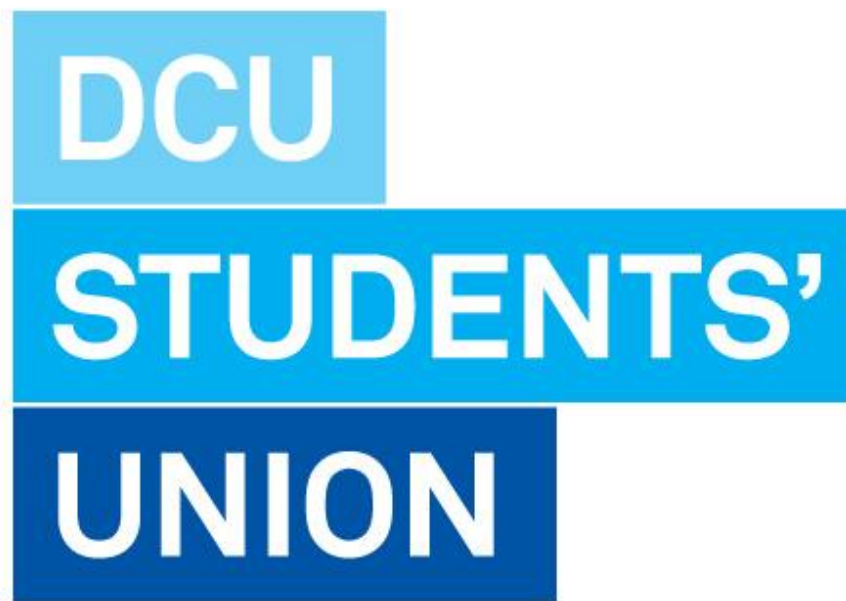


Welcome to Dublin City University!

A Quick Guide to Securing Accommodation in the North Dublin/Inner City Areas



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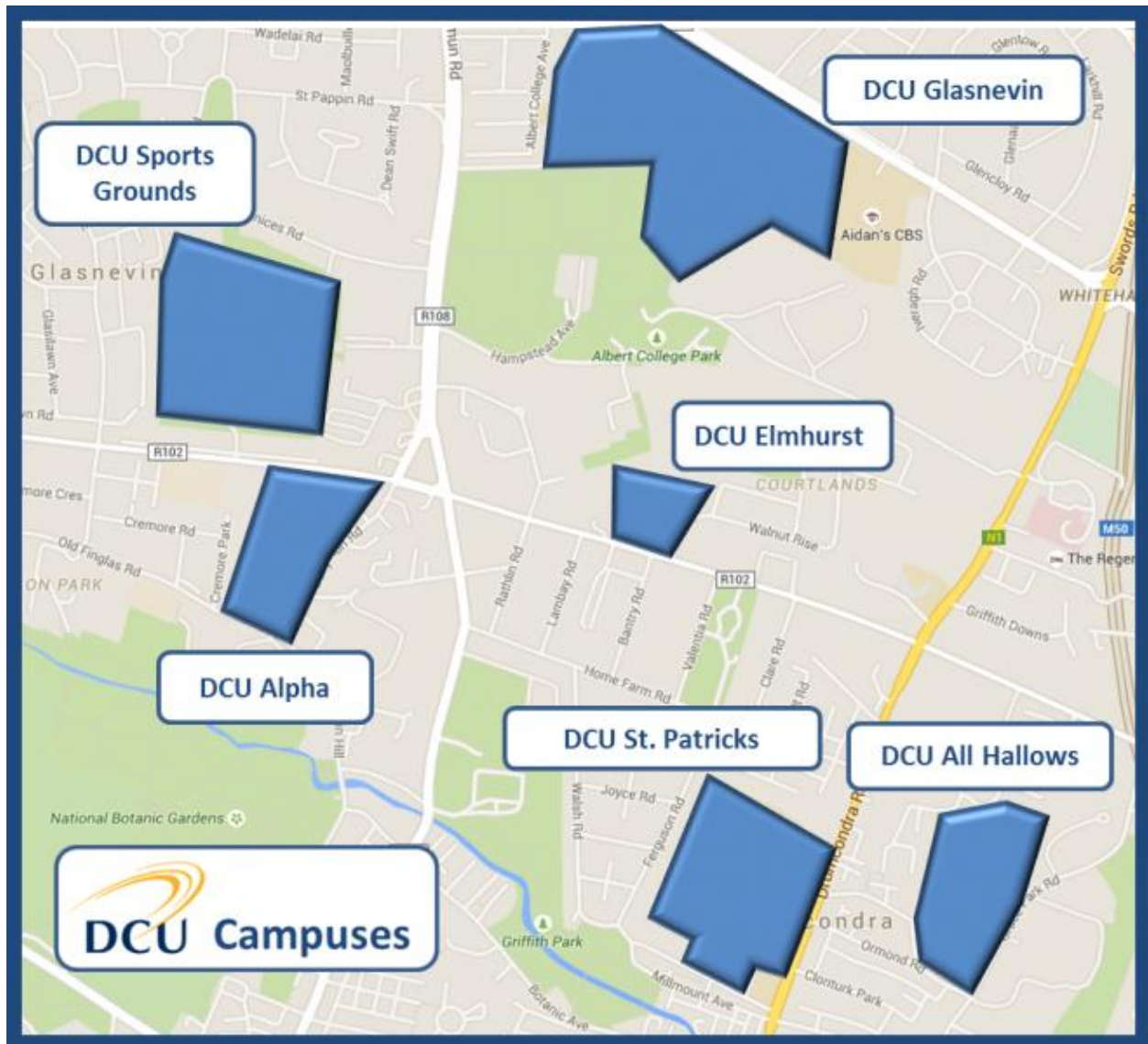
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- Introduction

Dublin City University consists of three academic campuses;

- Glasnevin Campus
- Saint Patrick's Campus
- All Hallows' Campus



Glasnevin Campus

Glasnevin Campus consists of 4/5 of our Faculties;

- Humanities and Social Sciences (e.g., Law, Politics, Languages, Media Studies),
- Business (e.g., International Business, Global Business, Accounting and Finance),
- Engineering and Computing (e.g., Enterprise and Computing, Mechanical Engineering)
- Science and Health (e.g., Psychology, Nursing, Analytical Science)

There are numerous facilities on this campus which include;

- A State of the Art Gym and pool.
- The Helix where shows and national TV programmes are filmed alongside staging of plays and other stage productions.
- Numerous canteens and restaurants.
- A three-story library.
- On campus 'Spar' retail store.
- 5 Astro pitches.

St. Patrick's Campus

Saint Patricks campus is based in Drumcondra. It is a 30 minute walk from St.Pats to Glasnevin campus and a 5 min walk from St.Pats to All Hallows campus.

St.Patricks's college consists of 2/5 faculties:

- Education faculty (e.g., Teaching)
- Humanities and Social Science (e.g., Bachelor of Arts)

There are a number of facilities on St.Patrick's campus that all DCU students can access. These include:

- Gymnasium (Much smaller than Glasnevin but open to all students with membership to the Glasnevin Gym)
- A canteen and two cafés.
- A soccer pitch and an Irish Gaelic pitch.
- A Three-story library.

All Hallows' Campus

All Hallows' Campus is also based in Drumcondra and is a 30 min walk from Glasnevin campus.

All Hallows' Campus consists of 1/5 faculties:

- Humanities and Social Science (e.g., Bachelor of Arts)

The facilities on All Hallows' Campus that all DCU students can access include:

- Canteen.
- Church.
- Café.
- Library.
- International Office.

NOTE: It is common among the Humanities and Social Science Faculty that lectures can be spread among all three campuses. Please just be aware of this when looking for accommodation.

Campus Accommodation

DCU Campus Accommodation is under Campus Residences Ltd., and is a completely separate entity to the DCU Students' Union.

All three of the campuses mentioned above have campus accommodation. If you wish to enquire about a room being available, you *do not contact* the VP for Welfare and Equality. The VP for Welfare and Equality, unfortunately, has no way of monitoring or confirming room bookings on DCU Campus Accommodation.

If, however, you run into issues with roommates or have issues regarding fines, you can contact the VP for Welfare and Equality at welfare@dcu.ie.

To ask about accommodation on campus, check out this website for more information on Campus Accommodation:

<http://www.dcuaccommodation.ie/>.

Off Campus Accommodation Options;

There are four main Off Campus Accommodation Types which would be worthwhile for you to check out prior to coming to Dublin;

Shanowen Halls (<http://www.shanowenhall.com/>)

Shanowen Square (<http://www.shanowensquare.com/>)

Gateway Student Village (<http://gsv.ie/>)

Hazelwood (be wary of this accommodation type as there is a lot of issues with the letting company 'Academy Walk Management and Lettings Ltd.' who are in charge)

(<http://harringtonpropertymanagement.com/>)

You will be able to find all the prices for the upcoming semester/academic year on the websites listed above.

Shanowen Halls and Shanowen Square are right beside each other and are a 5 minute walk to Glasnevin Campus and about a 25 minute walk to St. Patrick's Campus/All Hallows Campus.

Gateway Student Village is about a 12 minute walk to Glasnevin Campus and about a 40 minute walk to St. Patrick's Campus/All Hallows Campus.

Hazelwood is about a 30 minute walk to Glasnevin Campus and about a 15 minute bus ride to St. Patrick's Campus/All Hallows Campus.

Off Campus Accommodation Options;

From a Students' Union perspective, we try to make it a little easier for you all to secure accommodation through a number of measures;

- 1) We have a 'DCU Accommodation' Facebook Group which you guys can add yourself into and you can post up about accommodation and there's a possibility that you might get lucky and find accommodation through there.
- 2) The Students' Union has a website in which they post all their available accommodation listings. A significant majority of these listings are homestays (we call them 'digs'). This is where you live with a family and rent out a room. The benefits of digs are that they are cheaper than the normal accommodation that you'll find in the surrounding area. The only disadvantage is that you'll have to discuss with each landlord to see will they accept students being there on the weekends (most families only want the students present from Monday – Friday).
 - a. You can find these listings on www.dcsu.ie/blog and select 'Accommodation' in the drop down menu.
 - b. It's important that you don't find digs that are miles away from the campuses. Check out the following towns: Beaumont; Whitehall; Santry; Glasnevin (although Glasnevin is very big); Drumcondra; Phibsboro; Marino.
- 3) Check out a number of reliable websites that will have housing and apartment listings available. Some popular ones include;
 - a. www.rent.ie
 - b. www.daft.ie

c. www.collegecribs.ie

- 4) When looking up off campus accommodation, ALWAYS Google Maps the address of your potential accommodation to the campus(es) that you are predominantly on. You have to ensure that they are within walking/cycling distance or on a bus route. This will seriously influence your engagement with academic and social structures in the DCU community.
- 5) Some towns that are always good to secure accommodation in: Glasnevin (although Glasnevin is **massive** so it may be misleading), Whitehall, Beaumont, Santry, Drumcondra, Ballymun.
- 6) It is the norm to provide the equivalent of a month's deposit plus first month's rent upon moving in. So, for example, if your rent is €400 each month, upon moving in it would be normal to pay €800 (400 for rent + 400 for deposit).

Avoiding Scams

I have been working with International Students quite closely since August. I just want to clarify a few things that I have found were reoccurring issues.

- 1) I think the Irish stereotype works against us in that people coming here perceive us all to be joyful folk who would do no harm.
 - a. There are good and bad everywhere and you must always be cautious that you might be falling for a scam. If they are asking for a payment before you even view the house (**AVOID**) or are asking for the entire semester's payment up front, these are things that you should be wary of. Always stand your ground and know your rights. Alternatively, email myself at welfare@dcu.ie and I can let you know if you're walking into dangerous territory.

Knowing Your Tenant Rights

Speaking of knowing your rights, a really good Tenants' Rights Organisation that I would always recommend to contact if you find yourself in some trouble with your landlord is Threshold Ireland at www.threshold.ie.

Alternatively, you can contact their helpline at 1890 334 334.

- 2) Know that, while the media proclaim that there is a 'housing crisis' in Dublin (admittedly, it isn't good), **not all houses will be full**. Landlords know this. The ball is in your court. Do not cave for the first offer you get. Wait until you get a place that you're happy to live in.
- 3) The Students' Union is here to help you guys. Be it with Finance, Accommodation, Personal Issues or just general queries, we are here for you all to avail of.

Property Button

This year the SU and Union of Students' in Ireland (USI) have teamed up with a new company called Property Button.

Property Button help to simplify the process of moving home, for landlord and tenant, by looking after meter readings, PRTB registration and setting a tenant up with utilities and media requirements when moving in and also cancelling these services when moving out thereby removing all associated hassle. Have a look see [here](#)!

They can help you all if you are planning on staying for longer than a semester and can help set you up with bundle packages for your electricity, heating, Internet, etc. Once you leave, they can sort out all the bills and issues that you may have upon departure. Plus, it's free!

Clubs and Societies

When you arrive, you'll be exposed to a huge range of Clubs and Societies that run weekly events. Be it playing Quidditch with Harry Potter society or going snowboarding with Snowsports, there's something for everybody. Check out the full list [here](#).

DCU Students' Union 2017/18



This is the 2017/18 team so that you guys are well acquainted with us before you even head over!

President –Niall Behan; his responsibility is to represent the students' at high-level and government meetings, as well as orchestrating events on campus. He is based in Glasnevin Campus predominantly.

Vice President for Education & Placement –Mathew Davey; his responsibility is to handle general education queries and answer any issues relating to placement. He is based on St. Patrick's Campus predominantly.

Vice President for Engagement and Development –Siobhan MacTauige; her duties include extracurricular engagement, such as volunteering, clubs and societies, and class reps. She is based on St. Patrick's Campus predominantly.

Vice President for Academic Affairs –Brendon Power; his duties include all education queries and standing on educational reform committees. He is based on Glasnevin Campus predominantly.

Vice President for Welfare and Equality –Podge Henry; his duties include physical, sexual and mental health policies, casework, organizing campaigns, managing accommodation and dealing with finance issues. He is based on Glasnevin Campus predominantly.