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School of Education, Trinity College Dublin

2nd Year ASIAP Students' Disability Rights Awareness Event

Tuesday 30th April 2024

9.30 am – 11.30 am

4th Floor, 3 College Green, D2

Your Voice, Your Vote



ART
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HUGO
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WELCOME



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ABOUT:

- **TCPID**
- **ASIAP Programme**
- **Disability Rights Module**



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About TCPID

Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice

Programme for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Opportunity to:

- Experience college
- Undertake work placement as part of our course
- Achieve a recognised qualification



About TCPID



Work Placement can lead to paid internships



In 2nd year we do the Disability Rights Module and run a disability awareness raising event

Your Voice, Your Vote

We voted on a theme, and we decided on Voting in the local and European elections.

It's important to understand why voting matters and how it works.

We're lucky to have the opportunity to vote, and it's very important to use it.

Voting and talking with others are so important for creating positive change.



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Experience Of Voting In The Care Referendum



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An bhfuil tú ag toiliú leis an togra chun an Bunreacht a leasú atá sa Bhille thíosluaite?
Do you approve of the proposal to amend the Constitution contained in the undermentioned Bill?

An Bille um an Daicheadú Leasú ar an mBunreacht (Cúram), 2023
Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023

Ná cuir marc **ach san aon chearnóg amháin**
Place a mark in **one square only**

Má thoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....
If you **approve**, mark X in this square.....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tá Yes
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Mura dtoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....
If you do **not approve**, mark X in this square.....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Níl No
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Our Experience of Voting in the Referendum

Voting had its difficulties:

1. Some people didn't understand what to do because the instructions were confusing.
2. It was hard to tell which voting paper was for what.
3. People wanted simpler language so they could understand what they were voting for.



Our Experience of Voting in the Referendum



4. Some didn't know they could get help to vote.

5. Help for disabled voters stopped between 8pm and 10pm.

6. Some felt rushed because others were waiting to vote.

7. Some polling stations weren't easy to get into or had barriers to voting.

Positive Experiences of Voting

Staff were friendly and helpful.

Some polling stations were accessible.

Being able to take part in voting is something we value.

In some countries, disabled people aren't given the chance to vote.

FRIENDLY

ACCESSIBLE

OPPORTUNITY

Concerns For Future Local & European Elections

SIMPLE

List of candidates is too long.

RELIABLE

Need up-to-date reliable information we can understand.

CONSISTENT

Including from the State broadcaster & political parties.

Recommendations: Part 1

A Ballot Paper should:

Be easier to understand and have clear headings

Be in easy-to-read format

Test the language and information with representative groups + send out to different groups (like us)

Introduce technology for translations, easy read, screen readers.

Recommendations: Part 2

Supports should be available all day and be well advertised

All election material should be accessible

Homeless people should be supported to vote

Disabled people need to be better represented in elections

Create a video guide on how to vote and how the single transferrable vote system works.

Our Example Of An Easy Read Information Sheet

Step 1:

Get your voting card stamped by the staff.



Step 2:

Find your first choice (favourite) person.

Step 3:

Put a number 1 next to their name.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Citizen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Doe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fred Rubble
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Hill

Emily Power, Environmentalists United



Emily Power is an environmental activist.

She loves nature and wants to protect it.

Emily will work to reduce pollution and promote sustainable living.





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An Coimisiún Toghcháin
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Closing Remarks

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