

TRÓCAIRE HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER SCHOOL

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY
JULY 4TH – 8TH 2011

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AIM OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL



The Trócaire Human Rights Summer School aims to create an environment in which quality learning and skills can be developed in the area of human rights and global development issues. It is targeted at those students who have shown a commitment to justice issues and to facilitate action for human rights through a series of workshops, activities and guest speakers.

The school has run for the last number of years. It is designed, managed and delivered by Trócaire's Education team, who are experienced in teaching and working with youth.

STRUCTURE



The school is structured in such a way that the students will be occupied at all times, either in workshop settings or recreationally. Below is a sample of a daily timetable. While this may change somewhat, the students will have approximately three workshop sessions everyday. These workshops offer educational inputs through a variety of means – presentations by Trócaire staff, discussions, debates, role-plays, art, creative writing, guest speakers from Trócaire projects overseas and more.

The school also aims to create a relaxed and friendly learning environment. To this end, a number of social activities will be on offer to students including sports, videos and films, board games, table quizzes, treasure hunts etc.

A TYPICAL DAILY TIMETABLE*



8.00am – 9.00am	Roll call/Breakfast
9.30am – 1.00pm	Workshop sessions (including a break)
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch/Access to dorms
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Workshop session
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Activity Period
5.30pm – 6.00pm	Access to dorms/Showers
6.00pm – 7.00pm	Evening Meal
7.00pm – 8.30pm	Workshop session (including break)
8.30pm – 10.30pm	Activity period

**this timetable may be subject to some changes*

ACCOMMODATION & CATERING



The summer school will take place in Dublin City University (DCU), Dublin 9 which has spacious grounds and excellent catering and accommodation facilities.

For the duration of the course, all meals will be catered for as well as a tuck shop facility. Staff and students will also share meals together.

Accommodation is provided in single ensuite rooms

SUMMER SCHOOL FEES



Trócaire is committed to raising awareness of global development issues and of working with young people here in Ireland to advocate for human rights. Trócaire has also received funding from Irish Aid to cover some of the costs for the school.

Each student is asked to pay €50/£35 as a nominal fee that will contribute to the cost of running the school.

RULES & PROCEDURES



Given the history and previous work Trócaire has undertaken with students, we envisage a summer school with a relaxed atmosphere which will ensure respect and understanding of each participant while also prompting mutual sharing and learning on the theme of Human Rights. The following rules and procedures are standard and will help us to create and maintain such an atmosphere. They are written with the interest and safety of each participant in mind.

Attendance

Each day of the human rights school, there will be a full agenda of workshops, meals, activities and entertainment. Attendance is obligatory and failure to attend without permission will warrant discipline.

Alcohol & Drugs

The possession and consumption of alcohol and the use of drugs are strictly forbidden, regardless of parents' attitude to such matters when the student is at home.

General Behaviour

A high standard of behaviour and good manners will be expected. This includes respect, obedience and good behaviour towards staff and fellow students at all times.

Out of Bounds

In the interest of providing a high level of supervision for the students' own safety and for insurance purposes, the following out-of-bounds rules apply.

- a) No student may leave the grounds of DCU unless on an organised outing or with prior permission. Trócaire will not be liable for any injury or loss that might occur should a student do so.
- b) Certain areas within the college will be out of bounds at different times of the day and/or evening. Students will be advised of these areas on arrival at the school. The following are some examples:
 - No boy may visit any girls' rooms, and no girl may visit any of the boys' rooms at any time.
 - Students who leave their room after lights are out will be considered to be out-of-bounds.

Theft & Vandalism

Any student found stealing or vandalising property is liable to be disciplined. Students will be charged for damages or graffiti to college buildings, equipment, furniture or to another student's belongings.

Visits

As the school runs for one week only, visits to the students should not be necessary and are not encouraged.

Parents or guardians will be contacted in the event of breach of the above rules and students may be requested to leave the school if their behaviour warrants such a measure.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO ENSURE THAT A RESPONSIBLE ADULT IS AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK OF THE SCHOOL TO RESPOND TO ANY ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE.

The decision of Trócaire in relation to the interpretation of the rules and all matters in relation to discipline shall be final and binding.

PROCEDURES



Arrivals

Students arriving with parents are expected to **register at DCU on July 4th, 2011** (exact time and location to be confirmed).

For those students who will use public transport to travel to the school, Trócaire will provide a connecting bus from Dublin city centre to DCU. There is no charge for this bus.

Parents and students can relax in the knowledge that the Trócaire team is professional, understanding and caring. We will make every effort to ensure that all the students feel welcome and secure from the moment of their arrival. We request that parents say goodbye once the student is checked in.

The course co-ordinator will be at reception to meet with parents and to answer any queries or provide any further information should that be necessary.

Departures

Students will **depart by 3pm on Friday 8th July**. From this time on, Trócaire will not accept responsibility for the students.

CONTACT US



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