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Trinity College Dublin Students' Union
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Trinity College Dublin,
Dublin 2.

TCDSU, in partnership with the Disability Service, announces the Trinity Sensory Processing Project and redevelopment of all Trinity Student spaces.

In partnership with the Trinity Disability Service and the Library, TCDSU are happy to announce the Trinity Sensory Processing Project, a scheme to redevelop TCD's on- and off-campus student spaces. This project involves a thorough review of all new and existing spaces across Trinity with a view to creating increased awareness of the sensory environment amongst students and staff. It will also ensure the delivery of specialist support to students experiencing issues with the sensory environments of college.

Over the coming months, major redevelopments will take place in all of Trinity's Libraries, student spaces such as the new JCR Hamilton, Goldsmith Parlour, the Arts Building Zón Mac Léinn and the James's Old Stone Building Student Space, alongside other spaces such as House Six and the newly developed Printing House Square. Individual sensory spaces will be developed in various locations across College and examination venues and lecture halls on- and off-campus will undergo review.

This project was initiated in 2019 by Disability Service staff, who identified a need amongst an increasing number of students with disabilities to redevelop student spaces to be more suitable and to create environments that cater for students with different sensory preferences.

The Trinity Sensory Processing Project draws upon years of feedback and engagement with Trinity students and staff, as well as research carried out within Trinity's Department of Occupational Therapy. This project is a result of strong collaboration and partnerships between the Disability Service, TCDSU, the Ability Coop, staff in the Library and the Science Laboratories, and with numerous other areas across Trinity.

This development is being part funded from a major €5.4 million fund for supporting students with disabilities across the country, as announced by Higher Education Minister Simon Harris in January 2021. Over half of Trinity's allocation of €482,364 will be spent on redeveloping and improving student spaces. The Library has also donated a significant amount of furniture to furnish Zón Mac Léinn (Student spaces) on- and off-campus. It is hoped that these redevelopments will be delivered in advance of the next academic year and we are working closely with the Disability Service to deliver on this target.

For more information on the supports and resources available in managing the sensory environment and on the project, please follow this link: <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/services/sensory-support.php>

Kind Regards,
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