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Executive Summary



Since becoming Vice President for Global Engagement for the University in 2021, the global geopolitical landscape has been marked by great instability around the world. We have emerged from a pandemic and a war has broken out in Europe. Our students and staff and our wider community of partners have been affected by the challenges of conflict, terrorism and climate events.

The horrific terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October, the ongoing hostage situation and the unbearable human tragedy perpetuated in Gaza have impacted our community in many ways.

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin continues to be a diverse community where academic freedom is valued and protected. We seek to increase that diversity through our recruitment activities and our partnership development. Our participation in Erasmus+ and wider international student mobility initiatives ensures that our students go out into the world to live, learn and have fun and also to see and hear different perspectives, voices and lived experiences.

Trinity Global, and the University as a whole, is committed to supporting a diverse community that promotes inclusion, equality, and equity. We strive to make sure that our students and our staff feel connected and engaged and that they belong. We launched our Pathway to Belonging initiative in the past year as a tangible commitment to supporting belonging. In addition, Trinity Global became the first professional unit at Trinity and in Ireland to be awarded an Athena Swan Bronze Award in recognition to our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. The award was the culmination of a detailed self-assessment process which we approached with curiosity, compassion, and a commitment to responding to areas which were identified as needing change.

We are nearing the end of the current Global Engagement strategy and looking forward to collaboratively developing a new plan as part of the institutional strategic planning process.

According to an old Irish proverb, ‘Ní neart go cur le chéile’ /‘There is no strength without unity’. The work of Trinity Global intersects with all of our Schools and many other professional units and what follows in this report is the culmination and a celebration of that collective endeavour.

Dr. Emma K. Stokes
Vice President for
Global Engagement

We are a globally connected community of learning,
research and scholarship, inspiring generations to meet
the challenges of the future.



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Key Achievements

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Trinity Global is the first professional unit in Trinity College Dublin and in Ireland to achieve an Athena Swan Ireland Bronze Award, recognising our commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Ranking

Trinity is the **31st** most international university in the world (*THE Rankings 2024*).

Global Incident Response Unit

We continue to assist and support students affected by human-made and natural disasters through our university supports and scholarship programmes.

University of Sanctuary

Trinity College Dublin is a [University of Sanctuary](#), a member of the Scholars at Risk network as well as a member of the New University in Exile Consortium. We continue to promote the Trinity Sanctuary Fund.

Telling our Story

In June 2024, Trinity Global launched a custom-designed thought-provoking publication called Trinity in 50, which tells Trinity's unique story through 50 objects.

Trinity Students

We have **123** students from **22** countries on the International Foundation Programme.

Global Mobility

39% of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme.

Pathway to Belonging

Pathway to Belonging is a programme that aims to support students to ensure they feel supported and have a sense of belonging at Trinity. One part of this 'pathway' is a bespoke online 8-week pre-arrival webinar series for incoming international students and inbound mobility students on a range of topics to support adaptation, community and belonging which was launched in 2023/24.



**BUSINESS, ECONOMICS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
STUDENT**

Yukari Ariyama



“I love Trinity because it offers abundant opportunities and unwavering support for international students. Within its vibrant community, there’s an endless array of avenues to explore and engage with, fostering my personal growth every day. From diverse cultural events to enriching academic pursuits, Trinity ensures that each day is brimming with possibilities, empowering me to flourish both academically and personally.”

Our Globally Connected Community

Trinity works with over **300** universities around the world, offering opportunities from exchange programmes to joint education partnerships.

CANADA

McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo

UNITED STATES

Barnard College
Boston College
Columbia University
Drexel University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
New York University
University of California
University of Chicago
University of Florida
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin at Madison

CHILE

University Adolfo Ibanez

CUBA

University of Havana
Casa de Las Américas

MOROCCO

Université Internationale de Rabat

EGYPT

American University Cairo
Pharos University in Alexandria

JORDAN

Jordan University of Science & Technology

SOUTH AFRICA

University of Western Cape
Stellenbosch University

BRAZIL

Federal University of Minas Gerais
Federal University of Parana

UNITED ARAB

Abu Dhabi University
Ajman University

European Exchange Partners

More than **300** Erasmus and European partners in **28** countries.

We launched the **Trinity Global Footprint** in 2023-24.

We have **151,112** alumni from **160** countries.

We have **7,721** students from outside Ireland from **118** countries.



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Day of Refugee Solidarity

Trinity Global marked Day of Refugee Solidarity in Education on 22 February with a well-attended event featuring an illuminating panel discussion with sanctuary students, staff, and NGO partners.

University of Sanctuary Governance

Trinity launched the University of Sanctuary Steering Group and Fund Advisory Committee to oversee Trinity's University of Sanctuary initiatives. We also appointed a University of Sanctuary Support Officer to support students through their journey at Trinity.



ABOVE: Day of Refugee Solidarity Event.

University of Sanctuary Scholarships

As part of the Trinity Research Doctorate Awards programme, Trinity launched a new PhD scholarship for students of sanctuary – the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award. We also awarded four new University of Sanctuary undergraduate scholarships.



Trinity Global Student Experience

Our students are at the centre of all we do.

Pathway to Belonging

Pathway to Belonging is a programme that aims to support students to ensure they feel supported and have a sense of belonging at Trinity. It is a unique programme in that it involves our student recruitment and global experience teams. One part of this 'pathway' is a bespoke online 8-week pre-arrival webinar series launched in 2023/24 for incoming international students and inbound mobility students covering a range of topics to support adaptation, community and belonging.

Another aspect of the Pathway to Belonging is the Goin' to Trinity community platform app for students. It has led to thousands of admitted Trinity students forming online 1-1 peer and group connections based on areas of interest, prior to commencing their studies.

Student Events

The Global Room hosted **342** student events.

Campus Tours

2,592 prospective students from **64** different countries completed campus tours.

Visa and Immigration

Trinity Global leads on all visa/immigration queries from international students including:

1000+ immigration queries dealt with

240+ immigration information sessions and 1-1 consultations held.

We also have a team of **4** global mobility ambassadors



44 Global Ambassadors offer peer to peer support, campus tours and much more.



Trinity Students

A total of **22,120** students at Trinity in 2023/24, **17,349** EU and **4,771** Non-EU.

Trinity Global reached **105.4%** of the student recruitment ambitions outlined in the Global Engagement Strategy for 2023/24. **70%** were undergraduate students and **30%** postgraduate.



STUDENTS	TOTAL	EU	NON-EU
Total	22,120	17,349	4,771
Postgraduate	6,601	4,632	1,969
Undergraduate	15,519	12,717	2,802



Student Recruitment and Marketing

1200+ student recruitment events attended and majority in-person.

New countries visited to promote Trinity programmes included Kenya, South Africa, Greece, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, Philippines, and Egypt.

Over **150** international guidance counsellors were welcomed to campus in November.

Co-ordinated national and global Open Days with over **12,000** registrants.

205,000+ social media followers across our global social media channels.



TRINITY JOINT
HONOURS
STUDENT



Allanah Blackweir

“As one of the highest ranking universities in the world, Sorbonne Université is an excellent academic opportunity! I study Sociology and French so this exchange was the perfect way to improve my language skills. I am keen to move to France once I finish my degree and I thought it would be a great experience to live there and understand what it is like to integrate into French life.”

Global Mobility

1,281 (39%) of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme in 2023/24.

More than 200 students were supported to study abroad through the Global Mobility Bursary initiative and 500 students were supported with an Erasmus+ grant, including 32 Ukrainian students.

The Vice President for Global Engagement was appointed the Tutor for all visiting students at Trinity.

Associate Director, Trinity Global (Partnerships and Global Mobility) Niamh Burke was one of five representatives from universities across Europe leading the EAIE Expert Community on Mobility Advising.



ABOVE: Meeting with new Trinity exchange partner at EAIE Conference.

Trinity Global Scholarships

Hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate students supported with scholarships and bursaries including:

Global Excellence Scholarships

China Scholarship Council –
Trinity Joint Scholarship
Programme

CASA Scholarship Programme

Claddagh Scholarship
Programme

Government of Ireland
International
Education Scholarship

Global Mobility Bursaries

SENIOR LECTURER
SCHOOL OF RELIGION,
THEOLOGY & PEACE STUDIES



Professor David Shepherd

“While the Global team and I were in Boston and Washington DC with Simon Harris on his ministerial visit, the team worked tirelessly to ensure we made the most of our time, strengthening our undergraduate mobility partnerships at Harvard and other universities and supporting me in forging a new research collaboration with Boston College.”



ABOVE: Returning exchange student event.

BELOW: Restructured Partnerships and Global Mobility team.



Our Unique Embassy and Diplomatic Strategy

Visits to and from Embassies as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs, European Institutions including ambassadors, government delegations, dignitaries, and donors to the University.

Trinity Global engaged with key university partners in Korea and the US as part of delegation trips led by Minister Simon Harris and a team from the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

Trinity celebrated Diwali, hosted by the Vice President for Global Engagement, with Indian Embassy First Secretary, Mr Murugaraj Dhamodaran, Dr Ronika Chakrabarti, Trinity Business School, Mr Anand Mercheri, Invicara, Dublin Mission in India Representative, Steve Brunn, Trinity Chaplain, Aashana Yadav - Chair of Indian Student Society, Prof. Mani Ramaswami, Trinity College Dublin.

Trinity hosted the second annual 'Łukasiewicz Lecture' in collaboration with the Polish Embassy and the School of Mathematics – a talk entitled “Knots, paths and strings”, given by Professor Piotr Sułkowski of the University of Warsaw.

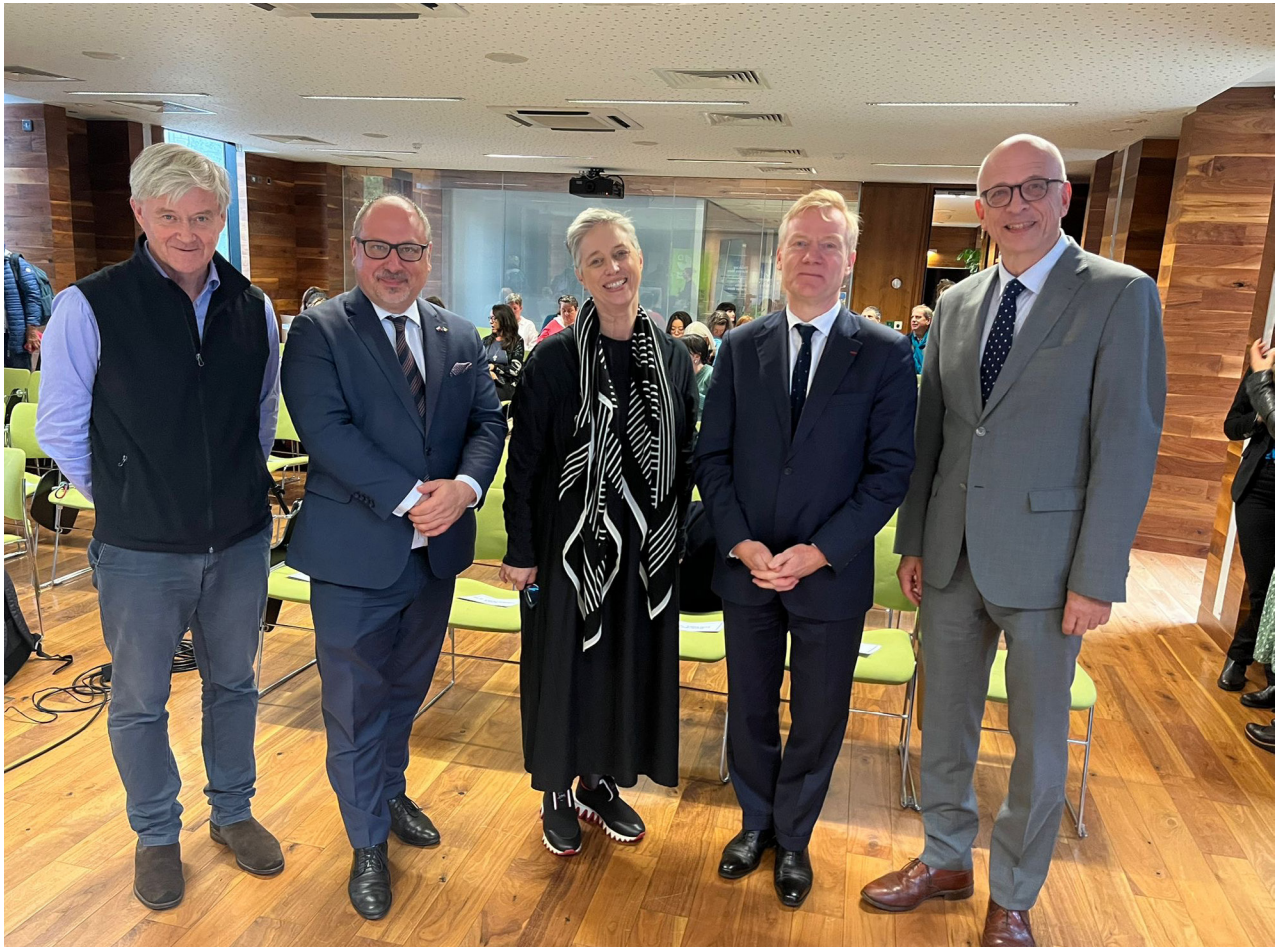
Trinity Centre for Literary Translation hosted an event with Booker Prize nominee and Trinity graduate Sebastian Barry and translators of his work in the Long Room Hub in September.



ABOVE: Diwali Event.



ABOVE: International day of Arabic Language.



ABOVE: (left to right) Simon Williams, Director of Global Engagement and Dr Emma Stokes, Vice President for Global Engagement with the Polish, French and German Ambassadors.

RIGHT: The second annual 'Łukasiewicz Lecture' in collaboration with the Polish Embassy and the School of Mathematics.



Partnerships

A new double degree in Law between Trinity and the University of California, Berkeley has been approved by Trinity committees this year with an anticipated date for admissions to be confirmed but likely to be in AY2024-25.

The School of Engineering launched a new Joint Programme with LASALLE College of the Arts in Music & Multimedia Technology with students set to join from September 2024.

Trinity hosted a delegation from the University of Bergen to launch a new partnership across the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The University of Bergen is also a member of Trinity's European University Alliance CHARM -EU and a member of the Coimbra Group making this a multi-dimensional partnership.

Trinity Global negotiated new international exchange agreements with Otago University, Auckland University of Technology, George Washington University, and Hokkaido University.

Trinity Global and the Long Room Hub supported an initiative with Boston College celebrating the partnership between the universities with a week of events in Dublin that included lectures and discussions with representatives from both institutions across a range of disciplines including Theology, Law, Political Science and Nursing.



DEAN OF ARTS,
HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Professor Gail Mc Elroy

“Working with Trinity Global to finalize an MOU with the University of Bergen has been a great experience for the Faculty. From the very beginning of the process, Global has been extraordinarily supportive and professional and we simply could not have forged these new links without them. Huge thanks to the partnerships’ team, in particular.”



ABOVE: Minister Simon Harris and US delegation.

LEFT: Meeting with colleagues at University of California, Berkeley.

RIGHT: Signing of MOU with the University of Bergen.



Networks and Alliances

Re-energised Trinity's engagement with the following:



Trinity Global coordinated a delegation from across the university to attend the Coimbra Group Annual Conference under the theme “Africa Meets Europe – Academic Cooperation for a Sustainable Global Future.”



Trinity Global supported 63 students on the CASA Dublin programme this year joining universities such as Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Harvard University, the University of Melbourne, and the University of Pennsylvania.



Trinity Global attended the 20-year anniversary celebration of the European University Foundation (EUF) along with more than 80 members. The team also engaged with the EUF on Erasmus specific training.



ABOVE : EUF 20th Anniversary

RIGHT: CASA students 2024, Home Tree site visit





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