

**Report of the Vice President for Campaigns**

**Tuairisc an Leas-Uachtarán um Feachtais**

***Zaid Al-Barghouthi***

1. Uasdátaithe & Buaicphointí | Updates & Highlights
2. Cruinnithe ar freastalaíodh orthu | Meetings Attended
3. Dul chun cinn ar an Plean Oibre | Plan of Work Progress
4. Dul chun cinn ar na Sainorduith | Mandate Progress
5. Speansais | Expenses
6. **Update & Highlights**
* **Student Accommodation and Third Level Funding**
* **Palestine Solidarity**
* **Anti-racism**
* **Elections and voter registration**
* **Affiliation Referenda**
* **Campaigns Strategy Committee**

1. **Meetings/Events Attended**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Date**  | **Meeting/Event**  | **Additional Comments** |
| **22.02** | **Campaigns Working Group**  | As per minutes |
| **23.02** | **Campaigns Strategy Committee** | As per minutes  |
| **23.02** | **UCD-BDS Weekly Protest**  | Represeted the un |
| **26.02** | **Monday Morning Meeting**  |  |
| **26.02** | **Alliance for Palestine Meeting** |  |
| **26.02** | **Le Chéile Meeting**  |  |
| **27.02** | **Show your job project meeting – ANAF** |  |
| **27.02** | **Digs Legislation Launch and Dáil Roundtable** |  |
| **28.02** | **Irish Anti-Apartheid Coalition Elections Sub-Group**  |  |
| **28.02** | **Activists’ Assembly for Palestine** |  |
| **29.02** | **Le Chéile Press Conference**  |  |
| **29.02** | **PWO Worker Status Report Launch – Press Conference**  |  |
| **29.02** | **UCCSU Referenda Information Session**  |  |
| **29.02** | **UCCSU Anti-imperialist Committee Session with the Palestinian Ambassador**  |  |
| **01.03** | **Interview with researcher at KU Leuven – Student Housing in Ireland**  |  |
| **01.03** | **Threshold**  |  |
| **04.03** | **Labour Youth**  |  |
| **04.03** | **Emergency Campaigns’ Strategy Committee** |  |
| **04.03** | **Monday Morning Meeting** |  |
| **04.03** | **Oireachtas Brieifing Planning Meeting** |  |
| **06.03** | **Oireachtas Briefing: DIGs Legislation**  |  |
| **11.03** | **TUD Islamic Society Chairperson** |  |
| **11.03** | **Alliance for Palestine Meeting**  |  |
| **12.03** | **DFHERIS Student Accommodation Unit** |  |
| **14.03** | **St. Patrick’s Day Whitehouse Visit Protest** |  |
| **15.03** | **Meeting with the Palestinian Ambassador**  |  |
| **15.03** | **Meeting with a student from Gaza** |  |
| **20.03** | **TU Dublin SU Canvassing**  |  |
| **21.03** | **TU Dublin SU Canvassing** |  |
| **22.03** | **Irish Council of International Students**  |  |
| **24-28.03** | **Comhdháil**  |  |
| **03.04** | **MMM** |  |
| **03.04** | **IAACP Elections Sub-Group**  |  |
| **03.04** | **Housing Coalition Meeting (Tathony House Tenants)**  |  |
| **04.04** | **Campaigns’ Strategy Committee** |  |
| **04.04** | **Raise the Roof Coalition** |  |
| **04.04** | **Third-level Campuses for Palestine Day of Action Meeting** |  |
| **04.04** | **UCD-BDS Weekly Protest**  |  |
| **05.04** | **TCDSU Student-Parent Officer SUSI Meeting** |  |
| **08.04** | **Meeting with ESU Allies re position on Palestine** |  |
| **08.04** | **TLCP Day of Action Media Meeting** |  |
| **09.04** | **UPLIFT Briefing: Elections** |  |
| **09.04** | **Website Meeting**  |  |
| **09.04** | **Drivetime** |  |
| **10.04** | **FM104**  |  |
| **11.04** | **Funding the Future Annual Event** |  |
| **11.04** | **Insurance Reform Alliance Chairperson Meeting** |  |
| **15.04** | **Occupation of EU Commission Buildings** |  |
| **16.04** | **MMM** |  |
| **16.04** | **National Student Action Group Occupation** |  |
| **17.04** | **National Day of Action for Palestine – Limerick** |  |
| **18.04** | **Raise the Roof Photocall**  |  |
| **18.04** | **Threshold** |  |
| **18.04** | **Raise the Roof Planning** |  |
| **18.04** | **IUA/ USI working relationship meeting** |  |
| **19.04** | **IAACP Elections Sub-group**  |  |
| **19.04** | **IFUT/ USI collaboration meeting** |  |
| **19.04** | **TUI/ THEA Meeting**  |  |
| **19.04** | **TUI/ USI collaboration meeting** |  |
| **22.04** | **Raise the Roof Planning Meeting** |  |
| **22.04** | **Website Meeting** |  |
| **22.04** | **Nancy Pelosi Protest UCD**  |  |
| **23.04** | **Apprentice Meeting** |  |
| **23.04** | **Meeting with Chair of Comharile Náisíunta re Constitutional Review** |  |
| **24.04** | **UPLIFT Election Hub Call** |  |
| **24.04** | **Sustainability Audit Meeting** |  |
| **24.04** | **Meeting with the UCCSU President-elect**  |  |
| **25.04** | **Campaigns Strategy Committee** |  |
| **25.04** | **Student Solidarity Actions in Ireland Meeting** |  |
| **26.04** | **Student Housing Coop Meeting** |  |
| **26.04** | **ESU Resolutions Drafting Meeting**  |  |
| **29.04** | **Meeting with the Icelandic National Union of Students**  |  |
| **29.04** | **DCU Voter Registration** |  |
| **29.04** | **Campaigns Strategy Committee TORs Review** |  |
| **30.04** | **MMM**  |  |
| **30.04** | **ESU Resolutions Meeting** |  |
| **30.04-07.05**  | ***ANNUAL LEAVE***  |  |
| **07.05** | **MMM** |  |
| **07.05** | **Alliance for Palestine** |  |

**3. Plan of Work Progress**

*\*Red = Not Started*

*Amber = In Progress*

*Green = Completed*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Goal** | **Actions Taken** | **Progress** |
| **Third-level Funding (Demands as set out in PBS and various policy documents)** | Setting up a grassroots National Student Action Group focused on addressing issues relating to third-level underfunding |  |
| Organizing Escalation Actions and mobilizing locally:* Put call out for all MOs with an outlook for organizing local actions in escalation of our budget campaign.
* Occupation of the Dept. of Public Expenditure
* Occupation of the Dept. for Further and Higher Education
* Media work (national radio, social media and general election call upon resignation of Leo Varadkar)
 |  |
| Informing the voter registration campaign with progress refunding of third level education:* Materials currently being prepared outlining our position in Government parties and reasons thereof.
* Voter registration drive organized for exam weeks across 6 MOs
 |  |
| Started the groundwork for the Budget 2025 Campaign: * Student accommodation position paper
* Funding the future event: outlined the dire state of funding, and the lack of a listening ear when it comes to our demands.
* June lobby day organized
 |  |
| **Student Accommodation** | Policy Response Work * Student Accommodation Position paper
* DIGs Legislation Introduced to the Dáil
* Pressured the DFHERIS into committing to introduce a legislation to stop various exploitative practices by private student accommodation providers including compulsory length leases.
* Various collaborative efforts to ensure the issue is being regularly discussed in the Oireachtas
* Combatting the far-right wave with a focus on housing.
* Preparing election materials with a focus on housing at a local level.
 |  |
| Escalation Actions* Set up the National Student Action Group through the Campaigns’ Strategy Committee
* Helped willing MOs (TCDSU) to organized local actions.
* Co-organized a national action at the Dept. of Public Expenditure with the NSAG.
 |  |
| National Housing Work * Raise the roof coalition action planning, had to be postponed due to national developments.
* General election campaigning ahead of appointment of the Taoiseach
* National action for housing planned for the 25th with a new housing coalition.
 |  |
| Research * USI National Student Accommodation and Commuting Survey – collecting responses and pending report.
 |  |
| **Voter Registration and Elections**  | Voter Registration * Finalized the last push for our voter registration drive.
* Materials focusing on international students’ right to vote in local elections and EU students in European Elections.
 |  |
| National Campaigning Work* Working with Uplift and the Election Sub- Group on putting issues like Palestine and Housing at the forefront for elections.
* National Voter Registration Day
 |  |
| Information Materials* Initial rollout of our voter registration materials.
* Currently finalizing all our materials to be released between now and the 7th of June.
 |  |
| European Elections Foreign Policy Focus * Working with the IAACP Election sub-group on materials focusing on the European Parliament’s role in relation to Europe’s foreign policy, focusing on Palestine and Anti-war policies.
 |  |
| Local organizing (hustings, information sessions etc.)* Assisting willing MOs in organizing hustings and other elections events.
* Ensuring questions are asked questions relevant to the student movement
 |  |
| **Grassroots Shift** | National Student Action Group  |  |
| Campus Justice for Palestine – product of Activists’ Assembly |  |
| Constitutional Review Work |  |
| Comhairle Náisiúnta Student Participation |  |
| **Palestine Solidarity** | Day of Action |  |
| Organizing the national solidarity movement |  |
| Elections/ IAACP  |  |
| Student solidarity actions support (encampments, protests and BDS groups and stances) |  |
| Complicity Audit  |  |

1. **Mandate Progress**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Mandate** | **Actions Taken** | **Progress** |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

1. **Expenses**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item**  | **Description**  | **Amount**  |
| Public Transport  | *Includes Taxis, Trains & Buses*  |  |
| Own Transport  | *Includes 19c/km for Wear & Tear, Fuel, Parking & Tolls (Drive from Derry to Dublin, Dublin to Kerry (inc. Stop in Limerick).*  |  |
| Meals  | *Includes MTU Kerry, Limerick, Clonmel*  |  |
| Overnights + Working Outside of Ireland  | *Includes London, MTU Kerry, Limerick, Clonmel*  |  |
| Other  |   |   |
| Total  |   |  |