCDSU Front Office on the ground floor of House 6. Thereafter the remaining lockers will be available to rent at any time. Lockers are €30 with a €10 deposit refundable upon return of the locker key which usually is in August the year after you acquire your locker key.

→ Whilst the Reading Room is accessible for 24/7 use, students who leave College after midnight but wish to return to the Reading Room must do so within one hour and must leave their College ID cards with front gate security and collect same upon their return. Access will not be granted if these steps aren’t followed after midnight.
Trinity College’s Global Room

What we do

→ Since its launch, the Global Room in the Watts Building has established itself as a hub for specialised supports for Trinity’s international student community.

The Global Room aims to:

→ Provide specialised advice and information to international students to support them during their student journey.

→ Provide a social and event space to foster and encourage international engagement and integration between all Trinity students and to celebrate cultural diversity.

Who we are

→ Managed by the International Student Liaison Officer, Michelle Hogan, with the support of Abi Odekeye, Executive Officer, the Global Room team provide guidance and support to international students on a wide range of issues including immigration (INIS registration in particular and Graduate Employment Scheme), accommodation, cultural adaptation and the basics of settling into life in Dublin and at Trinity.

→ This year for the first time, the Global Room will host and facilitate a ‘New 2 Dublin’ series aimed specially at postgraduate students. This series will provide sessions to incoming students whether Irish or international on adjusting to life in Dublin city and answer questions large and small, in an attempt to de-mystify Trinity for new PG students. Topics will range from tips on meeting new people to where to find the cheapest groceries, Irish culture and all aspects of student life at Trinity. Further information on this timetable for this programme will be available on the Global Room’s social media channels in September.

Global Room Student Ambassadors

→ The Global Room is also supported by a team of over 20 Global Ambassadors, current undergraduate and postgraduate Trinity students from Ireland and the rest of the world, with specialist training to answer queries that may arise during the transition from an international student’s home country to Ireland. Recruitment for Student Ambassadors takes place in April each year and we welcome applications for international postgraduate students at that time.

Social and event space for all students

→ Fostering engagement between students from all backgrounds is a key focus of the Global Room team, and we do this by hosting celebrations of national holidays, film screenings, international dance, music and art showcases, along with seminars and talks throughout the year. These events are run by both the Global Room team and Trinity’s wide range of clubs and societies.
Location

The Global Room is located beside the Academic Registry on the first floor of the Watts Building, on East Campus. The space can accommodate approximately 80 people comfortably and is open Monday through Friday from 9.30am - 9.00pm during the academic term.

Booking an event

To book a student/society event in the Global Room, please complete and email the online booking form, found on the website. For more information, please stop by the Global Room and speak to Michelle Hogan, the Global Room Manager, email tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie or visit https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/global-room/

Keeping in touch

Keep an eye on the Global Room’s Social media channels for up-to-date information on our activities:

- Facebook: @trinityglobalroom
- Twitter: @tcdglobalroom
- Instagram: @tcdglobalroom
- https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/global-room/
Dear Postgraduate,
Welcome to the Trinity Community!

You are now part of a global community that stretches far beyond Front Gate and long past commencement. With 150,000 alumni in 140 countries around the world, there are huge benefits to being part of Trinity’s alumni network.

Benefits include:
→ Networking Events
→ 70+ Alumni Groups worldwide
→ Trinity Alumni Online Network
→ Professional Development
→ Alumni Room on Campus

For more information visit: www.tcd.ie/alumni

Inspiring Generations
The Campaign for Trinity College Dublin
Consider joining a society

Postgraduate students are very welcome and encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activity in Trinity. Alright, stop, collaborate and listen!

Central Societies Committee

→ There are around 125 recognised societies, with everything from culture and science, debating to dancing, sign language to singers, acting to archaeology, and food and drink to fashion. The Central Societies Committee (CSC) facilitates the work of the student societies in Trinity College. The CSC is composed of elected students whose sole purpose is to ensure that student societies have the best support, help and advice available to them. The CSC produces a guide (available during Freshers' Week and throughout the year) to give you an idea of all the student societies that exist in Trinity College. The CSC website also has links to all of the societies’ own websites and social media links. www.trinitysocieties.ie

→ For any extra info you can email info@csc.tcd.ie

When can I join a society?

→ Generally societies sign up members at all events at the start of term. We recommend you research the society through our database http://trinitysocieties.ie/society-search-result/ or on Facebook, and contact them directly for information. For postgraduates, the easiest and best time of the year to join a society is during Postgraduate Fresher’s Friday which is held this year on August 30th in the Graduates Memorial Building in Front Square for a full day and will be attended by some of the societies, publications, and sports clubs, each of them eager to secure your membership.

Can I join the societies during undergraduate Fresher Week as a postgraduate?

→ The Undergraduate Fresher Week taking place in Trinity College will take place over the week Mon 2nd September to Friday 6th September and will also offer an opportunity to join a host of college societies. Membership of societies for postgraduates is open from the 30th of August 2019 and a student can join at any date thereafter.

How much does it cost?

→ Each society charges a membership fee generally between €2 and €6. This gives you access to the society’s events as advertised throughout the year.

Who can join a TCD Society?

→ Current TCD Students and Staff can join TCD Societies. Presentation of a current staff or student card and registration with a valid TCD email address is necessary for registration.

Do I have to find the society in college to join it?

→ Throughout Undergraduate week on 2nd September to Friday 6th September each society will have a stall erected in front square where you can learn more about each society and have the opportunity of joining. For those staying in Halls, there will be an opportunity to join TCD societies before Freshers week begins. This information will be circulated by the JCR.

What if I miss Freshers week?

→ Generally societies sign up members at all events at the start of term. We recommend you research the society through our database or on Facebook, and contact them directly for information.
Postgraduate Social Events

Both Shaz and Gisèle, the two Sabbatical Officers, work with college to organise events for postgraduates around many serious issues. In addition to this, there are also lots of fun social events, listed below. Additionally, the GSU also encourages you all to explore the city and the rest of the country as much as possible. Dublin is a great city and there are great events here held annually. Join in and make new connections. Here’s what we’ve planned so far.

Communal Table in the Buttery with Shaz and Gisèle

→ Join the Graduate Students’ Union Sabbats and your fellow postgrads at the communal table at the Buttery every Wednesday between 11am and 1pm for tea, coffee and biscuits. This is a great chance to meet other postgraduate students from other schools and have a chat with Shaz and Gisèle, as well as an opportunity to share a study break! Check our website for the Postgraduate Social Calendar.

Monthly Table Quizzes

→ The GSU hosts a Postgrad Table Quiz once a month at various locations around Dublin. This is a great chance to show off all of your postgraduate knowledge, as well as a handy excuse to meet up with other postgraduate students. Come along by yourself and we will introduce you to other postgrads and GSU friends, or bring a few friends and make a team. Prizes are given for best team name, highest points and even for the best incorrect answer!

Halloween Ball

→ The GSU will host its annual themed Halloween Party on the Friday before Halloween (31st October 2019), where you can get creative with costumes and have a great night out in Dublin’s city centre. Prizes are given for best dressed because we love it when you get inventive! Tickets will go on sale in the TCDGSU Office, located on the second floor of House 6. Tickets will also be available on Eventbrite.

Christmas Commons

→ We are delighted to be hosting the Annual GSU Christmas Ball this year. You will be met with a champagne reception, followed by a three-course dinner. We will then move to a privately booked major nightclub in Dublin. You can get your picture taken with the Christmas tree, or enjoy some music and dancing – this is a formal evening that will not disappoint! Tickets go on sale in TCDGSU Office, located on the second floor of House 6, on November 7th 2017. This is always a sell-out so get your tickets early. Tickets will also be available on Eventbrite.
Postgrad Week

This week is planned to provide both academic and social activities for our postgraduate community. During PG Week, the GSU hosts academic events and workshops that we would encourage all postgraduates to attend, as well as the annual Postgraduate Research Showcase. PG Week also features both mindful and social events including yoga sessions, meditation and, on the final night, the annual GSU Birthday Party!

Trinity Ball

Trinity Ball, known as the largest private party in Europe, draws more than 10,000 guests each year, and features well-known headline acts. This year, Trinity Ball will be held on 17th April, 2019. Tickets may be purchased from TCDSU Front Office, on the ground floor of House 6. Information about this will be made available closer to the time.

Postgrad Ball

Trinity’s annual postgrad ball is a GSU tradition! You will be greeted by a champagne reception, which will be followed by a three-course meal and after-party. This year, Trinity’s Postgrad Ball will take place in a secret location. Please join us for one of the most memorable nights of the year! Tickets go on sale in the TCDGSU Office, located on the second floor of House 6. Tickets will also be available on Eventbrite. The event always sells out quickly so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Monthly Culture Salon

The GSU will host a Monthly Culture Salon once per month in the GSU Common Room, House 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for postgrads to share cultural knowledge, as well as to meet other postgraduate students! Come along by yourself and we will introduce you to other postgrads and GSU friends, through books, film and contemporary culture talks. As part of this, the GSU will also hold a BYOB event – Bring Your Own Book and Bottle! To join in and build up new friendships through the arts, keep an eye on our online Postgraduate Social Calendar.

The GSU on tour

Join the Graduate Students’ Union Sabbats and your fellow postgrads on trips around the country. This is a great chance to see a bit more of Ireland with other postgraduate students and learn a bit about the Irish history and culture. Check our website for the Postgraduate Social Calendar.

The GSU Wednesday Walking Club

Trained by Athletics Ireland, GSU leaders will help you to get the most from the Trinity College campus as you start to clock up the kilometres each Wednesday at lunchtime. Join the GSU as they start to train and count steps in groups in preparation for the big day. 2020 will see the Trinity Graduate Students’ Union Sports day, with a major prize on the day for the team who walked the most steps in 2019–20.
Two Graduate Students’ Union publications offer an opportunity to get published in Trinity College in 2019–20. *Trinity Postgraduate Review (TPR)* showcases the best postgraduate research and *College Green Journal* is the postgraduate Humanities journal, which celebrates the creative work of current students, teachers and alumni.

**Trinity Postgraduate Review Journal**

The *Trinity Postgraduate Review Journal*, commonly referred to around college as *TPR*, is a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal, compiled and edited by Trinity postgraduates from all areas of College. It is the journal that encourages interdisciplinary research collaboration in a peer-reviewed tradition for scholarly engagement and is entirely staffed and run by postgraduate students. Submissions are actively encouraged from all fields and disciplines, with multidisciplinary papers especially welcomed. The journal was published this year with a team of twelve editors of various disciplines, and with more investment and editorial guidance this coming academic year, the GSU hopes to expand *TPR* and collect even more submissions from students, not just across all three of Trinity College’s faculties, but from other international universities as well. A submission call will go out through the Graduate Students’ Union’s newsletter and social media channels in Autumn 2019.

**College Green Journal**

*College Green Journal*, now in its 29th incarnation, was originally founded twenty-nine years ago by Chris Morash, the former Vice-Provost and Chief Academic Officer in Trinity, who held the Seamus Heaney Professorship in Irish Writing. His aim back then was to foster and promote revolutionary literary talent under a succession of literary editors. Several prestigious English literature scholars from Trinity have edited it since, and work is selected from present postgraduates and alumni, showcasing their creativity in the literary arts, the visual arts and the sciences. The journal boasts an extremely rich literary heritage with Eavan Boland, Paula Meehan, Michael Longley, Seamus Heaney, Eiléan Ní Chuilleannáin and many others all finding a place within its pages. A submission call will go out through the Graduate Students’ Union’s newsletter and social media channels in Autumn 2019, seeking work that responds to a set theme. Work from the following categories will be considered:

- **Literary Fiction**: a short story of prose fiction (max. 2,000 words), or flash/micro fiction (max. 300 words).

- **Poetry**: works in Irish or English will be considered.

- **Popular Fiction**: a work of 2,000 words or under.

- **Visual Art and Art Criticism**: original photography and artwork (such as collage, painting, sketches). Art writing and art criticism are also welcome.

- **Non-Fiction**: an essay up to 2,000 words including critical pedagogy, social justice and real-life experience pertaining to the theme.

- **Culture**: a cultural reflection (max. 1,500 words), or a review (max. 300 words).
The Sciences: a scientific treatment of the theme (max. 2,000 words).

Submission guidelines
Whether it’s an original idea responding to the theme, or a reworking of an essay, the College Green team will be delighted to read your work and will accept submissions from postgraduate students from any discipline who are keen to be considered for publication. Written submissions must be attached as Word documents. When submitting, please state the name of your piece, the category it belongs to, your postgraduate level of study (M.Phil, MSc., PhD, PG Dip., PG Cert.) and a fifty-word biography. Last year’s contributors drew inspiration from diverse areas of Trinity life, and we hope that many of you will do the same this year!

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Upon registration, every new postgraduate is automatically a member of both the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU) and the Students’ Union (SU). The SU’s aims and functions are similar to that of the GSU, as the SU’s mandate is to represent all students, yet the focus is on undergraduate students. The structure of the SU also resembles that of the GSU, including class reps, an executive and 6 Sabbatical Officers.

Every year the SU runs a variety of campaign weeks, in which the postgraduate community is encouraged to participate. These campaigns weeks are varied ranging from Rainbow Week to Mental Health Week. They are located downstairs from the GSU in House 6 on the first floor!

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