## **IADTSU** ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



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### Our Year in Review



Since July 2nd of last year IADTSU has been on a bit of a roller coaster. We started out as a team of five that then grew in November to a full team of eight.

Our team was made up of our part-time officers: Rae Lavis, LGBTQ+ Rights Officer; Anthony Dunne, Mature Students Officer; Anca Avasilichioaiei, Clubs and Societies Officer; Karima Dillon El-Toukhy, Disability Officer and Gearóid Carrick, Entertainments Officer. Lastly the full time officers were Niamh Grennan, Welfare & Equality Officer; Grace Latham, Education Officer and Chloe Power, President.

This report is a break down of what we have been getting up to from July 2018 until June 2019. We have loved every moment of being IADTSU but we know we are leaving it in safe hands.

- Chloe, Niamh & Grace

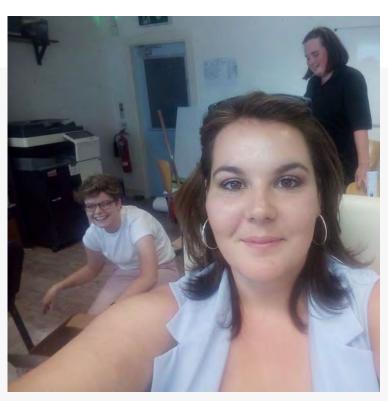
### Our First Week



Chloe, Niamh & Grace on their first day in the office on July 2nd 2018. Cleaning, Cleaning, Cleaning.







### Our First Week



Rae, Niamh, Chloe & Grace.







### Students' Union Training



During our second week in the job we went to Athlone IT for our Student Union Training provided by the Union of Students in Ireland. This was greatly beneficial to us and helped set us up for the year to come.

There were workshops on public speaking, SUSI grants, consent, self-care, finance, policy writing, event planning and many more.





## Trans Healthcare

The #ThisIsMe campaign is a grassroots campaign demanding adequate, safe and best practice access to healthcare for all transgender and non binary people in Ireland. This was the SU's first protest of the year!



### Consent

This year saw the first consent classes in IADT. It coincided with the launch of the Safe, Respectful, Support and Positive consent strategy for third level Institutes.



### First Year Matters

First Year Matters covers the first four weeks of term and was a collaborative effort between Student Experience, the FYM team and the SU this year. The SU were responsible for the planning of Fresher's, Welfare and Education week. These 3 weeks were jam packed with events from the Bakers BBQ on the first day of term to consent classes organised by the Welfare & Equality Officer to the class representative training organised by the Education Officer. These were hugely successful weeks and were done as a big team effort. Thanks to all involved who helped out in any way!





### FYM Freshers Week





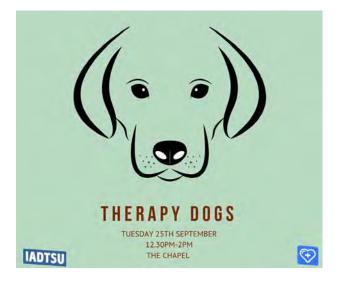
### FYM Welfare Week













### FYM Education Week



### CLASS REP TRAINING



OCTOBER 2ND - ENTERPRISE AND HUMANITIES OCTOBER 3RD - DESIGN & VISUAL ARTS OCTOBER 4TH - FILM & MEDIA +

### CLASS REP

LOOKS GREAT ON YOUR CV REPRESENT YOUR CLASS AT COUNCIL AND ACADEMIC MEETINGS RAISE ISSUES WITH YOUR STUDENT UNIO ORGANISE EVENTS FOR YOUR CLASS SUG AS HOODIES, BOWLING, CINEMA







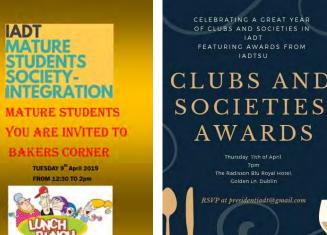
### Part Time Officers



Monday 11am - 12pm in A121 Wednesday 1pm - 2pm in C013



All Welcome!



CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR OF CLUBS AND SOCIETIES IN IADT FEATURING AWARDS FROM IADTSU CLUBS AND

AWARDS

Thursday 11th of April 7pm The Radisson Blu Royal Hotel. Colden Ln. Dublin

RSVP at presidentiadt@gmail.com









### **ANXIETY TALK**

Talk by IADT Counsellor **Joanna Gorniak**. Come along and learn tips and techniques on how to cope with anxiety.

THURSDAY 22TH NOVEMBER 1PM-2PM ROOM QS 157

### LETS TALK

IADTSU & COUNCILLOR JOANNA GORNIAK

Understanding Self Harm and Suicide TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 4PM-5PM, ROOM: A123

How to deal with Stress WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 4PM-5PM ROOM: A118

Alcohol & Drug Awareness with IADT Health Centre WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 4PM-5PM ROOM: C036



November 1st International Vegan Day



Tea/Coffee/Hot Choc A123 12 - 1

### **Canteen** Promotions

7 Day Challenge How to eat Vegan in Lidl Outside Chapel 12:30 - 1:30

### WHAT IF ...

EXAM & ASSESSMENT FAQS

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#### Hi Everyone

Having to sit exams, write essays and complete assignments and projects is part of student life but with some planning you can get through it.

Knowing the rules and regulations is useful so we've compiled this !"What If" guide to make sure you know it all.

These FAQs are based on the most common questions we get asked about exams and assignment issues. If you want more detail or have a query come into the IADTSU office at the back of the Chapel where you'll find me, Chloe and Niamh.



## Class Representatives

IADTSU and IADT worked together to involve teaching staff in the recruitment and election processes of their class.

Class Rep Council was held on the First Tuesday of Each Month. The Class Representative system relies on spectacular students who want to be more involved in their place of study. At IADT Class Reps strive to be engaged and respectful. This academic year, IADT's Class Rep Councils were chaired by Louisa Keogh. Her role ensured smooth Class Rep Council. The Vice Class Rep Chair, Racheal Sarsfield –Ryan took minutes of each council. All of which are available to any student.

Class Representative Training on was campus and over three days. The Library staff and Students' Union lead the training along with NStEP and provided lunch vouchers to IADT's Canteen.

Training included Class Representation and the Role of a Rep in October with additional sessions on Disability Awareness, LGBTQ+ and Public Speaking.

"I thought it was really informative and well organised. Compared to last years training, this time round there was a lot more engagement and group discussion. And it was much more convenient that the training took place at college so I didn't miss my evening lecture! " – Sally Nolan, Design for Stage and Screen.





## Raise The Roof

### Housing Protest

On October 3rd 2018 IADTSU along with IADT students took to the streets to protest the growing housing and homeless crisis in Ireland. This is one of the biggest issues our students face and protests need to continue until we see real change. We made our own tshirts and signs and rallied together!







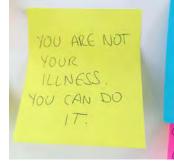


## World Mental Health Day

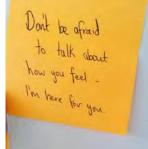
October 10th 2019

To mark world mental health day we partnered with the suicide prevention charity 3T's. As part of their Share the Load campaign we lay out 131 backpacks to represent the average number of students who die by suicide each year.









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### Halloween

Giveaways, ball, Prizes for best costumes. Sponsership - Food Vouchers for Eddie Rockets and power banks.











### Elections

**VOTED** 

Giveaways, ball, Prizes for best costumes. Sponsership - Food Vouchers for Eddie Rockets and power banks.



FEBRUARY 14TH

MARCH 1ST

VOTING OPEN

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

12TH AND 13TH MARCH

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR WELFARE AND EQUALITY

#### PART TIME UNPAID POSITIONS

ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER CLUBS AND SOCIETIES OFFICER MATURE STUDENTS' OFFICER DISABILITY OFFICER LGBTO+ RIGHTS OFFICER

## Womens Networking Day

Our Women's networking day consisted of a panel discussion from women in Music, Art, Theatre and Film. The panel discussed their own industries, issues that women are still facing today, who inspries them and how we can encourage more women into the Arts.





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### Pink Training



Pink Training Galway 2018 Pink Training is a weekend long LGBTQ+ training event run by the Union of Students in Ireland. Colleges from all over the country come together to learn, engage and contribution.

### IADTSU News



### Support



#### **Help Yourself**

Tampons

Sanitary Pads

#### In the Office

3 Free Condoms 10 Condoms €3

Lube Free

Chargers €2 deposit

Are you struggling financially? You could be eligble for the

### Student Assistance Fund

#### Applications now open

Pick up an application form from your students' union or student services or download a form from the student finance section on IADT website.

Drop forms back to the access office Before 7th Novmeber 2018

cate application forms will not be accepted

### IADTSU CHILDCARE SUBSIDY FUND

If you are attending college and have a child under 18 in childcare, you may be eligible for the Childcare Subsidy Fund.

Pick up an application form from the Students' Union.

For more information contact the Welfare and Equality Officer Niamh on welfareiadt@gmail.com or 0860509856

Applications close 17th October



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### External Commitees

Children and Young Peoples Services Committees, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

IADTSU is a representative on the Children and Young Peoples Services Committees, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. Students have identified the need for ongoing unbiased support, access to safe areas for living and study and continuity through referrals from early years to further education. Access to affordable childcare, financial support. CYPSC is excited to connect local businesses with learned, enthusiastic and local students. Building the DLR community volunteer sector with placement opportunities.



CYPSC CYPSC CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

CYPSC Student Leader Network

IADTSU and UCDSU are working together to approach students and staff interested in student supports in Dun Laoghaire, Rathdown, aiming to share and highlight areas of interest for their students.





NATIONAL FORUM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Success Advisory Group,

IADTSU Education Officer, Grace Latham is a representative on the Student Success Advisory Group. This group has been working on A national approach to student success, Underlying principles of student success, Practical considerations in relation to student success, Understanding of Student Success and Drivers of Student Success.

### Christmas



### HOMELESS DRIVE

IADT Students' Union will be accepting donations of winter jackets (waterproof if possible), hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear (new only), tents, sleeping bags, sanitary and hygiene products



Please hand them into the SU Office between the 30th of November and the 10th of December.



At Christmas, instead of doing a Christmas Ball, which are typically not very well attended, we decided to give back instead. We had a week of giving out goodies to students including canteen vouchers, mince pies and candy kanes, road safety gear etc. We also ran a homeless drive during that period and donated over 10 sleeping bags, hundreds of pairs of socks, gloves and hats and lots of warm clothes TO Dun Laoghaire Helping the Homeless.

# National Mature Student

### Gathering

The National Mature Student Gathering took place in Trinity College Dublin on Friday 18th January 2019.

The gathering gave mature student's the opportunity to network and to further assess their needs on a national level. Niamh Grennan and Tony Dunne attended the event. Niamh spoke on the panel about her own time as a mature student and within her work as Welfare and Equality Officer.









Sexual Health and Guidance Week 11th - 15th February 2019 Throughout the week we had sex toy bingo, a talk on HIV&PREP, a workshop on sexual empowerment and stands from Sexual Wellbeing and the Rape Crisis Center.





### Raise and Give Week

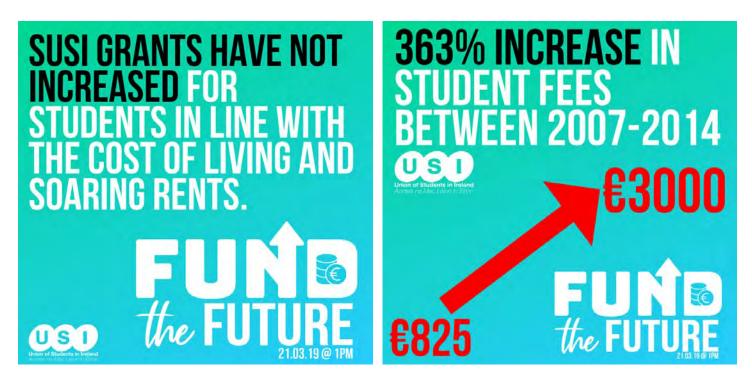


This year our Raise and Give charities were Pieta House and Dublin Rape Crisis Centre.

We donated over €3000 to each charity!

Thanks to all involved for helping and donating!

### Fund The Future



On 21st March thousands of students joined with staff on campuses across Ire land to highlight funding and access issues in Higher Education, in particular the cost of the  $\leq$ 3,000 fee, as well as the lack of increase to the SUSI grant ra tes or thresholds since 2012.

Thank you to IADT students and staff who supported the action on campus.



### Final Years Matters

A campus wide initiative which aims to enable and celebrate Final Year students, supporting their outduction and celebrating their time at IADT.















































### Congress

The Annual Congress of the Union of Students in Ireland will take place from 1st to 4th April at the Breaffy House Resort, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Congress is the democratic heart of USI. it's the place and time where students from across Ireland can discuss, learn and understand from their peers, and where the policy and leadership for USI are voted on.

Niamh Grennan, Grace Latham, Chloe Power, Anthony Dunne and Eimear Boyde represented IADT students at this years National Congress.







### USI on BREXIT

Union of Students in Ireland launched the Position Paper on the British Exit from the European Union [Student Response] outside the European Commission.

In this paper, USI calls on the Government to act 'immediately and with urgency' on protecting access to education, cross border mobility for students and staff, and to ensure action is taken to end xenophobia and racism while negotiations continue.

Read more at usi.ie/position-paper-brexit/

This paper calls on the Government to act immediately on:

- Protecting access to education
- Cross border mobility for students and staff
- Actions to end xenophobia & racism while negotiations continue



Grace Latham spoke at USI Congress 2019 about the wide and varied effects of Brexit, how we need to be there for our friends. Students are calling for urgent action to protect education from the threat of Brexit. Our island will be effected but we as students and friends can help create safe spaces and be the voice for those who did not choose Brexit.

## Student Achievment Awards Ireland

We are so incredibly proud to have won best small student union team of year at the student achievement awards. Thank you to our entire team, to USI, IADT and all of our brilliant students!

IADT Students' Union were nominated for 4 Awards

Activist of the Year - VP for Welfare & Equality.

Outstanding Mental Health Activism - VP for Welfare & Equality.

Education Campaign of the Year - VP for Education, Final Year Matters.

Small Students' Union Team of the Year.



## Strategic Plan Launch





Minister Mitchell O'Connor spoke alongside Dr. Annie Doona, President of IADT, David Holohan, Chair of the Governing Body and Chloe Power, President of IADT Students' Union to welcome the new Strategic Plan and highlight the themes and priorities for the next five years.

This plan identifies eleven strategic priorities of equal significance across three thematic areas: Excellence, Growth and Community.

## Clubs and Societies Awards and Formal Ball

This our Clubs and Societies awards dinner took place in the Radisson Blu. We had over 25 of our active 35 plus societies attend and there were many, many awards presented on the night including Best Society for Enterprise Soc! This event was followed by our Formal Ball which took place in Nolita and all students were welcome to this. It was a great night with everyone in their finery!









### Grad Show



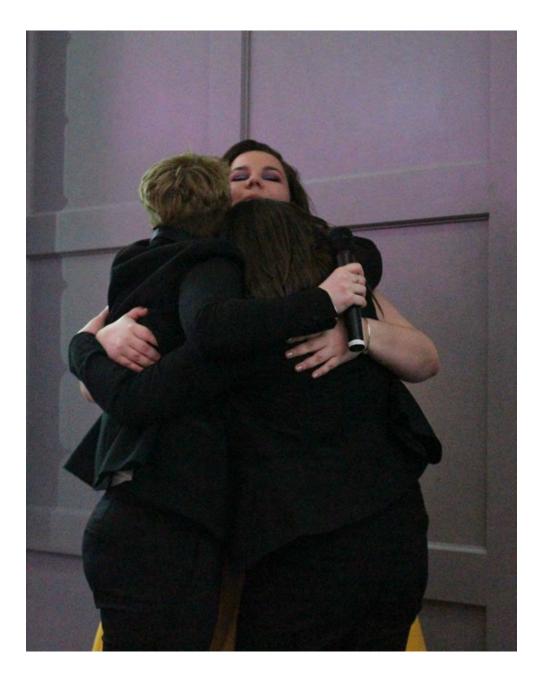






### Goodbye!

Thank you to all of the IADT students and staff for an incredible year. We've been honoured to work in such a great place for such amazing people. Thank you to all of the students who elected and believed in us throughout the year. We truly believe we are leaving you all in great hands. It's been a pleasure. With all our support for the future - Chloe, Niamh and Grace





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