

To whom it may concern,

As part of the public consultation I wish to express my view that the Berkeley Library should be renamed due to the fact that it is totally unsuitable that an individual who owned slaves would be commemorated in any way.

The history of colonialism in Ireland is complex and often conversations around it can lack nuance and suggest that due to our own colonisation we need not engage with our own role in any meaningful way. This is far from the truth and we must acknowledge the complex history of colonisation on this island and the complexity of our participation in colonisation of other countries.

If Trinity is serious about decolonisation then the library must be renamed and true decolonisation of the curriculum must take place.

While I hope there will also be consultation on a new name, as the practice of naming buildings over big donors in other universities should not become the norm, I would briefly suggest Dr Noel Browne as someone worthy of commemoration for his role in eradicating tuberculosis in Ireland and championing human rights, including as a Trinity Senator.

Best Wishes,

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