

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY: SPANISH SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Name of Society:

- The name of the Society shall be **Spanish Society**

Aims & Objectives:

The aims and objectives of the Society are as follows:

- To facilitate the practice of the Spanish language in all its forms.
- The promotion of the Spanish/Hispanic culture in all its forms.
- To foster the development of its members.
- To provide a forum for members to interact and socialize through Spanish language exchange and other activities.
- To assist Society members to represent the Society at a higher level.
- To help the current studies of Spanish in DCU with any questions related to the language or culture.
- To provide a comfortable environment in which Spanish speakers can interact.

Members:

- Membership of the Society shall be open to all students, staff and graduates of the college.
- Membership shall be obtained by paying the appropriate fee and signing the Roll of Members for the current academic year.
- The Society recognizes the importance, experience and knowledge that graduates and former students bring to the society, therefore we will endeavour to maintain contact with such former members as wish to retain their connection with the Society.
- To this end the Governing Executive Committee of the Society shall be empowered to create a class of "Associate Member" of the Society.
- Graduate Membership shall be open to former members of the society who are no longer students of Dublin City University. It shall not be a requirement of associate membership that such members should hold a degree or any other academic award given by Dublin City University
- Associate Members shall pay an annual membership fee to the Society. The amount of this fee shall be determined by the Governing Executive Committee, but may be altered by a majority vote at a general meeting of the Society. The associate membership fee shall not be less than the ordinary membership fee and no more than 10 times the ordinary membership fee.
- Associate Members shall be ineligible for election to the society's governing committee
- Associate Members shall be entitled to attend all general meetings of the society. Voting rights of associate members at general meetings shall be determined by the Governing Executive Committee and may be altered by a majority vote at a general meeting of the society.
- Other rights of Associate Members shall be determined by the Governing Executive Committee but may also be granted or revoked by a majority vote at a general meeting of the Society
- The rights of an Associate Member shall not exceed those of an ordinary member of the society
- All members shall be bound by this constitution.

Governing Executive Committee:

- The Society shall have a Governing Executive Committee (The Committee).
- The Committee shall run the society of behalf of its members and in accordance with the aims and objectives and in compliance with the regulations set down by the Society Life Committee.
- Although decisions should be arrived at by the consensus of the committee (where possible), committee decisions shall be decided by majority voting.
- A quorum shall be $\frac{2}{3}$ of committee members.
- The Committee shall consist of these core positions:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer
- 1st Year Representative

And optional positions such as, but not exclusive to; ****This section is where you list any positions that sit on your committee that are not a part of the core 5 listed above****

- Vice-Chairperson
- Events Manager
- Events team
- Equipment Officer
- Graphic Design Officer
- Webmaster
- Ordinary Member
- Language Officer

- The Term of Office of these elected officers shall be one academic year.
- A person shall not hold the same office for more than 2 successive years.
- The 1st Year representative on a committee must be in their 1st Year of study in DCU.

Election of the Governing Executive Committee:

- The Committee Members shall be democratically elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- To seek election to the Committee, each candidate must have 2 nominations by current members of the society.

Duties of the Governing Executive Committee:

- The Chairperson shall be the Chief Officer of the society whose functions include chairing all meetings of the committee and officiating at meetings of the society.
- The Chair of any meeting shall have an ordinary vote at committee meetings and meetings of the society. In the event of a tied vote on any matter she/he shall