

Lobby for the financial needs of Non-EU Students

Comhairle Náisiúnta Notes:

- Non-EU students pay a great deal in tuition fees while studying in Irish Universities, ranging from €15,000 - €30,000. For example, in Trinity College Dublin, the Non-EU fees for courses like Deaf Studies or Business studies cost €20,609 per year, in DCU, courses like Religion and History, have non-EU fees that cost €14,500 per year.
- They also are required to pay for accommodation, transport, food and any other additional needs that are needed to integrate into Ireland
- Non-EU students cannot access financial supports like EU and Irish students, such as the €1000 refund in fees, that students have received last week
- Non-EU students are also suffering in the cost of living crisis
- CN also notes that USI has already raised the issues of Non-EU students, when it comes to postgraduate Non-EU students and their PHD stipend.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Believes:

That Non-EU students should be treated the same as EU and Irish students, meaning that they should pay the same amount of fees and receive the same supports from the Irish government.

That USI should lobby for all students and that includes Non-EU students and their financial needs.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Mandates:

Comhairle Náisiúnta mandates that the USI VP for Equality & Citizenship and the USI VP for Academic Affairs, looks into the financial barriers to education that Non-EU students face and that the Coiste Gnó lobby on their behalf at any future meetings with government officials.

Comhairle Náisiúnta also mandates that the USI VP for Campaigns should promote the needs of Non-EU students on any USI campaign materials in the future, especially flyers that are distributed to students and SU officers.

Comhairle repeals: 20 WEL 13

Proposed by: DCUSU (VP for Diversity & Inclusion)