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SABBATICAL OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL #2

Michaelmas Term, October 1st 2023 until October 16th 2023

NAME: László Molnárfi

POSITION: President

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Since July 1st 2023 I have taken 0 of annual leave days.



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Since July 1st 2023 I have worked 20.5 of additional hours outside of working hours.

1. **EXPENSES**

The cumulative expenses come out to €2035.25 since July 2023 as of 1st of October 2023.

Note: *The reason for the high figures is because through the President's account, the train tickets to SUT training were processed and so were all the sabbatical officer expenses, which is €20 per day for SUT and SUT+.*

2. **PREVIOUS REPORTS**

- [July 1st 2023 until October 1st 2023](#)

3. **UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS**

On-Campus Housing Campaign



- Following negotiations with the Provosts' Office after 591 students signed our [open letter](#), there has been a positive turn. I agreed to suspend disruptive action. In turn, a solid step is expected at the Finance Committee on October 26th 2023 for a 1-year rent freeze in 2024/2025. I worked on a document detailing the arguments for a rent freeze and [this can be found here](#).

Palestine Solidarity



Photo credits to Rory Chinn.

- I attended the rally in solidarity and co-organised the rally with Palestine on Monday 9th of October as well as worked with the other sabbatical officers and TCD BDS to put out a [statement](#) in support of the end of the Israeli apartheid regime.

Matheson Protest



- Raised awareness of vulture funds, as well as Trinity's links with Matheson, a firm involved in the defence of vulture funds, and supported grassroots student initiative on October 11th 2023. In Trinity News [here](#) and in University Times [here](#).

Lobbying



- Met Mairéad Farrell TD and Senator Fintan Warfield on the 3rd of October 2023.

USI Campaigns Training

- Held a campaigns training for USI Part-Time Officer training in DCU on the 5th of October 2023.

Inclusivity Training for Staff

- Working on this with the Ethnic Minorities Officer. I have raised it at a meeting with the Provost on the 10th of October. I will be contacting IFUT about this.

406 Days Screening

- Screened the film about the Debenhams Workers strike at Trinity on the 5th of October 2023 alongside a discussion with workers who were there and the producer of the movie in an effort to raise student-worker consciousness and solidarity.

USI #ItsRainingNow



- I spoke, rallied and chanted at this protest on October 4th 2023.

PWO Protest



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- I spoke at the PWO protest organised on the 5th of October 2023 in support of postgraduate researchers' demands.

Housing Survey

- [This survey](#) has over 600 responses now and is still open for TCD students to document their experience of housing and was made by Adam Ó Ceallaigh and Siubhán Stockman in collaboration with TCDSU. Data from this survey will be used in a report and in TCDSU's ongoing campaign for fair and affordable access to housing for its members. Your support by filling it out would be much appreciated, as the more students fill out, the more legitimacy our survey will have!

Freedom of Information Act 2014 Requests

- I have obtained via FOI statistics relating to College Health which can be found [here](#). The idea is that with this, together with the College Counselling FOI and data, we can make an analysis. This analysis would argue for more funding to these services from the government.

4. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Meeting	Frequency
Provost	1 x 1 hr
Team SU	1 x 1 hr
Sabbatical Board	4 x 1 hr
Trinity-INC Training	1 x 2hr



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Note: *These are formal college committees, but several other meetings take place regularly and I also meet regularly with a variety of students and staff, my appointments are [bookable online](#), and you are always welcome to my office hours!*

5. **MANIFESTO PROGRESS**

[Please click here to see the 2023/2024 Manifesto Promise Tracker for the role of the President.](#)

6. **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?**

- Join the housing campaign group, just let me know your WhatsApp and I will add you!
- Get involved in a group like [Trinity BDS](#), [DU Gender Equality](#), [Postgraduate Workers' Organisation](#) and [Students4Change TCD](#).
- If your class does not have a class representative, email chair@tcdsu.org (Conor Casey) and you will be automatically a class representative.
- Come to Council and submit motions, discussion items and take part in the debate, you do not have to be a class representative to do this.

7. **VOTER REGISTRATION**

All credit goes to Ella Mac Lennan, Citizenship Officer, for the below text.

A constitutional referendum on gender equality is scheduled for November 2023, and local & EU elections will take place in June 2024. To ensure you have your say, register to vote [here](#) now - it only takes a few minutes. You will need your PPSN and Eircode - if you do not have a PPSN or address, complete the relevant form [here](#).



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Even if you do not hold Irish citizenship, you are still eligible to vote in local elections. In addition to this, British citizens can vote in Dáil elections, and EU citizens can vote in EU elections. First time EU registrants wishing to vote in Ireland must complete an [EP1](#) declaration form to prevent double voting.

You may only be registered at one address - students who are already registered or wish to register at their home address may apply for a [postal vote](#). You may also apply for postal vote if you cannot go to your polling station due to illness or disability. The deadline for **all** postal vote applications is **22 working days before polling day**. If you register for postal vote, you cannot vote in person.

You may pre-register to vote if you are 16 or over. Your name will be added to the live register when you turn 18.

Frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.checktheregister.ie/en-IE/faqs>