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**Let's talk about...Being LGBTQ+ in  
Trinity & Dublin**

**Information session**



# Today's information session

- **Pride in Research** – scholarship by and for LGBTQ+ communities
- **TCDSU** – activism and fighting for a fairer future
- **Q Soc** – finding your community in Trinity & Dublin
- **Postgraduate Advisory Service** – supports, services, and staying in touch





Other helpful  
orientation  
sessions:

**Let's talk about... Equality,  
Diversity & Inclusion**

Weds 11am, Synge Theatre

**Let's talk about... Positive Sexual  
Experiences**

Thurs 2pm, Synge Theatre

**Living and dating in Dublin**

Thursday 3pm, Ed Burke Theatre

# Background

- Trinity has been at the fore of LGBTQ+ activism since the early 1970s
- Discrimination on Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation grounds is illegal
- 2015: Marriage Equality Referendum and Gender Recognition Act

Policies in Trinity which support and protect LGBTQ+ students and staff:

- Gender Identity & Expression
- Equality
- Dignity & Respect (bullying, harassment)
- Sexual Misconduct Policy

# homosexual?



make friends with gay people; fight for gay rights  
there is a group for gay women  
and men in this area  
SEXUAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. No. 5. T.C.D. DUBLIN 2.



# Pride in Research

## Dr Jason Keegan (he/him)

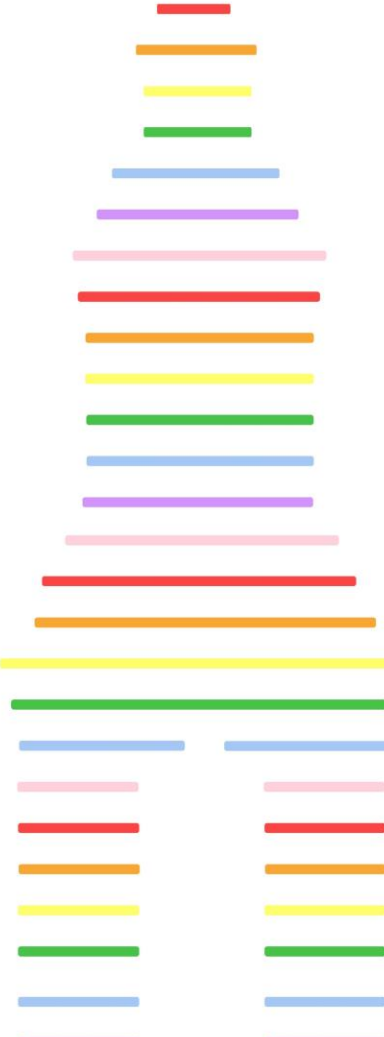
- Volunteer-led initiative to support LGBTQ+ researchers of all levels
- Annual National Conference held during pride month in TCD
- Annual European Researcher Night events
  - September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Seeking funding for the expansion of the project nationally.



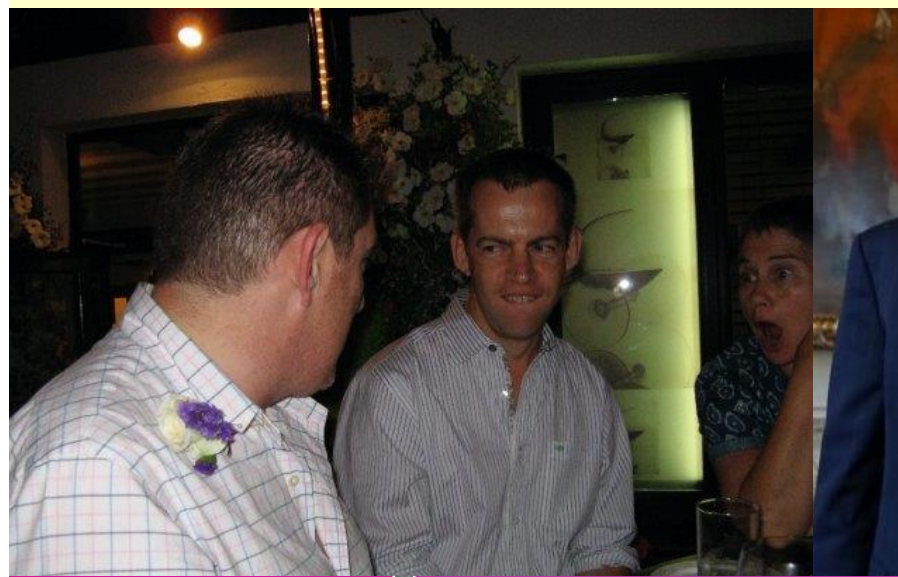
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# SFI Discover Programme - Pride in Research Grant Application

## Want to get involved?

- Come chat to some Pride in Researchers at our stall on European Researcher Night
- Join us for Dragademics on European Researcher Night!
- Follow us on social media for updates on our next events
  - <https://www.instagram.com/prideinresearch/>
  - <https://x.com/PRIDEinResearch>
  - Email: [prideinresearch@gmail.com](mailto:prideinresearch@gmail.com)



TCDSU/AMLCT  
How we can fight  
for a fairer future  
for us all.





# Liberation Week - a week focused on recognising and fighting our shared struggles **Jenny Maguire (she/her)**



- Previously, we ran 16 set campaign weeks - this year we are changing it up!
- During the week of October 28th, for the first time, we will be running **Liberation Week** - a collaborative action week run by you.
- We will be identifying key issues affecting LGBTQ+ and all marginalized groups. How do you get involved?
  - Sign up to our campaigns groupchat!
  - Attend campaign town halls!
  - Literally send me or any part-time officer (list available on our website) an email

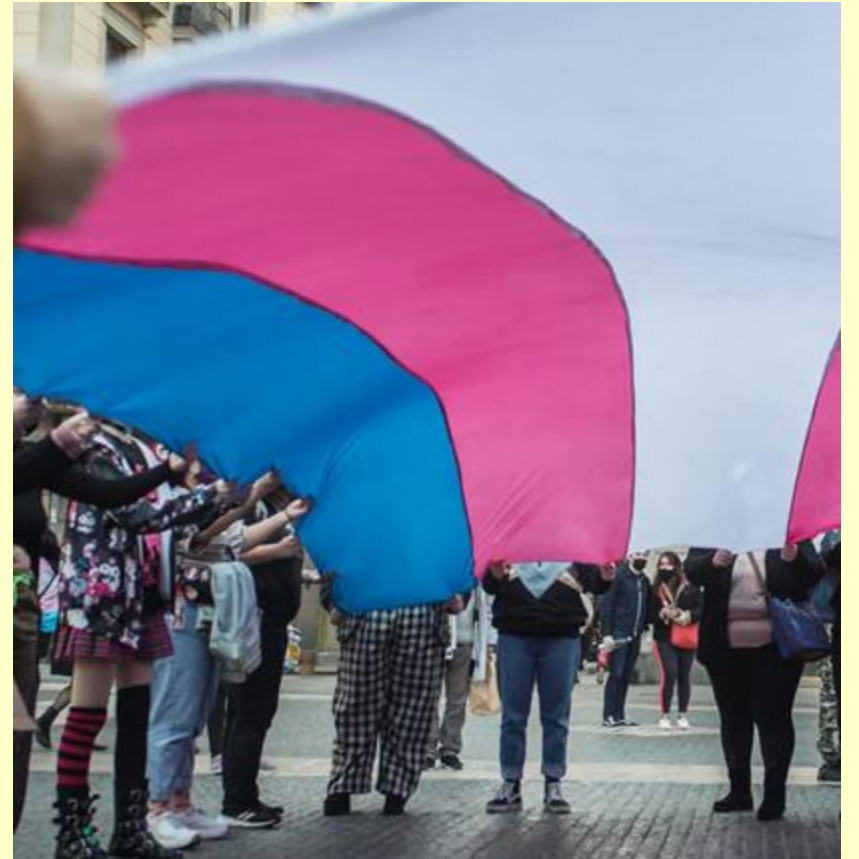


# ...But how can / help?

- **Campaigns Town Hall**
  - Held and advertised throughout the year, this town hall is usually held in a class room and online. It is an open forum for anyone and everyone to throw in their two cents on what way they think we can achieve our goals.
- **Campaigning isn't just screaming on the street**
  - Its important to play to your strengths! If you want to organise a research presentation as part of a campaign? The SU/AML will give you the resources. Really class at knitting? Lets make it work!
  - The best campaigns are when you aren't trying to be what you think a campaign is.
- **Become a class rep!**
  - We have a brand new system for postgrads in coming a class rep. Sign yourself up and be an advocate for your fellow postgrads
- **Become LGBTRO!**
  - Want to become the student representative for LGBTQ+ students? An election will be held at our first council, chat to me [president@tcdsu.org](mailto:president@tcdsu.org) for any questions!

# What is the T Fund?

- Students are able to apply for gender affirming items such as binders, gaffs, makeup, clothes, etc.
- The T Fund committee meets once every term to allocate money to the applicants
- There is €1000 for each term, and a limit of €200 per student.
- The members of the committee include the auditor of QSoc, the QSoc inclusion officer, the LGBTRO, and an external person from a trans organisation
- If you feel this resource would be useful to you, please do keep in touch and keep an eye out on the weekly SU email for applications





# Q Soc-led supports (Mac, they/them)

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Q Soc is the Oldest LGBT+ Society in Ireland and a well-established resource for queer students at Trinity College Dublin.

## Joining

The Societies Hub website has a signup page for QSoc!

Signups will also be available at the Fresher's Week stand

We will have events on from the beginning of the semester onwards!

# Closed Spaces

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A Closed Space is a closed group of people discussing a particular orientation.

It is “Closed” in that only people of that orientation, or questioning, can come.

Very good to discuss experiences, relate to other students who have gone down the same path as you.

Previous Closed Space formats, MLM, WLW, Bi+, Trans, Transfemme, Transmasc, NB, Ace, International Students, People of Colour, Ethnic Minorities and more!

Keep an eye out for a Queer Postgrad Closed space!



# Q-Soc Points of Contact

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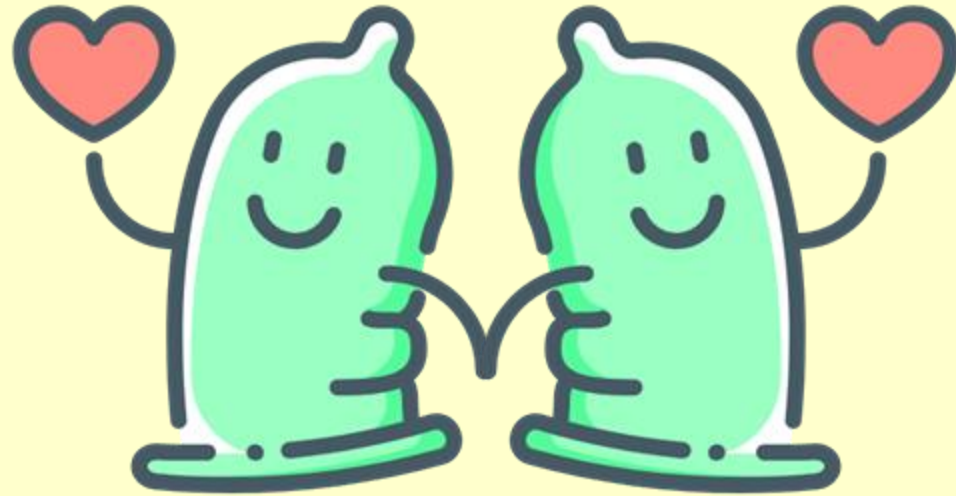
If you have a general query, DM us on Instagram at @q\_soc or email us at [lgbisoc@csc.tcd.ie](mailto:lgbisoc@csc.tcd.ie)! We try to respond to every message within a few days. If you'd like a member of our committee to meet you before an event, do contact us here.

**Inclusion Officer:**

If you want a more personal chat or guidance in how to get included with QSoc, you can reach out to our Inclusions Officer at [qsocinclusions@csc.tcd.ie](mailto:qsocinclusions@csc.tcd.ie).



# Queer Sex Ed



The Reproductive Justice Society will be giving a health-centred session during Freshers Week. We have a 101 session focussing on queer safety and pleasure the week after Reading Week and a 102 session during the SU's Liberation Week.

# Queer Spaces in Dublin



## Bars & Clubs

**The George** on Dame Street is a great shout. It is very fun, it has a lot of straight people with their one gay friend, but the vibe is usually good.

**Pantibar** on the Northside of the River is a more laid back space. Music is more of a factor, the kind of bar you go to meet people to talk to.

**Street 66** is an amazing Queer pub that hosts regular daytime and nighttime events. Great spot to watch matches, play board games, and chat with weekly dancing as well.

**Pennylane** next to Pantibar is a relaxed bar. Good cocktails. Age range skews a little older

## Sport

**Emerald Warriors** LGBT+ Rugby team

**Na Gael Aeracha** GAA Football (men's & women's) and Hurling

**Dublin Devils** LGBTQ Football (soccer)

**Pink Ladies** LGBTQ+ Hockey

**Shamrock Síoga** LGBTQ+ Basketball

**Out and About** Queer Hiking Group. (Age Range skews a bit older)

**Dublin Front Runners:** LGBT Running Group

## Alcohol Free

Outhouse LGBTQ+ Resource and community centre

Small Trans Library: Book Clubs and Screenings

Black Queer Book Club: Reading Groups

Outhouse Cafe: Coffee Mornings, events



# Coffee Mornings

Q Soc will be running monthly LGBT+ Mature Students,  
Postgraduate and Staff Coffee Mornings





# Safe Practices in Dublin

Dublin is rather safe for Queer students. Common sense is the main consideration.

## On a night out:

- Make sure you know how you're getting home before you go out, have a plan, don't plan to walk home at 4 am alone.
- If you're going to a stranger's house, make sure to let someone know, send the address and make sure they know when to check in if you haven't messaged again.
- Don't do anything if your gut tells you isn't safe.

## Safer Sex:

- Both the SU and QSoc keep free Condoms, Dental Dams and Lube handy if you need any— don't hesitate!
- College Health also does confidential STI tests for students
- There are a number of national resources for free HIV testing, at-home STI testing, and PrEP



# Safe Practices in Dublin

While Dublin doesn't have the biggest drug scene compared to other European Cities, all Drug safety tips still apply:

## Drug safety

- Don't take something if you don't know what it is.
- Don't take something for the first time when you're out.
- Be aware of common signs of spiking in drinks:
  - **Drink looks foggier with excessive bubbles & ice doesn't float**
  - **Change in taste or colour**
  - **Unexpected intoxication or breathing issues**

## Needle Spiking:

While rare, be aware of needle spiking!  
People now spike using needles

If you suspect needle spiking:

- **Bleed the puncture by squeezing around it**
- **Wash with soap under warm water**
- **Cover with dressing if possible**
- **Report ASAP and seek medical help**



# Updating your student record

If your name or gender identity is different to that on your student record:

You **do** have a gender recognition cert/ supporting documentation:

- Fill in the Change of Details form
- Bring form, documents and your student ID card to Academic Registry

You **don't** have a gender recognition cert/ supporting documentation:

- Fill in the change of details form
- Book an appointment with PAS
- PAS will co-sign the change of details form
- Bring form, documents and your student ID card to Academic Registry

# Updating your student record

## Change of name/ gender support session

In cooperation with Q Soc,  
Academic Registry, Senior Tutor's Office and  
Postgraduate Advisory Service will host an  
information session on changing your details

Will be an opportunity to complete and submit  
the form that day, or take them away with you to  
submit later

23 Sept, details tbc



# Supports for LGBTQ+ students at Trinity, if you:

## **Need a place to talk through stuff, get support:**

Rainbow Drop-in Support Group: Fridays, 11-12.30pm  
Student Counselling

## **Need advice on healthcare:**

College Health

## **Need clarity on Equality matters in Trinity:**

EDI Office:  
equality@tcd.ie

## **Experience bullying, harassment, assault**

Dignity Respect & Consent team

## **Need free legal advice:**

Trinity FLAC clinics

## **Have suggestions on the curriculum:**

Trinity INC:  
trinityinc@tcd.ie



A welcome and affirming space for all members of the LGBTQ+ Community to improve their mental health and resilience through providing support to one another as well as receiving support from professional group facilitators.



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**TRÁTH NA GCEIST BOGHA BÁISTÉ**  
**RAINBOW PUB QUIZ**

**TUES 3RD SEP**

**6-8 PM @ STREET 66**

# LGBTQ+ Postgrad Rainbow Table Quiz tonight

- 6-8pm
- Street 66 – Parliament Street
- Tickets on the Orientation Timetable

Finally... let's stay  
in touch!

- An opportunity for LGBTQ+/ Queer postgraduates to connect, remain up to date on events, initiatives, and resources available in College and externally
- To join a mailing list for updates, add your contact information to the form here:

## Postgraduate LGBTQ+ network

