**Trinity Legacy Award for Volunteering**

With this award, Trinity acknowledges exceptional students or graduates who, during time in Trinity, have left a legacy based on their contribution, leadership over time, and innovation in bringing about a permanent or sustained positive impact on the organisation/individuals they are working with. Because of the very high standards associated with this award a maximum of 3 will be presented in any year. It is not expected that it will be given every year. Deadline for nominations is **Monday 1st March 2021**.

**Eligibility:**

Only 3rd party nomination by the organisation/individuals will be accepted. Following nomination from the organisation, shortlisted nominee will be invited to apply by submitting a portfolio. While it is expected that most of the criteria for the Leadership Award will be met by nominees, eligibility will also be based on evidence of having left a lasting legacy beyond their direct involvement.

We will be inviting shortlisted nominees to submit a reflection as part of their portfolio. Reflective practice is a deliberate way of thinking that **leads to change in action**. As part of the application they will be asked to submit a reflection using the [online guided reflection tool](https://www.tcd.ie/students/reflection/). This will not be assessed themselves. Throughout their careers they will be expected to understand how they work and perform, to play to their strengths and to identify and work on their weaknesses. The ability to reflect is linked Trinity’s Graduate Attributes: to think independently, to act responsibly, and to communicate effectively. They can be seen on the Graduate Attributes [webpage](http://www.tcd.ie/TEP/draft/graduateattributes.php). Please note that this nomination will be shared with the nominee to help them in their application process.

**Nomination Details**

Nomination applications are to be submitted by email to [scamero@tcd.ie](mailto:scamero@tcd.ie)

Nominee’s Name:

Organisation’s Name:

Brief description of what the organisation does:

Nominator’s Name and position in organisation:

Why is this person being nominated (please consider the criteria outlined below)?

(Evaluation criteria on next page).

**Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation will be based on a portfolio and, on occasion, an interview. The portfolio should focus on the lasting effects of the applicant’s participation, innovation, and leadership and how the organisation has benefitted in a way that continues after the applicant leaves. The portfolio should demonstrate, among other things:

1. that they have, from their own initiative, undertaken a role/ activity outside the regular practice of an organisation/society/individual that has had a significant constructive and lasting impact.
2. that a substantial and impressive personal and professional development occurred during the undertaking of their role/task.
3. that they can reflect personally on the purpose behind their actions and their motivation to undertake the changes/improvements they have implemented
4. how they have attempted to ensure the sustainability of their actions and the consequential improvements/changes made
5. that the role/task undertaken was extra-curricular and without payment or course credit
6. that their undertakings could be used as an example of excellence for future volunteers/contributors
7. that their actions have left an indelible positive transformation embraced by the organisation/society/individual.