

## **Dublin University Irish Traditional Music Society Constitution**

- 1. Name:**

The Society shall be known as Dublin University Traditional Irish Music Society
  
- 2. Objects:**
  - (i) To promote Irish Traditional Music
  - (ii) To revive an interest in our culture and assist in the on-going restoration of traditional Irish music
  - (iii) To provide an informal social setting where students have an opportunity to meet, play and socialise with others with an interest in the playing of, or listening to, traditional Irish music.
  - (iv) To incorporate Irish traditional music as a part of student life at T.C.D. The society serves to promote the playing tradition not only amongst the student body but also to act as an introduction for students visiting from abroad.
  - (v) To assemble and manage a band that plays and promotes traditional Irish music, such as a céilí band. The band should be fully integrated with, and officially represent, the society. The control of the band is the responsibility of the society, in particular the Band Manager.
  
- 3. Membership:**

Membership shall be open to all capitated students of the University. Ordinary membership shall be granted to capitated students in return for a subscription of €3 or such other figure as shall be decided by the Committee or Annual General Meeting within the limits set by the C.S.C.
  
- 4. The Committee:**

The Committee shall consist of the following officers: the Auditor, The Treasurer, the Secretary, P.R. Officer, Events Officer, Band Manager, Fresher's Representative and 2 ordinary committee members.
  
- 5.** The Committee shall meet weekly during the term.
  - a) To discuss the organising of seisuins, other events and their promotion
  - b) To allocate tasks for individual committee members
  - c) To evaluate the society's progress in its aims and
  - d) To discuss and act upon any matter under review
  
- 6.** Officers and Committee members may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by seventy percent of those members of the Society present at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
  
- 7. The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in the last three weeks of Hillary Term.

A notice shall be posted on the Society's noticeboard or otherwise publicised to the members not less than three days before the meeting giving the date and time of the meeting and the fact that elections to the Committee will take place thereat, with the exception of the Fresher's Representative who will be elected at an EGM held in the first half of Michaelmas Term.

8. The meeting shall be open to the population of capitated students and academic staff but only full members of the Society shall be entitled to vote. The Auditor acts as chairperson for the duration of the meeting or in his/her absence, another committee member.
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 sixty percent of the 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 full members of the Society, and each candidate must be nominated and seconded by a full 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 Auditor 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 C.S.C. with a record of the Society's activities during his/her term of office not later than the date set by the C.S.C. 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 C.S.C. on financial matters including the provision of estimates for expenditure.

17. The Treasurer and the Auditor 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 Auditor and the Treasurer on a major financial matter or the Committee proceeds in the absence of the Auditor and the Treasurer on such a matter, then the Auditor and the Treasurer shall either accept responsibility for the decision, or communicate directly and immediately with the Treasurer of the C.S.C. in which case the Committee shall hold responsibility for the consequences of the decision in question. If only one of the said officers dis-associate 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 C.S.C.
18. The Treasurer or the Auditor or any persons may be requested to appear before the C.S.C., or officer or sub-committee of the C.S.C. 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 C.S.C. 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 C.S.C. and these accounts shall be presented to the Committee of the Society and the C.S.C. for approval.
20. The Band Manager shall be responsible, under the supervision and approval of the rest of the committee, for the day-to-day running of the band. This should include the following, non-exhaustive duties; selecting the band's members, organising practices for the band on a regular basis, organising the band playing at gigs and arranging entry to any competitions the committee decides the band should enter.
21. All cheques and withdrawal forms from the Society's bank account shall be signed by two of the designated officers: who shall be the Auditor/Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.
22. The ordinary members of the Committee shall be delegated any other duties by the Auditor as are seen fit.
23. **Amendments:**

This constitution may be amended by a vote of a 70% majority 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.

24. This constitution is binding as and from the date of being approved by both the Society and the C.S.C.

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