

Trinity College Dublin People Before Profit CONSTITUTION

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1. The Society shall be known as TCD People Before Profit or TCD PBP.
2. The society shall be affiliated to the Dublin City Central branch of People Before Profit. The affiliation shall be subject to the National Conference of People Before Profit, and as scheduled to this constitution, Schedule I, Article 2.

II.

Aims and Objectives

1. The basic aim of PBP is the building of a mass 32-county socialist organisation with members in workplaces, colleges, schools and communities. Our aims specifically as TCD PBP will reflect that of the parent party, PBP. We will support relevant political campaigns that fall within our purview in relation to this.
2. TCD PBP will mirror its parent organisation by representing a broad church of socialist thought, and by allowing Marxist members to organise within its structure and promote their positions.

III

1. Membership shall be open to all capitated students and members of College. Membership of the society shall be granted to members of College and capitated students in return for a subscription of 1euro, or such other figure as shall be decided by the Committee or at an A.G.M., within the limit of 3 euro.

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1. The committee of the society shall consist of:- the chairperson, the secretary, the treasurer, the public relations officer, the amenities officer, librarian and a number of ordinary committee members.
2. The committee shall meet at least once a week during college terms. The committee shall oversee all activities of the society and shall be elected at the A.G.M. and as vacancies occur.
3. The chairperson may not hold office for more than 1 year.
4. Where a member of the committee resigns of his/her own will, the remainder of the committee shall co-opt a society member to fill the position.
5. Such co-options, or other decisions of general importance may only take place at private meetings of the society. Such meetings may be called by the committee or by 25% of the membership of the society, provided the secretary is given 1 weeks notice. The quorum of such meetings is 25% of the membership.

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Officers and committee members may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by a motion of no confidence passed by a majority of the members present and voting at a private meeting, provided that the person concerned has had at least one week notice of the no confidence motion.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in the second last week of the Hilary Arts Lecture term. A notice shall be posted on the Society's notice board 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.

- VII The meeting shall be open to all students and members of College but only ordinary members of the Society shall be entitled to vote. Members must have attended at least 3 society meetings within the year to be entitled to vote at the A.G.M.
- VIII At the meeting the officers shall read their reports of the Society's activities for the year, the committee will make recommendations for the forthcoming year and any other business will be attended to. The election of a new Committee shall take place.
- IX A general meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee or by 50% of members of the Society presenting a signed petition to the Committee. Three days notice as provided for in the case of an A.G.M. shall be given.
- X An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called following the procedure set out above for General Meetings.
- XI 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.
- XII No one shall be admitted to membership less than 24 hours before an A.G.M. or E.G.M.

XIII

The Officers:

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

- XIV 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.
- XV 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.
- XVI 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 overrules 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 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.

XVII The Treasurer or the Chairperson 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 misappropriated, 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.

XVIII 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.

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

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

XXI.

Amendments:

This constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority of those present at an A.G.M. or an E.G.M.

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 they take the chair.

XXII 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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