

# Student Life

## Manifesto: Claudia Peroni

My name is Claudia and I am a second year PhD in the department of Sociology at Trinity. I'm running to represent the needs and perspectives of PhDs in the university, as we feel we are currently underrepresented. PhDs are living on a stipend which is less than minimum wage and cannot avail of any of the benefits of an employee, such as PRSI, annual leave or paid overtime. This is notwithstanding the fact that we are actively involved in research and teaching, which benefits not only academia as a whole but Trinity specifically. Our working conditions have a negative effect on our wellbeing, and subsequently on the quality of Trinity's research and teaching. As a member of the PCAU, I will be advocating for reform consistent with the Fair Postgraduate Research Agreement, and ask the postgraduate community of Trinity to support my nomination so that we can work together to create a better future for the whole college community.