

Constitution

1. Name: The Society shall be known as the **Trinity Indian Society (TINSOC)**

2. Objects:

1. To play a major role in establishing a cultural, social and an educational link between Indian and the staff/student body.
2. To publicise TCD and encourage Indian students to come here for their education and enjoy the infrastructure and culture.
3. To celebrate Indian festivals.
4. To organise nights out to Indian restaurants, enjoying food of an Indian flavour and also sharing cuisine culture across India.
5. To screen Indian movies that depict the heritage of India in all forms of living.
6. To support social causes.
7. To give the feel of “socializing with family” for Indian students/staff, thus forming the idea of a home away from home.
8. To organise links with Indian student alumni by liaising with the international students office closely.
9. To invite speakers of Indian origin who are world renowned.
10. To represent and support Indian students and staff at TCD.

3. Membership:

Membership shall be open to all capitated students and members of staff of the University. Ordinary membership shall be granted to capitated students in return for a subscription of €3.

4. The Committee:

The Committee shall consist of the following officers: the Chairperson, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and 5 ordinary committee members.

5. The Committee shall meet at least once every two weeks during the term. The general function of the committee shall be to oversee and fulfil the aims of the society.
6. Officers and Committee members may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by two-thirds of those members of the Society present at an Extraordinary General Meeting (see also below).

7. The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in the third week of Trinity Term. A notice shall be posted on the Society’s notice board or otherwise publicized to the members not less than three days before the meeting given the date and time of the meeting and the fact that elections to the Committee will take place thereat.

8. The meeting shall be open to all students and members of the academic staff but only full/ordinary members of the Society shall be entitled to vote.
9. At the meeting the officers shall read their reports of the Society's activities for the year, and the election of a new Committee shall take place.
10. A general meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee or by 10 members of the Society presenting a signed petition to the Committee. Three days notice as provided for in the case of an Annual General Meeting shall be given.
11. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called following the procedure set out above for General Meetings.
12. Candidates for election must be ordinary members of the Society, and each candidate must be nominated and seconded by an ordinary member of the Society.
13. No one shall be admitted to membership less than 24 hours before an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

14. The Officers:

The Chairperson shall oversee the general running of the Society and shall be answerable to the Committee.

15. The Secretary shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the Society and shall keep a record of it, and for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Committee and to provide the Secretary of the CSC with a record of the Society's activities during his/her term of office not later than the date set by the CSC for submission of this report, and shall be answerable to the Committee.

16. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the finances of the Society, for the collection of subscriptions and the maintenance of accounts and shall have the duty of conducting routine communications with the CSC on financial matters including the provision of estimates for expenditure.

17. The Treasurer and the Chairperson shall be jointly responsible for the financial affairs of the Society. Although the affairs of the Society shall be in general conducted according to the vote of all of the members of the Committee, if the Committee over-rules the advice of the Chairperson and the Treasurer on a major financial matter or the Committee proceeds in the absence of the Chairperson and the Treasurer on such a matter, then the Chairperson and the Treasurer shall either accept responsibility for the decision, or communicate directly and immediately with the Treasurer of the CSC in which case the Committee shall hold responsibility for the consequences of the decision in question. If only one of

the said officers disassociate himself/herself from the decision, then the other officer shall assume complete responsibility; neither will the officer disassociating himself/herself be forced to accept responsibility by the vote of the Committee or of the Society, though they may be called upon to resign by the due process of the Society in which case such former officer shall bring the case to the notice of the CSC.

18. The Treasurer or the Chairperson or any persons may be requested to appear before the CSC or officer or sub-committee of the CSC to provide information concerning the finances of the Society. If a prima facie case exists that Society funds have been misused or mis-appropriated, the CSC may ask the Senior Dean to declare the person or persons concerned indebted to the College, in which case they may not be permitted to register for the following academic year or to have their degree conferred.

19. The Treasurer shall close his//her accounts on March 31st of each year and thereafter as soon as may be possible shall arrange for the accounts to be audited as provided by the CSC and these accounts shall be presented to the Committee of the Society and the CSC for approval.

20. All cheques and withdrawals from the Society's bank account shall be signed by two of the designated officers: who will be the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

21. The ordinary members of the Committee shall be delegated any other duties by the Chairperson as are seen fit.

22. Amendments:

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of those present at an Extraordinary General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting.

Notices of such amendments must be given to the Committee before the time set for such a General Meeting and to the Chairperson of that meeting before he/she takes the chair.

23. This constitution is binding as and from the date of being approved by both the Society and the CSC.

19th January 2009