## #TUDublinSustainability

Todhchaí Inbhuanaithe á Spreagadh Inspiring a Sustainable Future

# 2024-2025

SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
	Student Volunteering Fair starts			1 Wed Public Holiday	1 Sat	1 Sat Marchathon / Quit Smoking Month	1 Tue	SU Awards	1 Sun Pride Month	1 Tue Plastic-free July	1 Fri
2 Mon Academic year begins	2 Wed Walktober starts	2 Sat Autumn Graduations ends	2 Mon Healthy Campus Alcohol Awareness Week	2 Thu All campuses re-open	2 Sun UN World Wetlands Day	2 Sun	2 Wed	2 Fri	2 Mon Public Holiday	2 Wed	2 Sat
	3 Thu Student Volunteering Fair ends	3 Sun	3 Tue	3 Fri	3 Mon Bank Holiday / SHAG Week / Refreshers Week	3 Mon Healthy Campus Couch- to-5K 5-week series	3 Thu	3 Sat	3 Tue World Bicycle Day	3 Thu	3 Sun
	4 Fri STAND Exhibition and Festival ends	4 Mon Mini RAG Week	4 Wed	4 Sat	4 Tue	4 Tue	4 Fri	4 Sun	4 Wed	4 Fri	4 Mon Public Holiday
5 Thu	5 Sat		5 Thu UN World Soil Day / International Volunteer Day	5 Sun	5 Wed	5 Wed Energy Efficiency Day / Quit Smoking/Vaping	5 Sat	5 Mon Public Holiday / Review Week	5 Thu UN World Environment Day	5 Sat	5 Tue
6 Fri	6 Sun	6 Wed Take part in the Student and Staff Smarter Travel Survey		6 Mon Assessment/Exams week	6 Thu	6 Thu	6 Sun	6 Tue	6 Fri	6 Sun	6 Wed
7 Sat UN International Clean Air for Blue Skies	7 Mon SU Student Forum / Quit Smoking/Vaping Programme	7 Thu	7 Sat	7 Tue	7 Fri	7 Fri	7 Mon UN World Health Day	7 Wed	7 Sat	7 Mon	7 Thu
8 Sun	8 Tue TU Dublin SU Student Forum	8 Fri	8 Sun	8 Wed	8 Sat	8 Sat UN International Women's Day	8 Tue	8 Thu	8 Sun UN World Oceans Day	8 Tue	8 Fri
	9 Wed TU Dublin SU Student Forum	9 Sat	9 Mon	9 Thu	9 Sun	9 Sun	9 Wed	9 Fri	9 Mon	9 Wed	9 Sat
10 Tue Orientation (Aungier Street only)	10 Thu WHO Mental Health Day	10 Sun	10 Tue	10 Fri	10 Mon Mental Health Week / Nominations Open for SU Elections	10 Mon Green Week / Healthy Campus Baby Food Made Easy Programme starts	10 Thu	10 Sat	10 Tue	10 Thu	10 Sun
11 Wed Orientation	11 Fri	11 Mon SHIFT Week / UNFCCC COP29 Baku starts	11 Wed	11 Sat	11 Tue	11 Tue SU Elections	11 Fri	11 Sun UN World Migratory Bird Day	11 Wed	11 Fri	11 Mon
	12 Sat UN World Migratory Bird Day	12 Tue	12 Thu	12 Sun	12 Wed TU Dublin SU Valentines event / SU Student Forum	12 Wed TU Dublin SU Elections	12 Sat	12 Mon UN Int Day of Plant Health / Exams Week starts	12 Thu	12 Sat	12 Tue
13 Fri Orientation	13 Sun	13 Wed	13 Fri	13 Mon Assessment/Exams week	13 Thu SU Student Forum	13 Thu TU Dublin SU Elections	13 Sun	13 Tue	13 Fri	13 Sun	13 Wed
14 Sat	14 Mon Climate Action Week	14 Thu	14 Sat	14 Tue	14 Fri SU Student Forum	14 Fri	14 Mon Spring Break starts	14 Wed	14 Sat	14 Mon	14 Thu
15 Sun	15 Tue	15 Fri	15 Sun	15 Wed	15 Sat	15 Sat	15 Tue	15 Thu	15 Sun	15 Tue World Youth Skills Day	15 Fri
16 Mon EU Mobility Week / Classes commence	16 Wed UN World Food Day		16 Mon Winter Break starts / #TUDublinisSwitchingOff	16 Thu	16 Sun	16 Sun	16 Wed	16 Fri Biodiversity Week starts	16 Mon Semester ends	16 Wed	16 Sat
		17 Sun International Student Day	17 Tue	17 Fri	17 Mon SU RAG Week	17 Mon Public Holiday	17 Thu	17 Sat	17 Tue	17 Thu	17 Sun
18 Wed	18 Fri	18 Mon Peer Mentor Training commences / Volunteering for Waste Reduction Week	18 Wed	18 Sat	18 Tue	18 Tue Spring Graduations	18 Fri	18 Sun	18 Wed UN Sustainable Gastronomy Day	18 Fri	18 Mon
19 Thu An Taisce Climate Ambassador application opens	19 Sat	19 Tue	19 Thu	19 Sun	19 Wed	19 Wed TU Dublin SU Elections	19 Sat	19 Mon UN Global Road Safety Week	19 Thu	19 Sat	19 Tue
<b>20 Fri</b> Culture Night / Ireland's SDG Week	20 Sun An Taisce Climate Ambassador deadline	20 Wed	20 Fri	20 Mon	<b>20 Thu UN World Day of Social</b> Justice	20 Thu TU Dublin Societies Awards	20 Sun	20 Tue UN World Bee Day	20 Fri EU Sustainable Energy Week / UN Int Refugee Day	20 Sun	20 Wed
	21 Mon SU Halloweek / TU Dublin & Debra Ireland's 'Run- to-40 Challenge' Week	21 Thu	21 Sat	21 Tue	21 Fri Nominations Closed for SU Elections	21 Fri UN International Day of Forests	21 Mon Public Holiday	21 Wed	21 Sat	21 Mon	21 Thu
22 Sun	22 Tue	22 Fri UNFCCC COP29 Baku ends	22 Sun	22 Wed	22 Sat	22 Sat UN World Water Day	22 Tue UN Int Mother Earth Day	<b>22 Thu UN Int Day for Biological</b> Diversity	22 Sun	22 Tue	22 Fri
23 Mon Freshers Week/ Healthy Campus Couch-to-5K 5-weeks	23 Wed	23 Sat	23 Mon	23 Thu	23 Sun	23 Sun	23 Wed	23 Fri Exams Week ends	23 Mon	23 Wed	23 Sat
24 Tue	24 Thu	24 Sun		24 Fri UN International Day of Education	24 Mon Healthy Campus Healthy Food Made Easy starts	24 Mon SU Climate Emergency	24 Thu Fashion Revolution Day	24 Sat	24 Tue	24 Thu	24 Sun
25 Wed Sport & Societies Festival ends		25 Mon TU Dublin Christmas Appeal starts	25 Wed Public Holiday	25 Sat	25 Tue	25 Tue	25 Fri Spring Break ends	25 Sun Biodiversity Week ends	25 Wed	25 Fri	25 Mon
	26 Sat NYCI Climate Justice Showcase	26 Tue UN World Sustainable Transport Day	26 Thu Public Holiday	26 Sun	26 Wed	26 Wed Earth Hour	26 Sat	26 Mon	26 Thu	26 Sat	26 Tue
27 Fri Young Reporters for the Environment application opens	27 Sun	27 Wed	27 Fri	27 Mon Classes commence	27 Thu	27 Thu	27 Sun	27 Tue	27 Fri	27 Sun	27 Wed
28 Sat	28 Mon Public Holiday / Review Week	28 Thu	28 Sat	28 Tue	28 Fri	28 Fri	28 Mon	28 Wed	28 Sat	28 Mon World Nature Conservation Day	28 Thu
29 Sun National Walking Day	29 Tue Autumn Graduations starts	29 Fri	29 Sun	29 Wed		29 Sat	29 Tue	29 Thu	29 Sun	29 Tue	29 Fri
30 Mon STAND Exhibition & Festival starts / LIFT (Leader- ship Values) Facilitator Training	30 Wed	30 Sat	30 Mon	30 Thu		<b>30 Sun UN International Day of</b> Zero Waste	30 Wed	30 Fri	30 Mon	30 Wed	30 Sat
	31 Thu Student Climate Summit at TU Dublin / World Cities Day		31 Tue	31 Fri		31 Mon		31 Sat		31 Thu	31 Sun

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#### Todhchaí Inbhuanaithe á Spreagadh Inspiring a Sustainable Future

TU Dublin acts as a leader and a voice for sustainability and climate action, promoting a new way of living and working that protects our planet for future generations. Sustainability underpins our University Strategic Intent 2030 by aligning itself to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and has identified three of the UN pillars, People, Planet, and Partnership as having critical relevance and interdependencies in how we organise and deliver on our strategy.

As part of The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024, TU Dublin ranked in the Top 100 universities globally for contribution to SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. An impressive 29th place for Climate Action, reflects our commitment to taking urgent action towards achieving carbon neutrality across the University, and for the Take part in initiative strong culture of responsible global citizenship that thrives within our student and staff body.

TU Dublin was the first Irish university to appoint a Vice President for Sustainability. In 2021 Jennifer Boyer sustainable univ became the inaugural VP for Sustainability, providing leadership, strategic direction and oversight for the coordination and management of the University's sustainability activities. The Sustainability Teamprovides support for the transformative change required to develop responsible global citizens, the cultivation of a resilient and ethically conscious community, and for the decarbonisation of our campus environment.



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS







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**Campas Inbhuanaithe** 

Sustainable Campus

Students around Ireland and globally are

leaders in demanding action on social and

environmental issues so it's important that

their universities are also leading by example.

Like all public bodies, TU Dublin is mandated under

the National Climate Action Plan 2024 to reduce

greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 51% in 2030 and

to increase the improvement in energy efficiency from

the 33% target in 2020 to 50% by 2030. TU Dublin's

Climate Action Roadmap demonstrates our pathway

and intent to protect our planet with a focus on

energy management and GHG emissions reduction.

In addition to decarbonising our campus, TU

Dublin recognises the role we play as a university

in providing Quality Education (SDG 4), where our

learners, educators, researchers, and partners

share our ambition to be responsible global

citizens who transform themselves to take action

to address climate change in their daily lives.

and initiatives which work to transform our

#### Sláinte OT Baile Átha Cliath Healthy Campus

Your success at TU Dublin is inextricably linked to your health. Yet, in Ireland many people's diets and for intake of important nutrients and physical activity levels. As you embark on your university journey, you'll be learning how to manage your lifestyle, creating lifelong habits and attitudes that help determine your learning, social and emotional growth, health awareness and well-being,

TU Dublin is an active partner of the HEA (Higher Education Authority) Healthy Campus Charter and Framework. The Healthy Campus programme at TU Dublin has a vision to "develop a holistic approach to the health and well-being of the TU Dublin community", and is framed under emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual, social, occupational, nutritional, and environmental dimensions.

Healthy Campus aims to create a culture that supports healthy choices and will empower you initiative on this wall planner and look out for programmes and campaigns such as Healthy Food Made Easy, Quit Smoking & Vaping, Sexual Health, Couch-to-5k series, the TU Dublin Sustainability Cookbook, and other fitness challenges.

Getting involved and engaged with student life is a great way to get to know others and can help you settle into university life.





TU Dublin has many ongoing strategic projects nt - TU Dublin

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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wellbeing like hydration,

quality sleep and eating

Athletics Club member

Keely Hogan Pool

& Snooker Club

Chairperson and



Entering third-level education can mark the start making. Campuses and surrounding areas that make sustainable transport options convenient will facilitate the formation of lifelong sustainable travel habits. By choosing sustainable and active travel modes, students can enjoy the benefits of better air quality, improved health and wellbeing, and by doing so contribute to safer, healthier and more sustainable communities.

TU Dublin is well connected by public transport links including Dublin Bus, LUAS, DART, and larnród Éireann train services with linkages to walk and cycle to and between campuses. TU Dublin has over 2,200 bike parking spaces and has shower and changing facilities at all campus locations. As a partner of the Smarter Travel for Campuses programme, TU Dublin is committed to supporting sustainable travel to campus and students are encouraged to take part in Smarter Travel initatives throughout the year.

The TU Dublin Smarter Travel Student and Staff Survey 2022 showed that 89% of students travel to campus sustainably, with 9% of students arriving to campus on foot, 5% arriving by bike and 76% using public transport. This year we are calling on all students to take part in the 2024 survey so that we can continue to advocate for better and safer connectivity to our campuses.

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

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**TU Dublin** Students' Union VP of City Campus and Green-Campus Committee membe



4 QUALITY EDUCATION

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At the heart of TU Dublin's Strategic Intent 2030 is SDG 4: Quality Education. SDG 4 is an enabler to making all 17 SDGs relevant at faculty, school, discipline, and programme level. Framed within the Planet pillar of the Strategic Intent, TU Dublin has specific objectives:

- Create responsible global citizens,
- A new generation of TU Dublin graduates will be leading the sustainability agenda with passion and purpose, All academic programmes will embed
- sustainability, and every learner will engage in climate action.

Embedding sustainability into society through education requires actions from people across all areas of TU Dublin to create a culture of inclusion where there is an equitable opportunity to access and deliver higher education. At TU Dublin we are committed to developing capability within our University community to justly respond to global challenges through a diverse community of learners, educators, researchers, and administrators

Sustainability Education is offered to students and staff through a variety of formal and CI informal learning opportunities. Keep to date on events, courses, seminars, and programmes which run throughout the year









### Déan Difir

#### Make a Difference

There are many ways that students can get involved, volunteer and campaign for a better planet. Student Volunteering at TU Dublin is a great opportunity to make friends, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and build confidence while making a positive difference.

Student Volunteering works with students, staff, charity, and community partners to find the right volunteering opportunities to suit students' interests and schedules. The programme supports students' own volunteering initiatives and campaigns, offering funding, resources, guidance, and recognition.

Examples of volunteering on campus include club or society committee members, peer mentors, class reps, and access mentors. The SVP Society, Enactus Society, STAND, the Environmental, Planning and Sustainability Society, the Student's Union, LGBTQ+ Society, Community Gardens, Healthy Campus, and the Green-Campus Committee are all great ways to get involved.

Many students are also involved with national programmes including the NYCI, An Taisce Climate Ambassador, Fridays for Future and more.

Find an initiative on this wall planner and get involved in making a difference during your time here at TU Dublin. Scan the QR code to register and visit our stand during the Sport & Societies Festival and during the Volunteering Fair.





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Giana Nuncio. TU Dublin Student Volunteer and SVF Society committe membe



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