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Press Release RE: Seachtain na dTeifeach (Refugee Week)

Next week, TCDSU will be running our first campaign week of the year: Seachtain na dTeifeach (Refugee Week). During the week of the 12th of October we'll be bringing you 3 panel discussions and content across social media with the theme of Direct Provision.

We ask that all students take direct action as part of Seachtain na dTeifeach and lobby their local representatives to strive for reform for asylum seekers here in Ireland. We're also asking students to sign the #400welcomes campaign petition which calls on the Irish Government to welcome 400 refugees who have been left homeless after the fires that ravaged the Moria refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece. We're also asking for donations to the Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland (MASI) who do crucial work to support and lobby on behalf of asylum seekers here in Ireland.

An email template, the donation link, and the petition can all be found here - <https://refugeewktcd.carrd.co/>

The topics of the Zoom Panels are as follows:

Monday 6pm - The Grounds of Persecution. A discussion of the factors that lead to people becoming refugees.

Wednesday 6pm - The protections Ireland Offers to Refugees. A discussion of the systems in place here in Ireland designed to support Refugees.

Friday 6pm - A brighter future without Direct Provision. A discussion of the potential alternatives to Direct Provision that would lead to fair and equitable treatment of refugees here in Ireland.

We're delighted to be working with DU Amnesty, Trinity Flac, Trinity VDP and Trinity SUAS on this campaign week and we're looking forward to seeing you all at our panel discussions!

You can find the event on Facebook 'TCDSU Seachtain na dTeifeach//Refugee Week 2020' <https://www.facebook.com/events/336572534289877/>

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