



Trinity College Dublin  
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin

# Erasmus Student Orientation Crossing Cultures

16 January 2025

*Trinity Global Experience team*

# Welcome

selamat datang  
degemer mad  
tere tulemast  
dobrodošli  
karibuni  
murakaza neza  
chào mừng  
ようこそ  
тавтай морилогтун  
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velkomin  
sveiki atvykę  
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mishto-avilian tú  
歡迎  
добро пожаловать  
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maayong pag-abot  
Üdvözlet  
soo dhowow  
hoş geldiniz

# Today's session

1. International Student Support at Trinity
2. Events at Global Room
3. Crossing Cultures
4. Staying connected
5. Q & A



# Irish language ice-breaker

## English

Good Morning

What is your name?

Sean is my name!

A hundred thousand welcomes!

How are you?

I am good

Hello

Thank you

Goodbye

## Irish

Maidin mhaith

Cad is ainm duit?

Sean is ainm dom

Cead míle fáilte romhat!

Conas atá tu?

Tá mé go mhaith

Dia Dhuit

Go raibh maith agat

Slán

## Pronounced

Modjin mot

Cod iss annim dwit

Sean is annim dum

Kade meela fáil-cheh row-itt

Cun-us ah-taw two

Taw may guh mot

Dee-ah gwit

Guh rev mah agut

Slawn





Global Room  
Student Space and  
Student Supports

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The supports we offer include:

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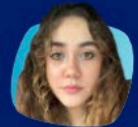
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# Global Room: Where we are

**Location:** 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Watts Building  
(beside Academic Registry)

**Open in person –  
Monday-Friday, 10am-9pm (in  
term)**

**Email:** [tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie](mailto:tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie)

**Make an appointment with one of  
our team or drop in**



# Events at the Global Room during Orientation Week, 13-17 Jan 2025

## Visiting and Erasmus Students

- **The Global Mobility Team and Global Room will be hosting events during orientation week**
- **Follow at [@tcdglobalmobilty](#) and [@tcdglobalroom](#) for updates**





# Crossing cultures

- **Cultural adaptation**
- **Tips on understanding Irish culture, language, slang, humour and accents**



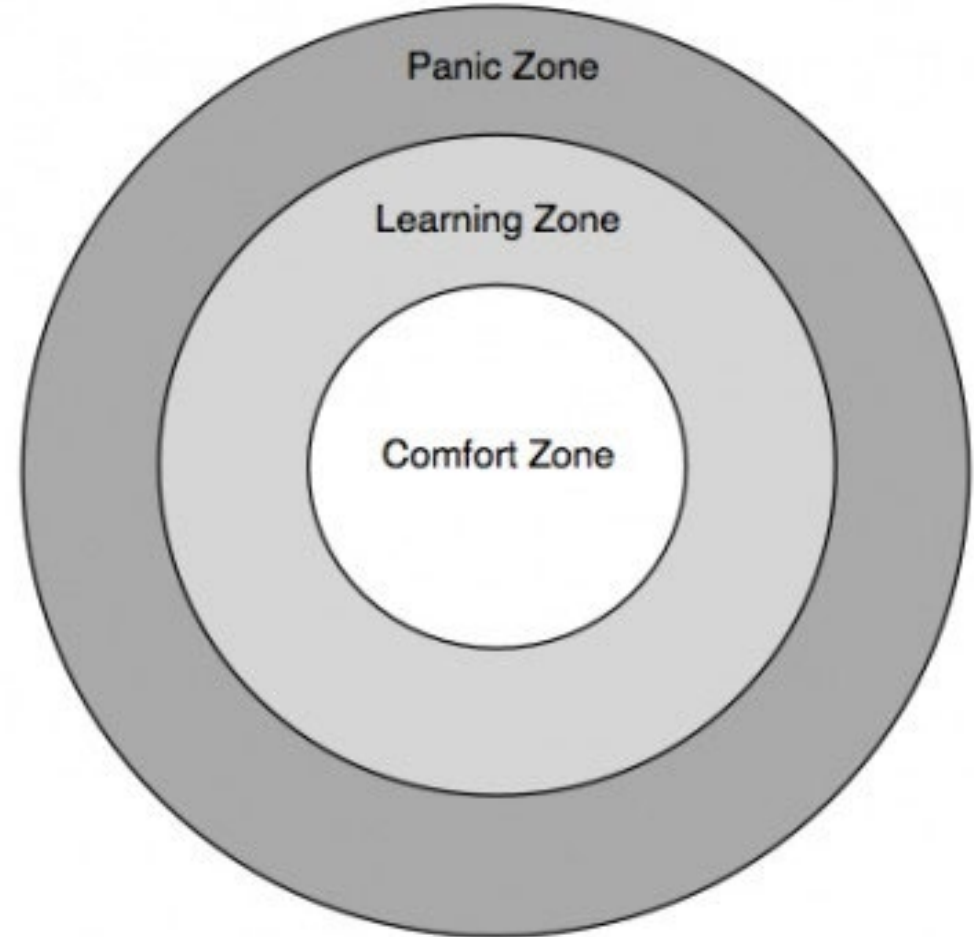


First step... You



**Think about your cultural  
comfort zone...**

**... and that of those you interact  
with**





**“Global dexterity is about learning to adapt your behaviour across cultures – no matter what culture you come from, what culture you are going to, or the situation you find yourself in.”**

**Andy Molinsky (2013)**



**Openness**

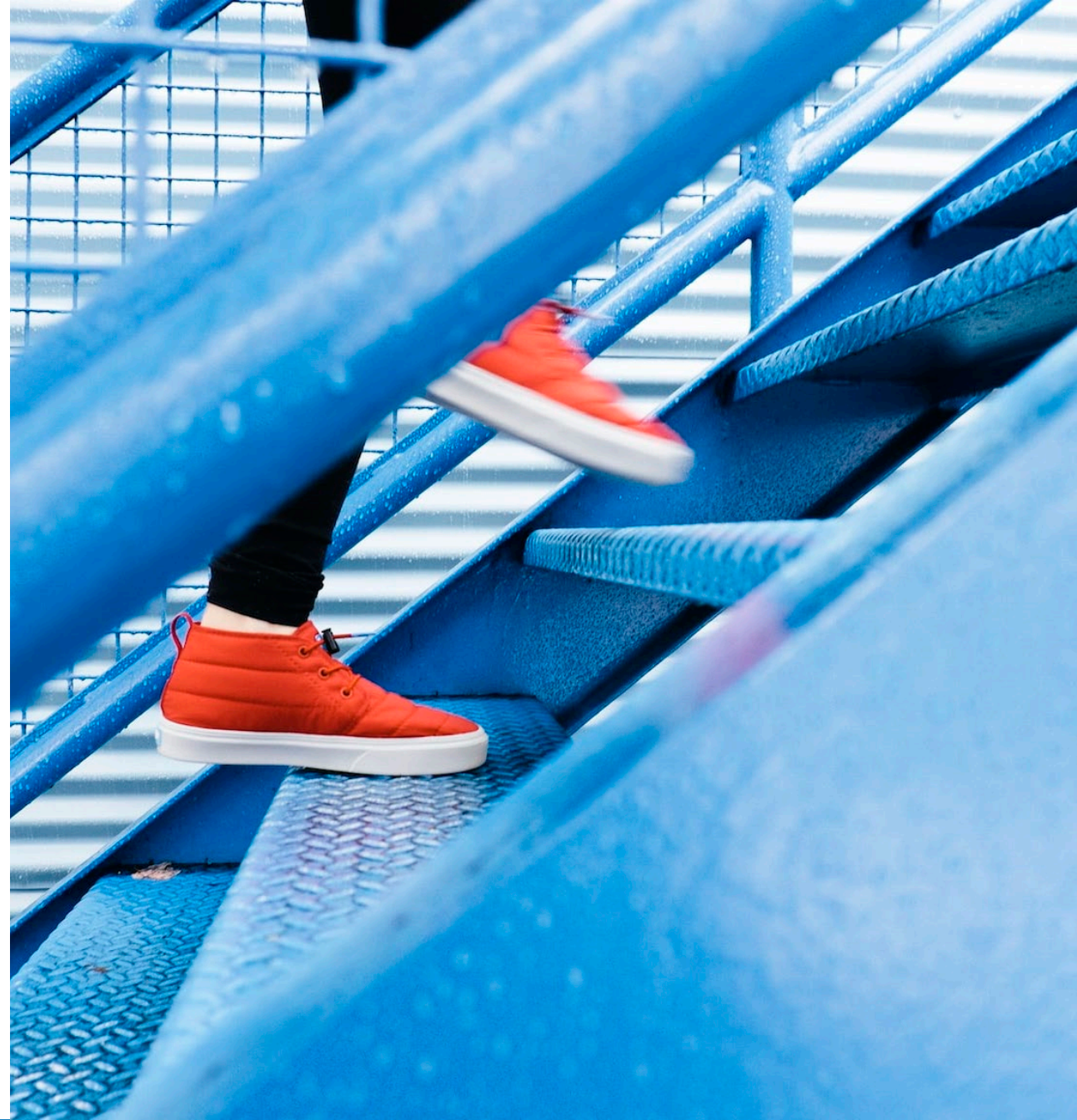
**Flexibility**

**Adaptability**





**Next step... acclimatising to a  
new culture**





# Thinking about culture... What is culture?



# Adapting to Irish culture



# Cultural differences in everyday life

- Greetings
- Small talk
- Punctuality
- Humour and slagging
- Queuing
- Friendliness
- Socialising and social spaces





# LANGUAGE & SLANG

The types of thing we say...

Trinity slang

"Grand"  
"Craic"  
"Gas"  
"Howaya"  
"Fair play"  
"Yoke"  
"Not too  
bad"

# TCD Jargon Buster

## Vocab:

- “College” – what we call Trinity
- Invigilator – an examination supervisor
- Provost – our College President
- Hilary Term (Current Academic Year Term)
- Classes = Modules

[www.tcd.ie/students/jargon-buster/](http://www.tcd.ie/students/jargon-buster/)



# Different ways of communicating

- Indirect language - The Irish sometimes avoid saying "No" and being direct
- Eye contact
- Swearing
- Informality even in formal situations





**Don't forget we speak  
another language in  
Ireland...**





# Irish language decoder

- An Lár: city centre
- An Post: post office
- Fir: "men" - often used on bathroom doors
- Mná: (pronounced muh nah) "Women" (often used on bathroom doors)
- Gardaí - The Guards – the police





# What to do if you are finding accents hard to understand...

## It's ok to ask people:

- To repeat what they said
- To slow down
- To clarify or ask for explanations of new words that you are not familiar with
- It takes time to get used to new accents

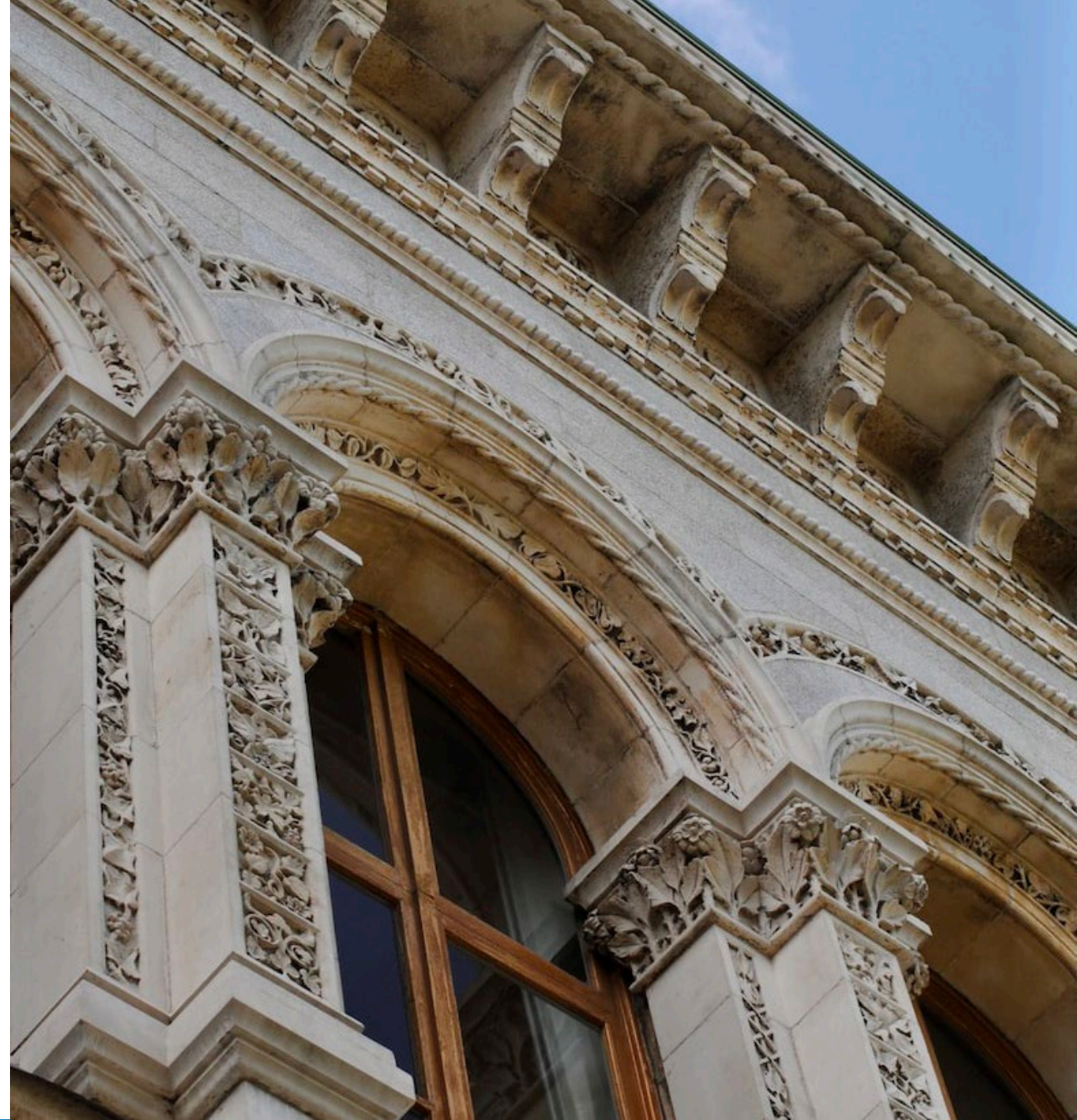




# Differences in academic culture

- Trinity – a research-led university
- Culture of independent learning and self-directed learning – emphasis on critical thinking
- Lecturer and student interaction
- Class participation and group work
- Academic language – reading, writing and English language skills
- Assessment, exams and understanding the grading system

[www.tcd.ie/study/assets/PDF/StudyingAtTrinity2022.pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/study/assets/PDF/StudyingAtTrinity2022.pdf)





# Culture shock and homesickness

- Culture Shock Curve
- Different phases of adjustment
- Studying abroad pushes your boundaries
- Becoming comfortable outside your comfort zone





# Coping with change and settling in

- Talk to new friends or to Trinity staff
- Get into a routine here
- Get support from home... but not too much - live in Ireland's time zone, not the one back home
- Take care of yourself, eat well and exercise
- Take the initiative - Go out and meet Irish people - Join college clubs and societies
- Immerse yourself in Irish life - read newspapers, watch Irish TV, social media





# 'Goin' To Trinity' app



<https://register.goinconnect.com/university/94673>





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Rooms available



# LAST MINUTE ROOMS AVAILABLE

- Here! Student Accommodation – Cork Street, Dublin 8
- Walking distance to campus
- All single ensuite rooms
- Social spaces, Roof top terrace and Gym

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Thank You. Any questions?

Good luck with your studies and have  
a wonderful time at Trinity.



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