



# SABBAT REPORT

## SABBATICAL OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL #6

Hilary Term, February 6th 2024 until February 20th 2024

**NAME:** László Molnárfi

**POSITION:** President

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## OFFICER REPORT:

### 1. ANNUAL LEAVE & TOIL ACCRUED

Since July 1st 2023 I have taken 2 of my annual leave days.

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

### 2. EXPENSES

The cumulative expenses come out to €3276.12 since July 2023 as of 16th of February 2023.

### 3. PREVIOUS REPORTS

- [July 1st 2023 until October 1st 2023](#)
- [October 1st 2023 until October 16th 2023](#)
- [October 16th 2023 until November 7th 2023](#)
- [November 7th 2023 until November 21st 2023](#)
- [November 21st 2023 until February 5th 2024](#)

### 4. UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

#### Housing Campaign



- [TCD Renters' Network has been set up](#) and has reached more than 100 members after flyering and social media push, please join if you rent on-campus or at Halls!
- We are preparing the ground for a series of direct actions against the government and we released our [statement of values](#) on the 6th of February 2024.
- Thanks to the Irish Examiner for publishing my [letter to the editor](#) on the 6th of February 2024 with regards to Minister Simon Harris' smoke-and-mirrors approach to welfare services and student accommodation.



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- I met with Threshold on the 7th of February 2024 to discuss [bringing complaints to the RTB](#) with regards to the overnight guests policy, and a [survey](#) has been circulated asking people to document their experiences with the overnight guests policy.
- Our petition on the overnight guests policy has reached 541 signatures and was reported on in the [press](#).

## Surveys

- Lecture Recording [survey](#) has 1,488 responses.
- P.M.E [survey](#) has 59 responses out of 123 students.
- Social Work [survey](#) has 75 responses out of 160.
- Health Sciences survey was updated at the Off-Campus Committee on the 12th of February 2024 and will be resent.

## Report on LENS Student Reasonable Accommodations at Trinity College Dublin

- The result of the collaboration between TCDSU (myself, Welfare Officer Aoife Bennett, Disabilities Officer Keely Jenkinson) and the Disability Service can be found [here](#).

## Asylum Seekers at the IPO

- We are working with Social Rights Ireland by providing TCDSU resources towards laundry and weatherproof tents for the asylum seekers stranded on the streets with no support from the government, which is a shameful situation and is in breach of human rights obligations.
- I sent an [email](#) to lecturers in the School of Law at Trinity College Dublin about this issue on February 18th 2024.

## USI #ItsRainingNow Implementation

### Trinity Students storm Department of Further and Higher Education demanding action on accommodation, cost of living



Department of Further Education occupied by students and researchers







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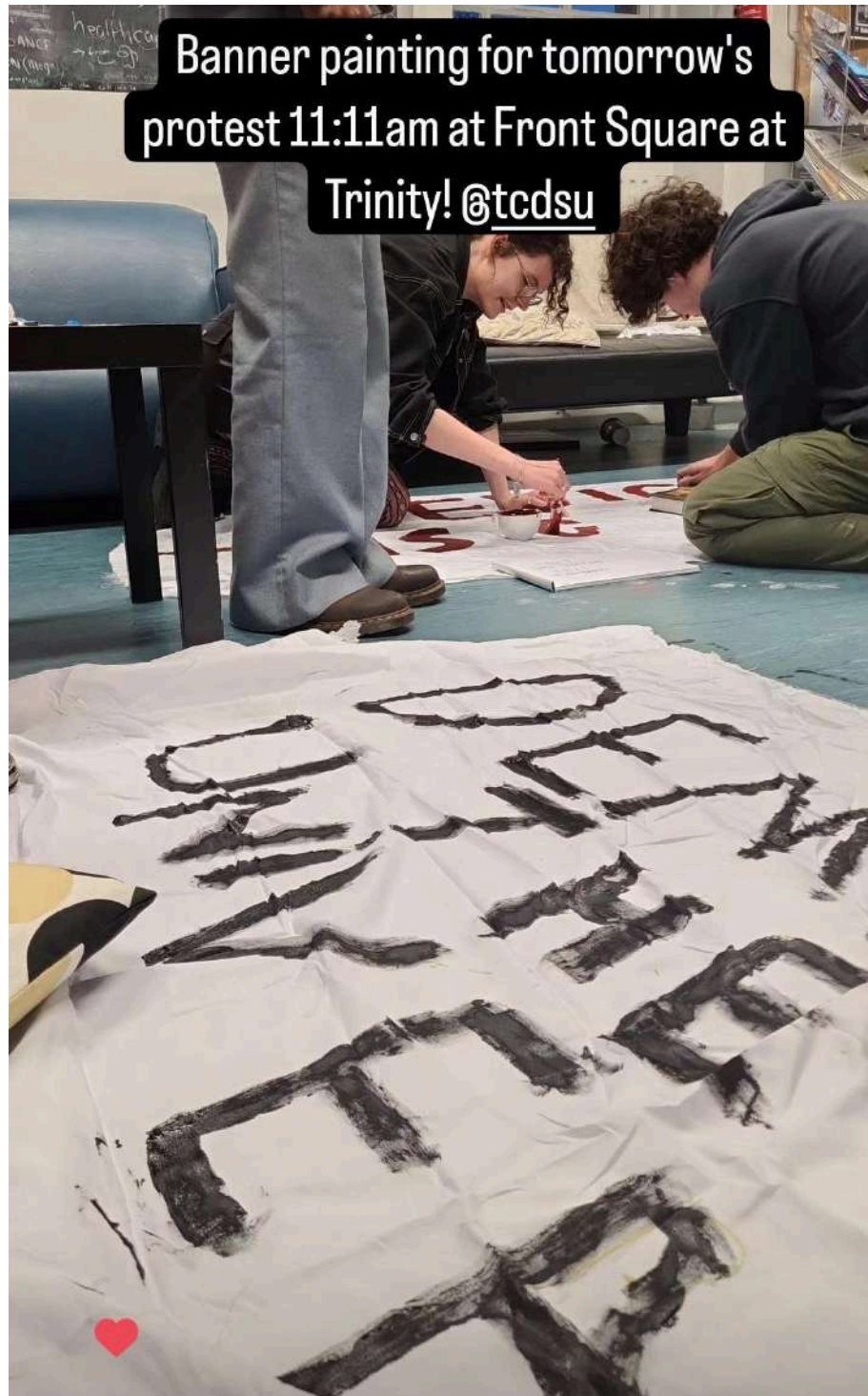
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- We called a protest for the 15th of February 2024 with a [statement of values](#) and [list of demands](#), did flyering for this on the 13th of February 2024 with the USI, banner painting on the 14th of February 2024, and then proceeded to occupy the Department for Further Education, earning us national media coverage in Q102 as well as the [Irish Independent](#).
- Join [our TCDSU campaigns group](#).

## Palestine Solidarity



- We protested with TCD BDS and disrupted the Book of Kells on the 7th of February 2024.





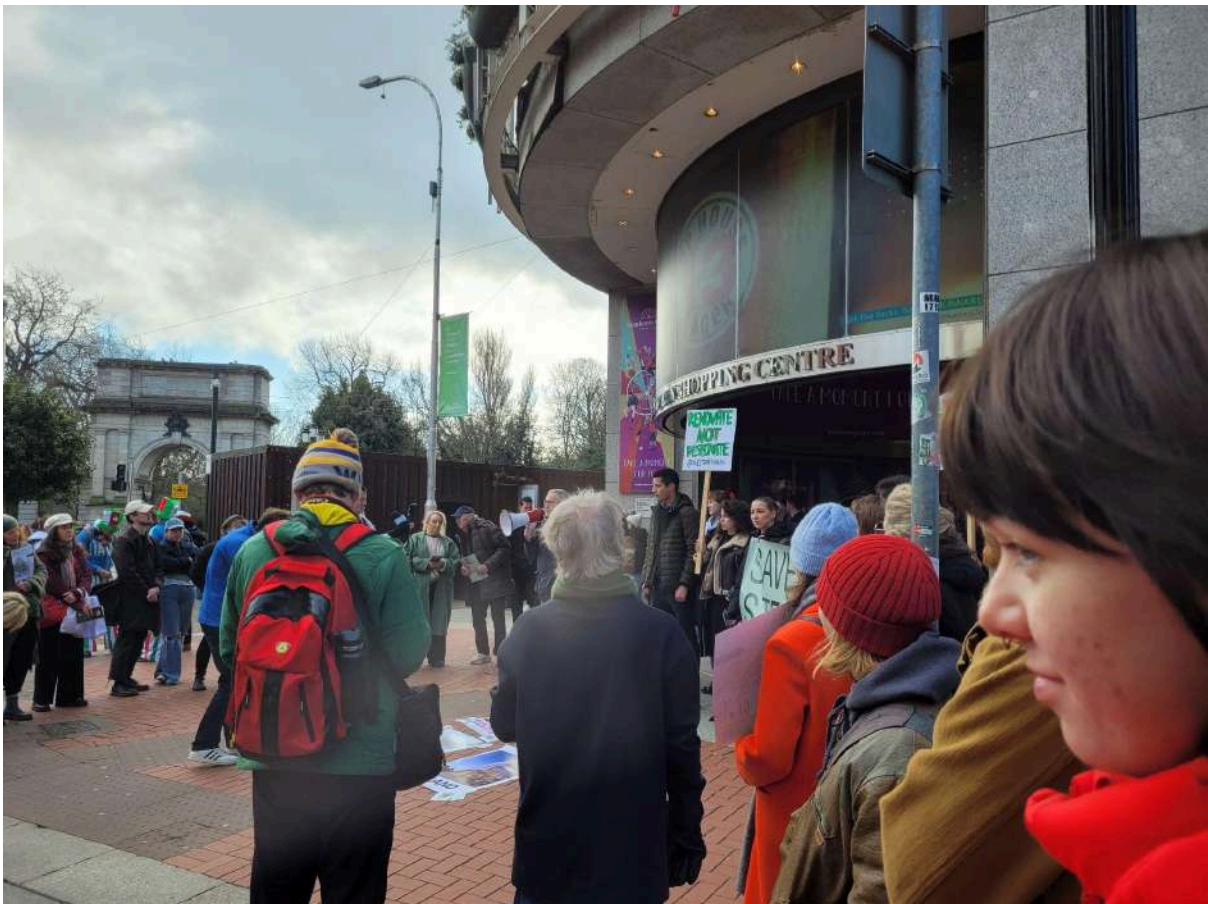
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- Myself and Keely Jenkinson Disabilities Officer and Aoife Bennett Welfare Officer worked with College's Mike Clark, John Uzice and John Kelly on installing new lights for College grounds for safety purposes, which has now been completed, and you can see the works done in the [report](#).

## **Masters' Fees**

- Thank you to Trinity News for publishing [my comment piece](#) on College's coming attempt to increase masters' fees, and don't forget to join [our campaigns group](#).

## **Cultural Death of Ireland**



- I attended on the 11th of February 2024 the Save Stephens Green Shopping Center protest and also lent the TCDSU megaphone to them.
- We are going to help the D-Light Studios campaign to retain their study space.

## **Supports for Professional Masters of Education**

- I liaised with the School and ASTI and they confirmed after a meeting on the 15th of February 2024 that they will be inviting ASTI, as well as TUI, to students in P.M.E courses.

## **Back to Education Allowance Reform**



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- Myself and Mature Students Officer Ailish Smith are working on this issue, and we are gathering mature student feedback.

## Launch of Éigse

- I attended and said a few words about the passing of the referendum and the promotion of the Irish Language on the 12th of February 2024.

## Postgraduate Workers' Organisation Valentines' Day Rally

- I attended and said a few words about the importance of their fight and our solidarity as undergraduates and postgraduate thoughts and how our fights are interlinked on the 14th of February 2024.

## Proctorio

- Thank you to Trinity News for [reporting](#) on our work with the USI on this.

## Green Paper on Disability Allowance Reform

- We are continuing to work on this with Disabilities Officer Keely Jenkinson and Welfare Officer Aoife Bennett and thank you to Trinity News for [reporting](#) about this.

## Spaces

- I am working on fixing the following issues.
  - Hand dryers in Goldsmith Hall Women's Bathroom do not work.
  - The bathroom in the old anatomy building, where the natural science labs are, do not have hand dryers and instead have a damp towel, which is not hygienic.
  - There are too few microwaves in the Hamilton JCR, and queues are long to heat up the food.



## 5. MEETINGS ATTENDED

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Council	1 x 2hr
Dean of Students	1 x 0.5hr
Sabbatical Officer Board	4 x 1hr
EDI Data Collection	1 x 1hr
USI	1 x 1hr, 2 x 0.5 hr
Racial and Ethnic Equality Working Group	1 x 1hr
Threshold	1 x 0.5hr
Candidates	1 x 2hr
Finance Committee	1 x 2hr
TCD BDS	3 x 0.5hr
Éigse	1 x 0.5hr
Off-Campus Committee	1 x 1hr
School of Education	1 x 0.5hr
Union Forum	1 x 2hr
CSC	1 x 0.5hr



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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!*

## 6. MANIFESTO PROGRESS

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

## 7. MANDATE TRACKER

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

## 8. HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- Join the housing campaign group, just let me know your WhatsApp and I will add you!
- Join the [TCD Renters' Solidarity Network](#) if you are a campus or Halls resident!
- 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](mailto: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.

## 9. VOTER REGISTRATION

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



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Two constitutional referenda on the role of the mother and of the family are scheduled for March 8th 2024, 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, complete the relevant form [here](#).

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>