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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year ASIAP Students' Disability Rights Awareness Event

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 9.30 am – 11.30 am 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 3 College Green, D2

## Your Voice, Your Vote



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### **ABOUT:**

- TCPID

- ASIAP Programme

- Disability Rights Module



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#### **About TCPID**

#### Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice

Programme for People with Intellectual Disabilities

#### Opportunity to:

- Experience college
- Undertake work placement as part of our course
- Achieve a recognised qualification



#### **About TCPID**



Work Placement can lead to paid internships



In 2nd year we do the Disability Rights Module and run a disability awareness raising event

#### Your Voice, Your Vote

We voted on a theme, and we decided on Voting in the local and European elections.

It's important to understand why voting matters and how it works.

We're lucky to have the opportunity to vote, and it's very important to use it.

Voting and talking with others are so important for creating positive change.

#### YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE

Local and European Elections 2024







#### **TCPID Business Partnerships**











































































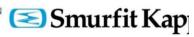
































# **Experience Of Voting In The Care Referendum**



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An bhfuil tú ag toiliú leis an togra chun an Bunreacht a leasú atá sa Do you approve of the proposal to amend the Constitution contained in the An Bille um an Daicheadú Leasú ar an mBunreacht (Cúram), 2023 undermentioned Bill? Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 Ná cuir marc ach san aon chearnóg amháin Tá Place a mark in one square only Yes Má thoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo. If you approve, mark X in this square. No Mura dtoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.. If you do not approve, mark X in this square.

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#### Our Experience of Voting in the Referendum

#### **Voting had its difficulties:**

- 1. Some people didn't understand what to do because the instructions were confusing.
- 2. It was hard to tell which voting paper was for what.
- 3. People wanted simpler language so they could understand what they were voting for.



#### Our Experience of Voting in the Referendum



- 4. Some didn't know they could get help to vote.
- 5. Help for disabled voters stopped between 8pm and 10pm.
- 6. Some felt rushed because others were waiting to vote.
- 7. Some polling stations weren't easy to get into or had barriers to voting.

#### Positive Experiences of Voting

Staff were friendly and helpful.

Some polling stations were accessible.

Being able to take part in voting is something we value.

In some countries, disabled people aren't given the chance to vote.

FRIENDLY

ACCESSIBLE

**OPPORTUNITY** 

#### **Concerns For Future Local & European Elections**

SIMPLE

RELIABLE

CONSISTENT

List of candidates is too long.

Need up-to-date reliable information we can understand.

Including from the State broadcaster & political parties.

#### **Recommendations: Part 1**

#### A Ballot Paper should:

Be easier to understand and have clear headings

Be in easy-to-read format

Test the language and information with representative groups + send out to different groups (like us)

Introduce technology for translations, easy read, screen readers.

#### **Recommendations: Part 2**

Supports should be available all day and be well advertised

All election material should be accessible

Homeless people should be supported to vote

Disabled people need to be better represented in elections

Create a video guide on how to vote and how the single transferrable vote system works.

#### **Our Example Of An Easy Read Information Sheet**

#### Step 1:

Get your voting card stamped by the staff.



#### Step 2:

Find your first choice (favourite) person.

#### Step 3:

Put a number 1 next to their name.

Joe Smith

1 John Citizen

**3** Jane Doe

Fred Rubble

Mary Hill

#### **Emily Power, Environmentalists United**



Emily Power is an environmental activist.

She loves nature and wants to protect it.

Emily will work to reduce pollution and promote sustainable living.







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# Guest Speaker: Mr Art O'Leary





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# Guest Speaker: Mr Hugo MacNeill



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# Closing Remarks

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