Re-Imagining Trinity Global
Annual Report 2022–23
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

Executive Summary
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.

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.

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

We have 139,626 alumni from 157 countries.

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

Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin
University of Sanctuary and Global Incident Response Unit

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.

Nowruz Celebration

Trinity Global held a special event at the Global Room celebrating Nowruz with contributions from Dr. Aaz 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.

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 Turkey 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
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.

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.

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**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
- Global Excellence Scholarships
- Coimbra Scholarship (Sub-Saharan Africa)
- Government of Ireland Erasmus+ funding for Trinity students going on an Erasmus+ exchange
- Reimagining Global Sustainability Postgraduate Scholarships
- Global Mobility Bursary programme for Trinity students going on International Exchange
- 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.

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 Zelensky’s address to Ireland’s further and higher education students. Dr McElroy also hosted and 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.

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.

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.
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.

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

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.

 "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."

 Dr Catherine Conlon

 Assistant Professor/Director of Global Engagement

 School of Social Work and Social Policy
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.

“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.”

SCHOOL OF LAW
REGISTRAR

Professor Neville Cox

ABOVE: European University Foundation members at meeting hosted by Trinity
RIGHT: Coimbra Group members at annual conference in Padua
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