

Trinity Global Development Society

The Constitution

1. Name

1.1 The name of the society shall be Trinity Global Development Society, hereafter referred to as 'TGDS'.

2. Objects and Aim

2.1 The objects and aim of GDS shall be

- a) To educate and inform members of issues relating to international development and global justice.
- b) To encourage student engagement with campaigns and activities surrounding these issues without fundraising or directly organising volunteering initiatives.

3. Membership

3.1 Ordinary membership is open to all registered students and staff of Trinity College Dublin, hereafter referred to as TCD, upon payment of a subscription/membership fee, as set by the Committee see article 4 of the GDS.

3.2 The Committee may suggest the award of honorary membership to any person subject to the approval of the GDS.

4. The Executive Committee

4.1 GDS shall have an executive Committee, hereafter 'the Committee', elected annually by the membership, to the direct on-going activities of, and to foster the aims of GDS.

4.2 The Committee shall be composed of Officers and co-option(s).

4.3 The full membership of the Committee shall be composed of the:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Vice-Chairperson
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Public relations officer(s)
- f) Ordinary Committee members

4.4 Assistant positions shall be filled by co-option by the Committee as the need arises, and sub-Committees may be co-opted where the need arises and at the discretion of the Committee.

5. Responsibilities of the Officers

5.1 The Chairperson: the chairperson shall oversee the general running of GDS and shall be accountable to the Committee.

5.2 Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson will deputise for the Chairperson whenever the latter is unable to fulfil her/his duties. In the event of the resignation of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson will act as a temporary Chairperson until the latter position is

replaced at a general meeting of the membership. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson will carry out the duties outlined in article 5.1.

- 5.3 Secretary: The Secretary will take minutes at all the meetings of GDS. The Secretary will be responsible for all correspondence of GDS and shall keep a record of it.
- 5.4 Treasurer: The Treasurer will have responsibility for all of GDS' finances, for the collection of subscriptions and the maintenance of accounts. The Treasurer will provide reports to the Committee of the financial standing of GDS and a detailed report of GDS' financial status at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 5.5 Public Relations Officer(s), hereafter the 'PRO': the PRO will be responsible for publicity relating to GDS, such as posters, leaflets, internet and other mediums used to advertise GDS' activities. The PRO will produce these in consultation with the Committee. The PRO will also be responsible for all publicity outside of TCD in relation to GDS' activities, contacting members of the media and other people deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- 5.6 Ordinary Committee Members (OCM): the OCM shall be responsible for any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson.

6. Eligibility, Nomination and Election of Officers

- 6.1 Eligibility in the case of all officers is derived from all fully paid up ordinary members of the GDS'.
- 6.2 The full officers of GDS shall be elected at the AGM.
- 6.3 Only fully paid up members of GDS can vote at elections and AGMs.
- 6.4 Candidates for election to any office must be nominated and seconded by an ordinary member of GDS in writing. The Secretary must receive nominations at least three days before the AGM. If two or more candidates run for the same position a vote will be taken of the members present at the AGM. All elections will be through secret ballot.
- 6.5 No one shall be admitted to membership less than 24 hours before an AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

7. Meetings of GDS, AGM and General Meetings

- 7.1 The AGM of GDS shall be held in March of each year.
- 7.2 Notice of the AGM shall be issued at least fourteen working days in advance. Notice should be given through email, social media or otherwise publicised to the members giving the date and time and place of the meeting and advertise the Committee elections that will take place there.
- 7.3 The matters to be discussed at the AGM must also be publicised to the members of GDS no less than three days prior to the meeting.
- 7.4 The AGM shall be open to all members of GDS as shall the ability to vote.
- 7.5 At the AGM Officers shall read their reports of GDS activities for the year, and the election of a new Committee shall take place.
- 7.6 The Committee shall meet at least twice during each term.
- 7.7 A General Meeting of GDS may be called by the Committee or by twenty members of GDS presenting a signed petition to the Committee. Notices shall be issued at least ten working days in advance.

7.8 And EGM of GDS may be called following the procedure set out in article 7.7 for General Meetings.

8. Dismissal of a Member

8.1 If an Officer or a Committee Member is absent from a Committee meeting or an GDS meeting on three consecutive occasions without providing sufficient reason she/he is deemed to have resigned.

9. Amendments to the Constitution

9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a majority of those present at an AGM or EGM.

9.2 Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed by the Committee or by twenty members of GDS, in writing to the Secretary within the time period as set out in article 7.7.

9.3 This Constitution is binding as and from the date of being approved by both GDS and the CSC. All amendments must be approved by the CSC before they become effective.

10. Dissolution of GDS

10.1. In the event that GDS should cease to exist all remaining financial assistance received will return to the CSC.