



School of Chemistry EDI Update Oct '24

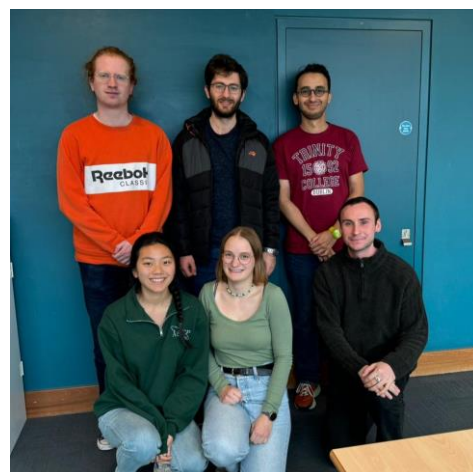
Reading Week Check in!

Welcome to the October edition of the SoC Newsletter! As we approach the mid-end of Michaelmas term, we have a lot to reflect upon, as well as look forward to. This newsletter aims to introduce new committee members and explore some exciting upcoming opportunities available to our community.

To our UG and PG members, you have been busy researching, learning in the labs and lecture halls, participating in seminars, and preparing for exams. While we hope this has been an immensely positive experience thus far, we understand that things can become overwhelming and as such, would like to remind you about the support services available from College. Specifically, [Student Counselling Service](#), [College Health](#), [Trinity Access Programme](#) and [Trinity DisAbility Service](#). Reading week can serve as a nice break to sit and reflect upon progress and all that has happened in 2024, so please take some time to do this, and reach out and avail of these supports if needed.

Werner Society (Students) and TRSA Committee (Research Staff)

Welcome to the new Werner Chemical Society Committee! Members for this academic year are Joe (Chairperson, Gun'ko group), Oscar (Treasurer, McDonald group), Fayanne (Secretary, McGouran group), Lena (PRO, Senge group), Stefan (OCM, Watson group) and Mert (OCM, McAuley group). The Werner Chemical Society is the only TCD Chemical Society and looks forward to organising social and educational events for members of the School. Sign up costs €2 and can be made *via* the following link: <https://trinitysocietieshub.com/>. They are also seeking your involvement for ideas for grants for charitable, educational and social programmes. Share your ideas and find out more here: <https://forms.gle/Xm6UyZRNU6odS6Fh8>.



Werner Committee Members '24-25



Cheers from a recent social gathering of the TRSA network!

The [Trinity Research Staff Association](#) (TRSA) serves as the representative staff association for all researchers at TCD, from early-stage postdoctoral researchers to long-serving research staff. Membership is open to all Trinity researchers, and there is no fee to join. TRSA is represented on the College Research Committee, and a member of the association also serves as an elected member of the College Board. The 2024-25 committee is composed of Rory Connolly (Chairperson), Néill O'Dwyer (Vice-chairperson), Lucia Celkova (Secretary), Laetitia Chauve (Treasurer) and Vera Kuznetsova (Communications Officer). The TRSA hold frequent informal coffee mornings and social gatherings. Email trsa@tcd.ie to sign up and follow their Instagram (@trsa_tcd) for updates!



Upcoming Opportunities

Buckle up! We are delighted to highlight a vast array of upcoming opportunities ranging from academic and social events, to conferences and awards programmes available to you in the coming months.

	Details	For Whom & Deadline
	<p>Get involved with College Awareness Week (CAW)! This nationwide campaign continues to help students of all ages and backgrounds to learn about the experiences they could have in further or higher education and training. Here are some ways you can help students learn more about studying/working in Chemistry during CAW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log your events here to receive merchandise and resources. Share your journey to studying Chemistry with our CAW video campaign, email mdillonl@tcd.ie for more details. Have Chemistry Community Mentors visit schools and FET colleges during CAW. Share fun facts about Chemistry on social media and tag CAW accounts so we can help you spread the word! Organise a Chemistry event during CAW and log it on our website. 	All College Community
	<p>Do you identify as being from a minority ethnic background? The RISE programme aims to increase the number of Black students, and those from other minority ethnic backgrounds, who are pursuing a degree in in the Chemical Sciences and who are going on to take up leading roles in academia and industry in the future.</p>	JF students. Application opening soon
	<p>EIL Explore is a programme that supports participants with an interest in global issues to travel abroad for the purpose of volunteering, cultural immersion, or language education through a variety of awards. Click here for more information and here to apply!</p>	Anyone, but specific awards for Access students. Deadline 29 Nov 24.
	<p>Apply to present your research at the 48th Annual ICI Congress in AUT Sligo! The meeting will take place on Friday 22nd Nov 2024 and preliminary programme details talks from our very own Prof. Thorri Gunnlaugsson, as well as elevator pitches from early career researchers and poster sessions.</p> <p>Students or ECRs who wish to present a poster or an elevator pitch should send the title to Kris O'Dowd Kris.ODowd@atu.ie by 31/10/24.</p>	Postgraduate Students, Research and Academic Staff. Deadline 31 Oct 24.

Further Information

We hope this newsletter contained some relevant information about how you can get involved and avail of supports offered by the School and College. Nevertheless, we are always looking for content and comments on how to improve and serve you better. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please email edi-chem@tcd.ie. Additionally, if you would like to highlight any initiatives or events around Inclusion and Diversity, or feature in the next newsletter, please get in touch! We would love to hear from you!