



# Glasgow University Irish and Northern Irish Society

## Constitutional Statement

March 2022

## **1. Name**

The name of the society shall be 'Glasgow University Irish and Northern Irish Society' and shall be abbreviated as 'GUINIS'.

## **2. Aims**

The Glasgow University Irish and Northern Irish Society aims to bring together the Irish and Northern Irish Students at the University of Glasgow and give them a home away from home. It is open to any student with a desire to get involved, meet new people and learn more about our culture. To avoid conflict, the society will remain non-political given the nature of the past and present political atmosphere in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

## **3. Activities**

The society will achieve its aims by hosting regular socials including, but not limited to, quizzes and games nights.

## **4. Membership**

The following terms guide membership of the society:

- 4.1. Full membership of the society is open to all students of the University of Glasgow.
- 4.2. Any individual outside of the University of Glasgow students is entitled to join as an associate member.
- 4.3. Associate members will not account for more than 20% of the total society membership.
- 4.4. Full membership of the society costs £3 with all proceeds used for society business.

## **5. Governance**

The following terms guide governance of the society:

- 5.1. The society is always under the control of membership.
- 5.2. The society business is conducted by an elected committee.
- 5.3. Any full member is given full voting rights at any society meetings.
- 5.4. At any society meetings, associate members do not have voting rights.
- 5.5. The society always has at least three office bearers.
- 5.6. Any vacant committee position is filled in a democratic vote by the members at the annual general meeting.
- 5.7. Any full member of the society is entitled to stand for said committee position (except for the position of President, which must be filled by someone who

has also previously sat on the committee) and/or suggest the creation of a new committee position.

- 5.8. All votes will be held by secret ballot.
- 5.9. All office bearers shall be registered students at the University of Glasgow and shall not have opted out of SRC representation under the Education Act 1994.
- 5.10. The Annual General Meeting, at which office bearers shall be elected and the Clubs/societies accounts submitted and approved by the membership, shall be called with not less than 7 working days' notice to the membership.

## **6. Equal Opportunities Statement**

The society promises to always provide and promote equal opportunities, whatever a person's race, colour, ethnic or national origin, religion, beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, age, physical or mental disability, state of health, appearance, status, family circumstances.

## **7. Constitutional Amendments**

The following terms guide constitutional amendments to the society:

- 7.1. The membership may make constitutional amendments at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2. On receipt of a petition signed by 10 percent of the membership, the secretary shall give five working days' notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider submitted amendments.

## **8. Data Protection**

The Society records personal information about its members (e.g. names, contact details etc) for the purposes of running the club/society (legitimate interest). This information will be held securely and only for as long as it is needed. The information will not be sold or otherwise passed on to third parties without individuals' consent. Club/Society members have the right to a copy of the information held about them on request, and to correct any inaccuracies in the information held.