

Towards Inclusion in Trinity Clubs and Societies | Trinity Ability Co_op

The Trinity Ability Co_op is pleased to announce that we have been chosen as one of the groups to receive the Trinity Trust Special Fund. With this funding we will work towards making Trinity Clubs and Societies inclusive to students with disabilities.

As increasing numbers of students with disabilities pursue educational options at Trinity, it becomes even more important that Clubs and Societies are inclusive and accessible to everyone. We are very excited to embark on this project to empower students with disabilities in Trinity.

What do you students with disabilities have to say about Trinity Clubs and Societies?

“Most are unwilling and unresponsive to disabled voices talking about their concerns and are seen as a nuisance.”

“The majority of societies and clubs are not accessible and little to no effort is made to make them accessible, it made me feel really lonely and excluded when I started my course.”

“Disability makes it very hard to approach societies.”

“The members of some societies can be quite exclusionary when they find out that you have medical problems or mental health trouble.”

The Trinity Ability Co_op look forward to working with Trinity Clubs, Societies and Unions to achieve better social inclusion in Trinity. The grant we received from the Trinity Trust will allow us to achieve our goal of equal access and inclusion, the Trinity Ability Co_op will do the following:

Inclusive Checklist.

We will create a checklist for making student organisations welcoming and accessible. It will identify some of the issues of accessibility and inclusion that may exist in Clubs and Societies.

Inclusivity and Accessibility guidelines for Clubs and Societies.

We will develop these guidelines to support the development of inclusive and accessible Clubs and Societies.

Disability Awareness Training.

We will develop and provide disability awareness training for all Clubs and Societies that will be designed to support the roll of the inclusivity checklist and guidelines.

The training will be delivered by trained experts by experience with disabilities.

The Trinity Trust Special Fund was established to support and enhance student life during the pandemic and to assist student societies, sports clubs and other organised student groups to develop new projects that advance learning and education in College. The total fund was €100,000 of which the Trinity Ability Co_op will receive €4800.

One of the main sources of funding for the TCD Association & Trust grants comes from the [TCD Affinity Credit Card](#). With over 10,000 cardholders to date, a percentage of the annual turnover on these cards is donated back to Trinity by the Bank of Ireland.

We will update you on our goals and deliverables as we progress this exciting project. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Linkedin](#).