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Re-Imagining Trinity Global

Annual Report 2022–23



Executive Summary



Trinity College Dublin strives to be a globally connected community, inspiring generations to meet the challenges of the future and requiring us to educate the next generation of global citizens and leaders. The Provost speaks regularly about her ambition for Trinity to be a ‘good’ university – firm in its commitment to a strong social foundation while also living responsibly within our ecological ceiling. It is within these parameters that Trinity Global continues to situate its ambitious activities.

In the past year, we have continued to welcome students from around the world to Trinity and we have supported students to go out into the world on global mobility opportunities. We have travelled responsibly to meet new partners and reacquaint ourselves with others who we have not met since the pandemic.

There have been challenges along the way. Our former Chancellor Mary Robinson noted that ‘if you live in a global world and you want to champion liberty in it, then you have got to sign up to that global world’. We have done just that. But the global world that Mary Robinson speaks of continues to be unstable. War, climate events and political instability in Europe and beyond have directly affected our own community. Trinity Global has responded through various ways, some of which are highlighted in this report.

While we look out into the world, we also continue to look ‘in’ as we continue our reimagining journey. We have met with all 24 Schools in Trinity to understand their needs from our team over the next two years. We continue to focus on how we as a team enact equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging and we have intentionally focused on the wellbeing of the staff in Trinity Global through a series of ongoing activities. The work of Trinity Global is impossible without the commitment of so many colleagues across the College community and, for that, we are grateful.

This report highlights and celebrates our work over the past year and we acknowledge the contribution of all who make that happen.

Dr. Emma K. Stokes
Vice President for
Global Engagement

We are a globally connected community of learning, research and scholarship, inspiring generations to meet the challenges of the future.



Key Achievements

Ranking

Trinity is the **16th** most international university in the world (*THE Rankings 2023*).

Global Response

29 refugee students from Ukraine are being hosted at Trinity and have received Erasmus funding to support them during their studies. Co-ordinated by Trinity Global, the Global Incident Response Unit continues to coordinate Trinity's response to the war in Ukraine and will remain in place for any future global crises that arise.

University of Sanctuary

Trinity College Dublin is a University of Sanctuary and a member of the Scholars at Risk network. We have also recently joined the New University in Exile Consortium and continue to promote the [Trinity Sanctuary Fund](#).

Telling our Story

Trinity Global launched a custom-designed thought-provoking initiative to tell Trinity's unique story through **50** objects. With over **600** submissions from students, staff and alumni, this distinctive publication will be available in the next academic year.

Online Social Community

Trinity Global developed an innovative app "Goin' to Trinity" – an online social community platform for future admitted students to connect with each other based on shared interests, ahead of their arrival in Trinity. New [welcome to Trinity](#) website launched.

Trinity Students

110 students from **22** countries on the International Foundation Programme.

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

Trinity Global has established a self-assessment team to manage our Bronze submission to Athena Swan which we plan to submit in 2023/24.

INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
STUDENT



Labiba Mansur

"Choosing Trinity College Dublin is the best decision I have ever made. This university helped me to study in a multicultural environment and be associated with people from around the world."



Global Mobility

37% of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme.

A Global Student Community

Trinity Global reached **102.9%** of the student recruitment ambitions outlined in the Global Engagement Strategy for 2022/23.

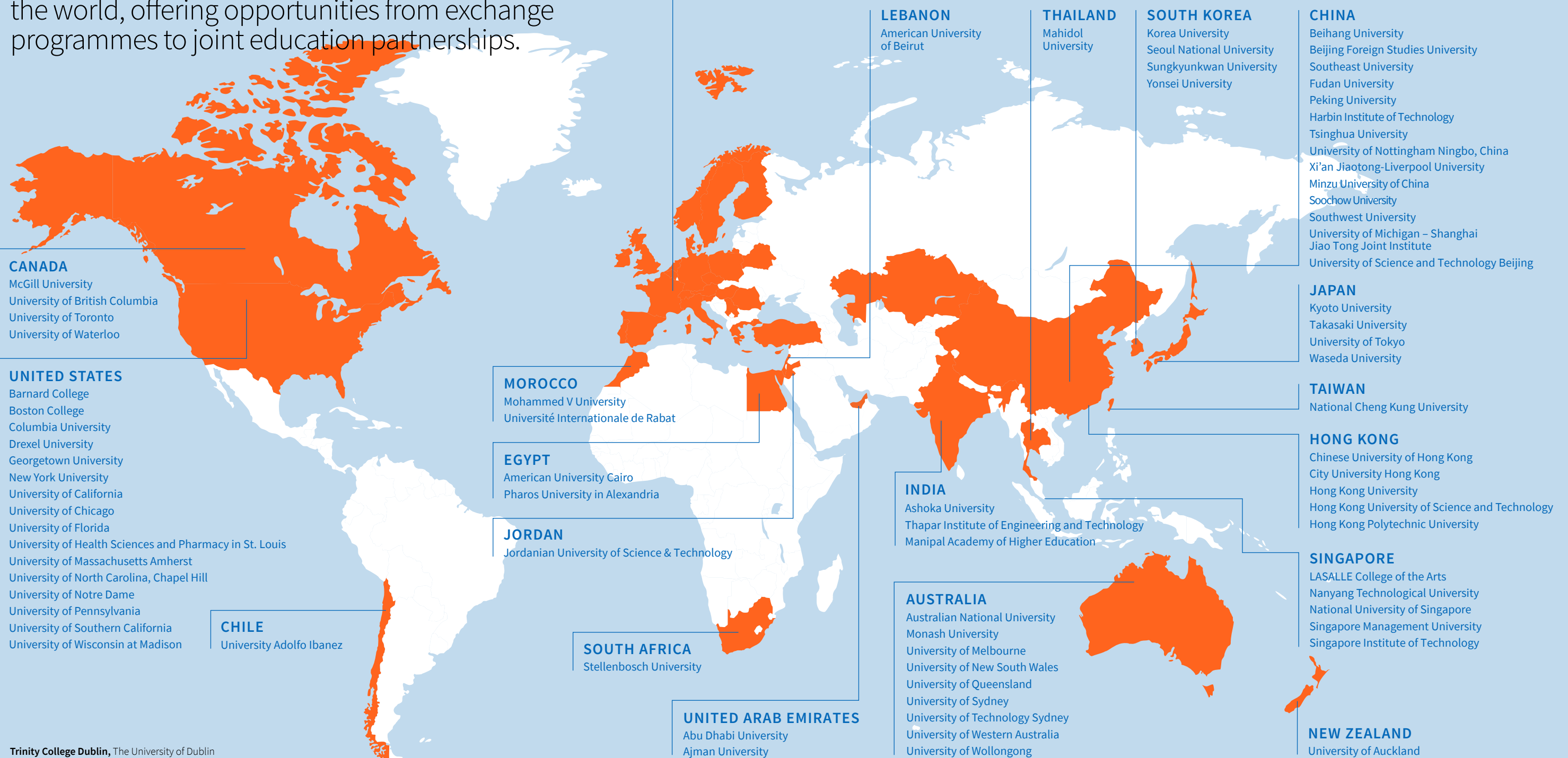
Our Globally Connected Community

Trinity works with over **300** universities around the world, offering opportunities from exchange programmes to joint education partnerships.

We have **139,626** alumni from **157** countries.

We have **7,199** students from outside Ireland from **125** countries.

European Exchange Partners
More than **250** Erasmus and European partners in **28** countries.



University of Sanctuary and Global Incident Response Unit



IMAGE: Orientation with Ukrainian students

Ukraine

Trinity Global supported **30+** new Ukrainian students who joined Trinity in 2022/23 including bespoke orientation, one-to-one meetings and advice on accommodation, finances, and signposting to specific resources. **29** refugee students from Ukraine are being hosted at Trinity and have received Erasmus funding to support them during their studies.

Trinity Global held a public event to mark the 1st anniversary of the Ukraine war with documentary filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky, and H.E. Ms Larysa Gerasko, Ukrainian Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Ms Anna Sochańska, Polish Ambassador to Ireland, and H.E. Mr Marijus Gudynas, Lithuanian Ambassador to Ireland.



IMAGE: Nowruz celebration event

Nowruz Celebration

Trinity Global held a special event at the Global Room celebrating Nowruz with contributions from Dr. Aziz Mohibbi, Scholars at Risk academic and Dr. Roja Fazaeli, who shared their personal perspectives on Nowruz and celebrating it in exile. Nowruz is celebrated by over 300 million people worldwide, is a UN-recognised event, and is primarily celebrated in Iran and neighbouring regions like Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Uzbekistan and more.

Student Support During Crisis

During political instability and when tragedy strikes, we continue to reach out to our students to offer them support, for example following recent events in Iran, Sudan and Serbia.



IMAGE: Dr. Aziz Mohibbi, former Chancellor of Bamiyan University in Afghanistan and panelists at the New University in Exile Consortium Scholars' conference in Paris.

University of Sanctuary

Work commenced on bringing Trinity's University of Sanctuary work into Trinity Global under one banner which will include Scholars at Risk, the Asylum Seekers Access Provision scholarships, New University in Exile Consortium, Global Incident Response Unit, and the Trinity Sanctuary Fund which was established to support scholars and students fleeing war, persecution, and conflict. Joined the [New University in Exile Consortium](#).

Turkiye-Syria Earthquake

Trinity Global co-ordinated outreach to our colleagues in Universities in Türkiye and also supported circa **100** students from the affected regions including a university-wide fundraiser which included readings and reflections from students and staff.



Trinity Global Student Experience

Our students are at the centre of all we do.

Student Events

The Global Room hosted **355** student events.

Campus Tours

4,218 prospective students from **58** different countries completed campus tours.

Visa and Immigration

Trinity Global leads on all visa/immigration queries from international students including:

500+ immigration appointments arranged for Trinity students.

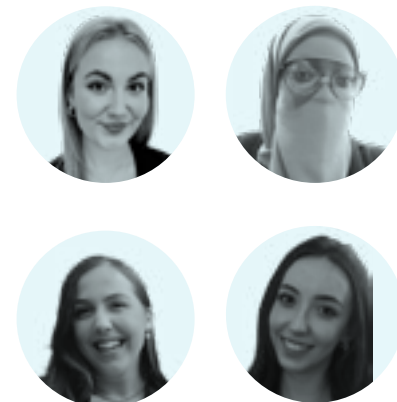
30+ immigration information sessions.

Online Social Community

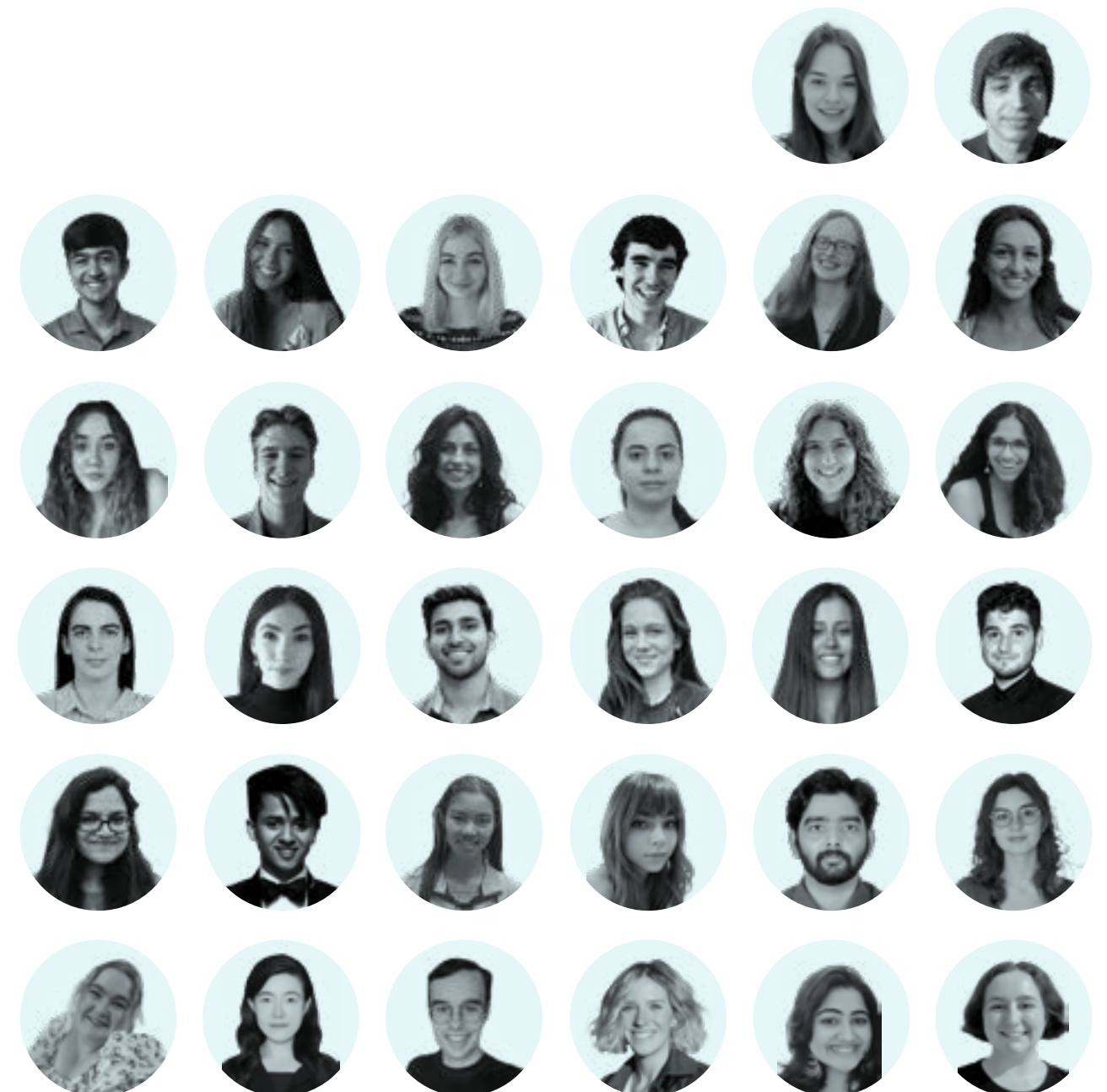
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Trinity Global has a dedicated Immigration and Support Officer to assist with student visa and immigration queries.

We also have a team of **4** global mobility ambassadors.



32 Global Ambassadors offer [peer to peer support](#), [campus tours](#) and much more.



Trinity Students

A total of **21,380** students at Trinity in 2022/23, **17,072** EU and **4,308** Non-EU.

Trinity Global reached **102.9%** of the student recruitment ambitions outlined in the [Global Engagement Strategy](#) for 2022/23. **29.4%** were undergraduate students and **70.6%** postgraduate.



STUDENTS	TOTAL	EU	NON-EU
Total	21,380	17,072	4,308
Postgraduate	6,280	4,541	1,739
Undergraduate	15,100	12,531	2,569



Student Recruitment and Marketing

1200+ student recruitment events attended and majority in-person.

New countries visited to promote Trinity programmes included Morocco, Lebanon, Panama and Georgia.

Co-ordinated national and global Open Days with over **10,000** registrants.

Innovative use of emerging global EdTech student recruitment platforms such as Apply Board, Scoir and Adventus

185,000+ social media followers across our global social media channels.

Global Mobility

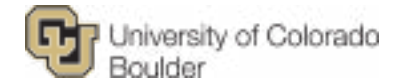
1,150 (37%) of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme in 2022/23.

More than 200 students were supported to study abroad through the Global Mobility Bursary initiative.

Developed the first [Go Global Guide](#) for students who are going abroad.

Launched the Erasmus buddy programme that matches Trinity students who have returned from an exchange with those we are hosting at Trinity.

New exchange opportunities at Takasaki University of Health & Welfare (Japan), Jordanian University of Science and Technology (Jordan), Ajman University (UAE) and University of Colorado (USA).



Trinity Global Scholarships

A wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships and supports including:

[European Excellence Scholarships](#)

[Government of Ireland](#)

[Reimagining Global Sustainability Postgraduate Scholarships](#)

[Global Excellence Scholarships](#)

Erasmus+ funding for Trinity students going on an Erasmus+ exchange.

Global Mobility Bursary programme for Trinity students going on International Exchange.

Coimbra Scholarship (Sub-Saharan Africa)

Trinity Global contribution to the Student hardship funds.

Our Unique Embassy and Diplomatic Strategy

Visits to and from 47 Embassies as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs, European Institutions including ambassadors, government delegations, dignitaries, and donors to the University.



ABOVE: Roberta Metsola visiting Trinity

The President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, visited Trinity with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and gave a public talk as well as received a gold medal from the Trinity Philosophical Society as part of the EU 50 celebrations.

The Arab Irish Chamber of Commerce representing 21 countries in the Middle East and North Africa support for a lector in Arabic Language.

The women Ambassadors in Ireland meeting with the Provost, the Vice President for Global Engagement and the Librarian attended by 14 of 22 current women Ambassadors in Ireland.

The Polish Embassies support for an annual 'Łukasiewicz Lecture' in celebration of the life and career of Professor Jan Łukasiewicz: Polish genius of Logic, Philosopher and Post-War Refugee in Ireland. The first lecture was given by Sir Dermot Turing, nephew of Alan Turing and distinguished writer of "Who really broke Enigma?"

A discussion with Trinity students by the German and Czech Ambassadors facilitated by the Dean of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Gail McElroy, following the live streaming of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's address to Ireland's further and higher education students. Dr McElroy also hosted a panel discussion to mark one year of the Invasion of Ukraine by Russia with 'Freedom on Fire' film director, Evgeny Afineevsky and the Ukraine, Polish and Lithuanian Ambassadors.



ABOVE: French Embassy event

France

French Embassy event to mark 500 days before the opening of Olympics with a walk from the Embassy through Merrion Square, Alliance Française and Trinity.

Canada

The Visit of the Canadian Ambassador, H.E. Nancy Smyth and the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, Andrew Furey.

US

The US Ambassador, H.E. Claire Cronin's discussion with Trinity students hosted by the Trinity Global Room.

Australia

The Australian Ambassador's visit with the Premier of Western Australia, Mark McGowan and The CEO of Australian Dept. Foreign affairs and Trade, Mr Adrian Hudson.



TOP: Polish embassies Łukasiewicz Lecture

BOTTOM: Roberta Metsola visiting Trinity

Sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Trinity Global is committed to supporting and promoting Sustainability and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the world.

We continue our digital first approach to the production of our promotional materials and no longer print our flagship Undergraduate and Postgraduate Prospectus in any region except for India.

Ongoing opportunities for Trinity students to engage with Columbia University on a social impact project related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals as part of the Global Columbia Collaboratory.

Launched the suite of modules linked to the SDG goals with mobility components. Modules include:

- A Global Science Communication
- Global Health in Humanitarian Contexts
- Histories & Futures of Climate Change
- Active Learning & Inclusion in the Digital Age
- Digital Innovation to Achieve the SDGs



5 students from Ethiopia, Pakistan, USA, Mexico and Malaysia received the Reimagining Global Sustainability Postgraduate Scholarships.

Ran our first CASA Programme outing to HomeTree where we learned about sustainability and planting trees.

ART HISTORY AND
ARCHAEOLOGY
STUDENT



Grace Benham

“The opportunity to study in Berlin during my degree was remarkable. The students at the university were also extremely helpful and quick to welcome me, many of whom I am still in contact with.”



Partnerships



ABOVE: Professor Brian Broderick at Columbia University

LEFT: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of partnership and student exchange between University of California & Ireland

RIGHT: University of Sydney

Launched the Dual Masters between the School of Engineering and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University. Students on this programme graduate with the M.A.I from Trinity and an M.Sc. from Columbia.

Expanded the relationship with LASALLE College of the Arts – new joint initiatives around Creative Brain Week, the International Music and Ageing Seminar, Music Therapy Programmes and collaborations with the Royal Irish Academy of Music and the School of Engineering (Music and Media Technology).

Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of partnership and student exchange between University of California & Ireland.

Supported 20 Erasmus cooperation partnership funding applications for small-scale partnerships and capacity building projects.

Supported the Centre for Forced Migration Studies to develop partnerships with UC San Diego, Boston College & the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Global Partner Engagement

Visited Cyprus, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore and India to meet partners and prospective partner universities.

Hosted **40** partner university visits to Trinity.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR/
DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL
ENGAGEMENT



Dr Catherine Conlon

“My recent visit to universities in Sydney, Canberra and Adelaide with Trinity Global opened up new opportunities for partnerships for research collaborations, student exchange and even placements for our professional Social Work programme. Participating on the trip highlighted the potential for transformative global engagement and the role Trinity can play in leading this.”



Networks and Alliances

Reviewed and re-energised Trinity’s engagement with the following:

Manage a network of **154** education agents globally.



Trinity now has representatives on each of the 12 working groups of the Coimbra Group, spanning activities in research, education and outreach.



Engaged with new CASA partners and welcomed our largest cohort of CASA students to date.



This year’s European University Foundation meetings focused on the quality of staff and student mobility, social inclusion, and green and sustainable mobility practices.



ABOVE : European University Foundation members at meeting hosted by Trinity



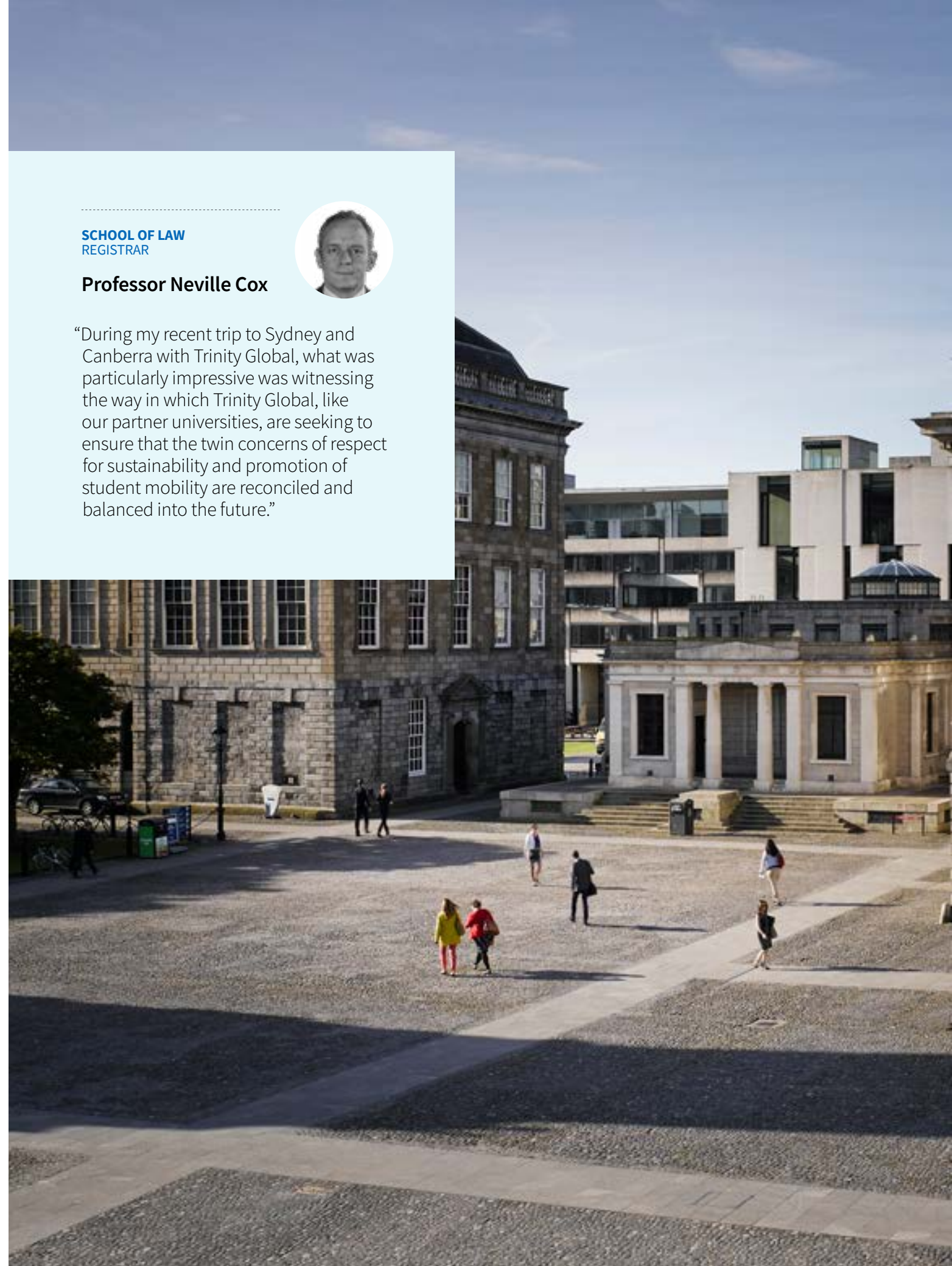
RIGHT: Coimbra Group members at annual conference in Padua

SCHOOL OF LAW
REGISTRAR



Professor Neville Cox

“During my recent trip to Sydney and Canberra with Trinity Global, what was particularly impressive was witnessing the way in which Trinity Global, like our partner universities, are seeking to ensure that the twin concerns of respect for sustainability and promotion of student mobility are reconciled and balanced into the future.”



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