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Trinity College Dublin Students' Union
House 6,
Trinity College Dublin,
Dublin 2.

Notice regarding Whatsapp Imposters

Dear students,

I'm Leah, this year's Welfare and Equality Officer of TCDSU. It has come to my attention that a number of suspicious job advertisements have been posted into Freshers' course WhatsApp group chats. This person is posing as other members of the group, using their names and photographs. In an effort to secure student safety, I have liaised with TCD's Community Garda, who has suggested that:

- Group admins tighten security by creating a new group chat and ask those requesting access to the group to provide a student number or student email address before gaining access.
- Students should screenshot any suspicious activities, report and block the suspected account from the group chat.

Any further suspicious activity should be flagged with TCD's Community Garda Frank Johnson (frank.f.johnson@gmail.com).

This message is not intended to cause panic but instead to encourage vigilance. As Welfare Officer, student wellbeing is my top priority and with so much of our academic year taking place in the digital sphere, it is imperative that we take necessary precautions to stay safe online.

I will also note that as first years, many of you will have new found independence this year and some may be living in Dublin for the first time. Please read An Garda Síochána's Campus Watch Booklet to find out how you can take the necessary precautions to stay safe during your first year in college.

If you are having trouble adjusting to college life feel free to reach out (welfare@tcdsu.org). I hope this year is an enjoyable and safe one for you.

Kind Regards,

Leah Keogh, Welfare and Equality Officer TCDSU