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Trinity Sustainability Orientation Week 2024

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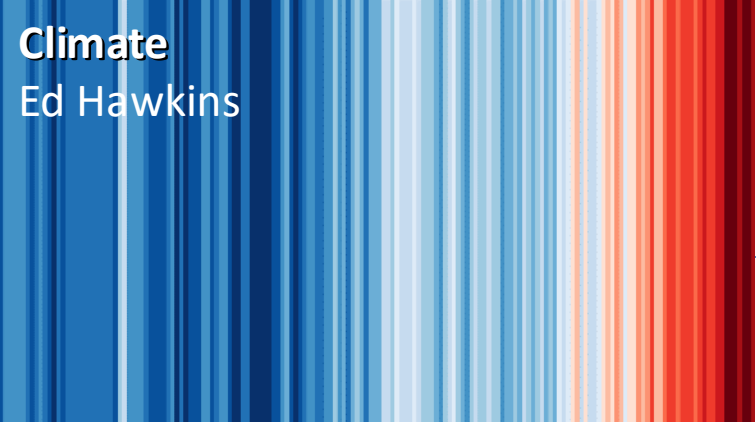
PROTECT
THE EARTH IS CHANGING
WHY AREN'T WE?
COME ON,
CINDY!

WHAT I STAND FOR
IS
THERE IS NO B!
IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE!
THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING.
WHY AREN'T WE?

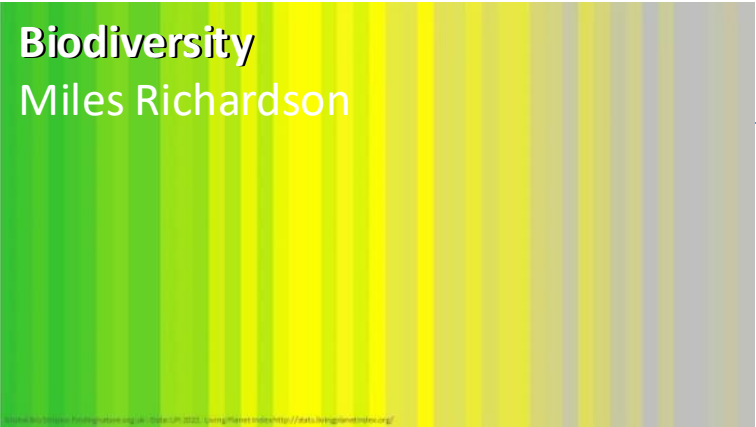
IT'S TIME TO ACT



Why?



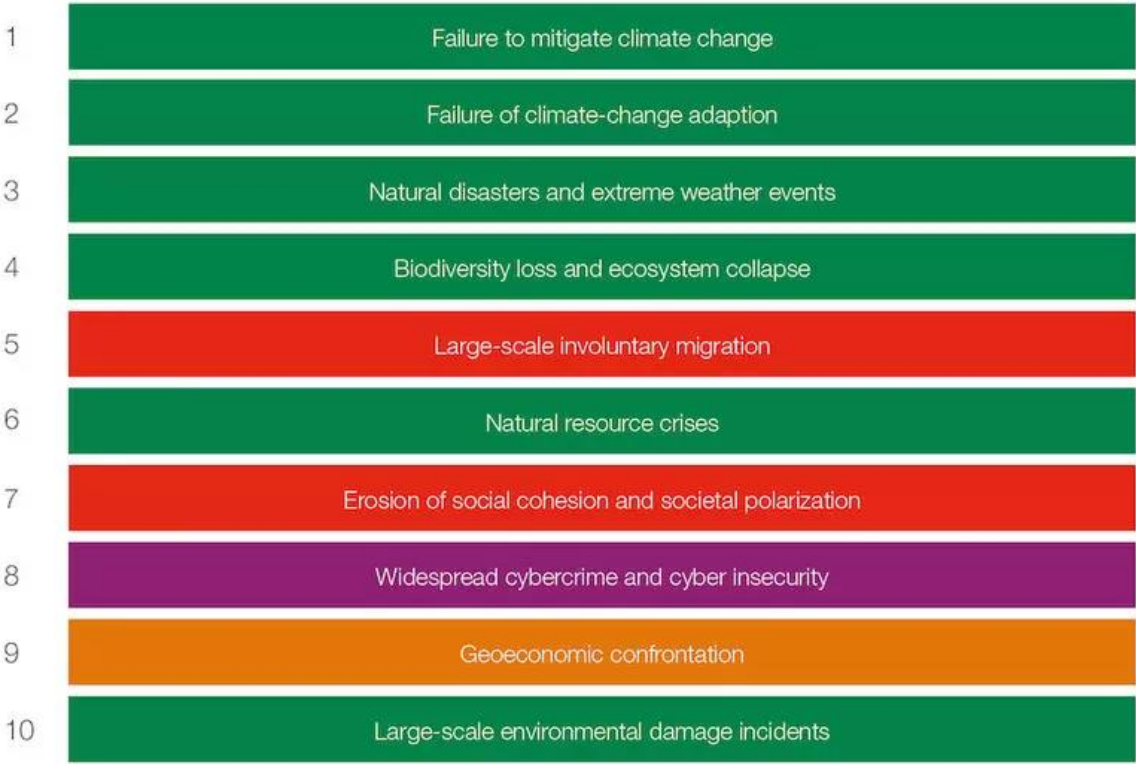
Climate getting hotter, wildlife getting depleted



Top 10 Risks

“Please estimate the likely impact (severity) of the following risks over a 10-year period”

10 years



Risk categories: Economic (blue), Environmental (green), Geopolitical (orange), Societal (red), Technological (purple)

Source: World Economic Forum, Global Risks Perception Survey 2022-2023



What is Trinity doing?

2020– 2025

STRATEGIC PLAN



Community and Connection



Goal 5:

We will shape our organisation and focus research around the challenge of achieving a sustainable and healthy planet.

'Healthy Planet, Healthy People'

Trinity Sustainability led by:

Prof. Jane Stout,
Vice President for Biodiversity and
Climate Action



Vision

We will be a university, a place, and a community where climate change and biodiversity loss are addressed in a holistic, integrated and health-focused way to protect and restore our planetary home for future generations.



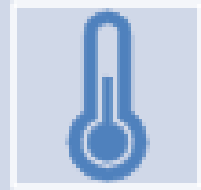
Mission

To tackle climate and biodiversity challenges for a healthy planet and healthy people through our educational programmes, our research and innovation, and our day-to-day operations, both within Trinity and in partnership with external collaborators and communities.



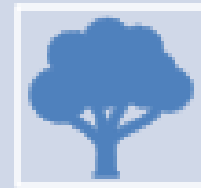


Our Key Priorities



Tackling Climate
Change

Net zero by
2040



Restoring
Biodiversity

Nature positive
by 2030



Creating healthy
futures

Improve
physical and
mental health
by 2030



Trinity has applied to gain Observer Status for COP16 for the Convention for Biological Diversity



Trinity has gained Observer Status for COP28 & 29 for the Climate Change Conference



Trinity has achieved four Green Flags since 2013.



NATURE POSITIVE
— UNIVERSITIES —

Trinity is a signatory to the new Nature Positive Universities network

Taking Action and Making Commitments

Embedding Sustainability in our Curriculum

New Sustainability Module entitled:
Enacting Sustainable Development

600 new students from Trinity Business School will be taking the module this academic year.



Students Organising for Sustainability SOS – Audit of the curriculum and whole of university

2023-24 Responsible Futures International pilot universities and students



THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WEST INDIES



Green Labs

Reducing the impact of research





Decarbonising Our Campus



Improving biodiversity on campus



How can you get involved?



**Join the Green Campus
Committee**

Email sustainability@tcd.ie



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14th – 18th October



Tree Planting
Wed 18th Oct



March 10th – 14th 2025

Save the date - Get Involved!



Sustainability Leadership Awards
Nominate yourself or a friend – Feb 25

TCD Sports Hall

Date TBC
September



Trash to Treasure

DONATE YOUR REUSABLE ITEMS FOR RESALE TO STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER AND GIVE THEM A NEW LIFE

- KITCHENWARE 
- CROCKERY 
- FURNITURE 
- DECORATIONS 
- BOOKS 
- CLOTHING 
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT 
- HOBBY EQUIPMENT 
- ELECTRONICS 
- GAMES 



What else have we done?



Examples of some initiatives:



GREEN WEEK 20-24 MARCH

NO DISPOSABLE CUPS AT THE FORUM

OPTIONS

- Bring your own cup
- Buy a 2GoCup (€2)
- Use a crockery cup

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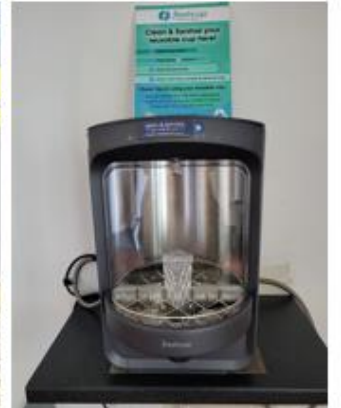
Dublin

Rare Irish orchid discovered in Trinity College after lawn mowing is halted

Orchid which requires 'perfect set of circumstances' grew when mowing stopped

Don't forget the basics

- use less
- share resources
- use sustainable transport
- ditch the disposables
- plant slant your meals
- reuse, repair, recycle
- switch off,
- get involved and speak up!



Say Hello to 2GoCup

How Does it Work?

- 1 Deposit €2 for your 2GoCup.
- 2 Enjoy your guilt-free caffeine hit!
- 3 Return the empty 2GoCup for your €2 deposit back OR swap for a fresh 2GoCup when you re-order.

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Please get in touch if you have ideas, want to get involved or are interested in running an event: sustainability@tcd.ie



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