

## **T.C.D. Sinn Féin Youth Society**

1. Name.  
The Society shall be known as "T.C.D. Sinn Féin Youth Society"
2. Objectives.  
To promote the objective for a democratic socialist Irish Republic and to cultivate understanding of the policies of the Sinn Féin Party among the students of Trinity College Dublin.
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 and members of the staff of the college in return for a subscription of .50p or such figure as shall be decided by the Annual General Meeting within the limits set by the Central Societies Committee.
4. The Committee.  
The committee shall consist of the following offices: The Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and five ordinary committee members.
5. The Committee shall meet at least once a month during the academic year.  
The general function of the committee shall be to oversee and co-ordinate activities of the society.  
A quorum of five must be present at any committee meeting at which a motion may be passed or decisions of general importance made.
6. Officers and committee members may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by the approval of 51% of those members of the Society present at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
7. The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings:  
The General Meeting of the Society shall be held within the first term of each academic year.  
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.
8. The meeting shall be open to all students and members of academic staff, but only ordinary members of the society shall be entitled to vote.  
A provisional chairperson shall be elected before the meeting commences in proper.
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 51% 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 by an ordinary member of the society.
13. No person 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 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.
16. 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 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 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 disassociated themselves from the decision, then the other officer shall assume complete responsibility; neither will the officer disassociating themselves be forced to accept responsibility by the vote of the Committee or 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.
17. The Treasurer or 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 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.
18. The Treasurer shall close her/his accounts on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March of each year and thereafter as soon as may be possible shall arrange for the accounts to audited as provided by the C.S.C. and these accounts shall be presented to the committee of the Society and to the C.S.C. for approval.

19. 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.
20. The ordinary members of the Committee shall be delegated any other duties by the Chairperson as are seen fit.
21. Amendments.  
This constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority of 51% 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 the meeting before she/he takes the chair.
22. 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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