

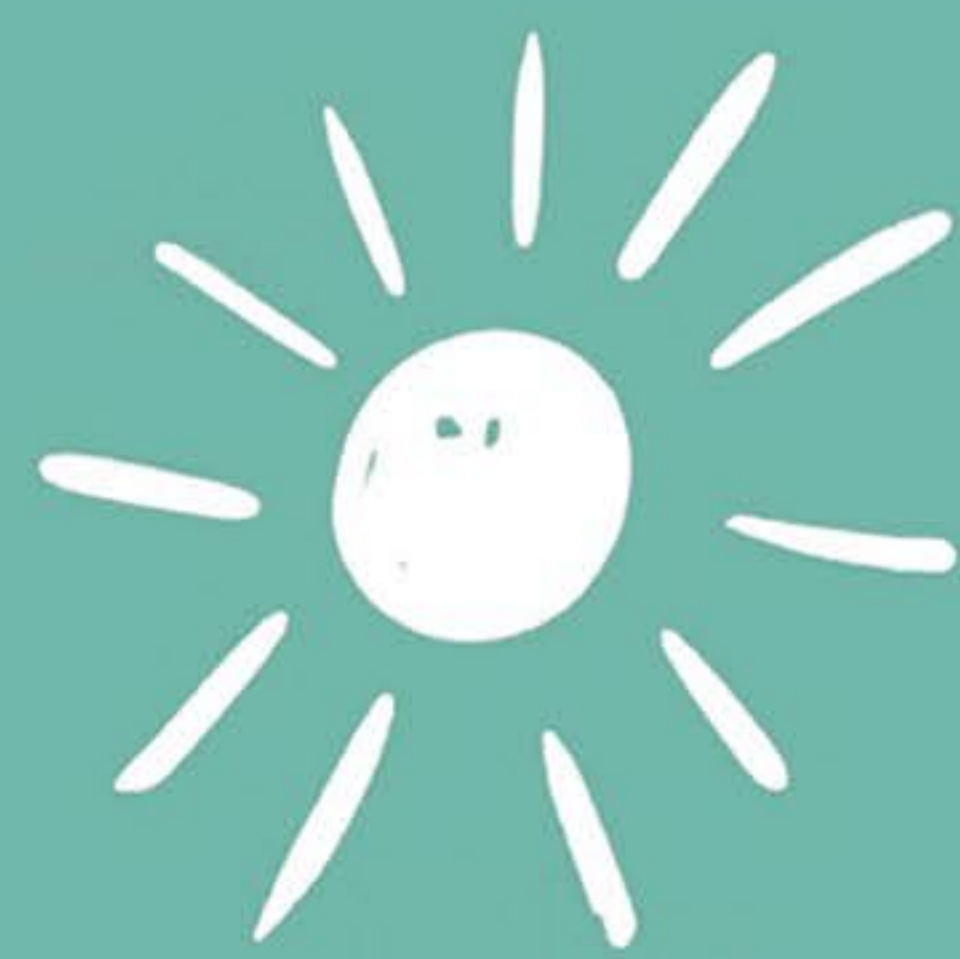
Hello!

I'm **Leah**, my pronouns are **she/her** and I'm running to be your **Welfare and Equality Officer**.

As a final year **Social Studies student** and **activist**, the wellbeing of the student body is a passion of mine. Whether student politics is your thing or not, I believe that **all students deserve access** to the best quality services and that your welfare be prioritised and fought for during your time in Trinity.

A Welfare and Equality Officer is someone who is **passionate, approachable and informed**. I will embody these qualities as Welfare Officer. I will campaign, as I have done throughout my time in college, for **issues that affect you**, from sexual and mental health to the rights of minority groups on campus as a dedicated ally.

I hope to be a **Welfare and Equality Officer for all**, one that looks out for you through your entire college experience.



Polling Times

Trinity Hall
Mon 24th : After
Hustings

Arts Block & Hamilton
Tues 25th: 10am-5pm
Wed 26th: 10am-5pm
Thurs 27th: 10am-4pm

Tallaght & St. James'
Tues 25th: 12pm-2pm

D'Olier Street & TBSI
Wed 26th: 12pm-2pm

Don't forget your student card!

Contact Me!

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FOR WELFARE & EQUALITY



My Experience

Consent Workshop Facilitator and First Responder: I am a trained Consent Workshop Facilitator and delivered Consent workshops in Halls during Freshers' Week. I am also a trained first responder to those disclosing experiences of sexual misconduct.

School of Social Work and Social Policy Convenor: I am the current convenor of the School of Social Work and Social Policy. This is an advocacy role that involves listening to my fellow students and bringing their input to the table of executive committees in College.

Chair of TCDSU's Oversight Commission and Secretary to Council: I spent two years re-establishing the oversight of TCDSU as Chair of the Oversight Commission, safeguarding the Union's core principle that student voices are driving the work of the Union. I was also elected as Secretary to Council twice. This role taught me the inner-workings of the Union,

providing me with a level of organisation and awareness that will allow me to deliver my manifesto promises.

Student Activism: I have marched for publicly funded education throughout College. I have represented Trinity at the Union of Students in Ireland (USI) Congress and campaigned on topics such as the University of Sanctuary and Union accountability. I was also involved in 'Take Back Trinity' and protested outside the Book of Kells and the Dining Hall to ensure that the students' voices were heard.

Also:

- ◇ Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trained
- ◇ S2S Mentor
- ◇ JF Class Rep of the Year
- ◇ Social work placements with asylum seekers, the homeless community and underprivileged groups

Harm Reduction:

I will organise **'safeTalk'** training to be made available through the HSE for all Trinity students and staff to better equip us to support our students having suicidal thoughts.

I will work with Students for Sensible Drug Policy on the implementation of a **drug policy** that recognises drug use and informs students of support available. I will also work with USI to bring a Drugs and Alcohol information and support campaign to Trinity.

Sexual Health: I will work with USI to lobby the HSE for free and accessible methods to prevent **STIs and crisis pregnancy** like the pill, latex-free condoms and dental dams.



I will work with the College's Consent intern to implement the guidelines outlined in the 2019 publication by the Department of Education and Skills on **'Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment** in Irish Higher Education Institutions'.

I will work with HIV Ireland to provide **rapid HIV testing** during Rainbow Week and ensure that information about PrEP is easily accessible to all students.

Inclusion: I will hold **office hours** in accessible locations both on-campus and off-campus. I will provide out-of-hours office hours for students on placement and those with demanding timetables. I will also make Skype office hours available to Erasmus students to ensure we are minding our students overseas.



I will work with the College's Director of Diversity and Inclusion to provide **unconscious bias training** for both students and staff to foster a more inclusive college campus.

Transparency:

I will record casework data and publish an anonymised **annual report** detailing key issues that students are facing. This data will legitimise funding applications and inform target areas for future College Officers.



My Ideas

Student Finance: I will establish a **student welfare partnership** with Academic Registry to combat its existing processes that don't serve students. I have developed an early action plan that targets the €385 re-admissions fee and advocates for a more accessible fee payment plan.

I will work with the Student Support Officer to publicise grants and bursaries available to students to **alleviate financial pressure**.

