



Annual Report

2025/26

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Student Representation & Supports

Student Representation & Supports (formerly Representation, Advocacy & Leadership) empowers the MIC student body by amplifying their voices, ensuring their concerns are heard, and providing them with accessible support during their time in MIC.

SR&S plays a vital role in connecting students' lived experiences with institutional decision-making, campaigning for and advocating on issues which are impacting them while also offering practical support and assistance through welfare and financial support.

The MISU President and Vice-Presidents represent and lead the students of MIC by:

- representing and protecting the student body in academic and non-academic matters
- sitting on MIC Boards and Committees
- leading the MISU Executive Committee in representing and working for the student body
- providing support and information to students on personal, social and academic concerns
- actively pursuing the engagement and participation of the student body in the activities of the union and student life in general
- promoting and pursuing the betterment of the education and well-being of the student body
- creating a positive student experience

A message from the outgoing 2025/26 MISU President



Your 2025/26 Student Officer Team



Jayde Ryan
President



Nat Horan
VP Student
Experience &
Wellbeing



Chloe Barrett
Thurles
Officer



Aisling Conlon
Oifigeach Gaeilge
(Irish Language
Officer)



Áine Cahill
Welfare Officer

Activities Undertaken in 2025/26;

Continued from previous years:

- Free Period Products available across both campuses
- Grab & Go Breakfast available across both campuses
- Continuation of free Pregnancy Test Delivery Service
- Continuation of free contraception across both campuses
- Free Little Library in the Limerick Students' Lounge
- Continuation of Food Parcels Delivery Service to students more than 3km from the Limerick Campus
- Continued to ensure additional study spaces were available to students at busy times on both campuses
- See Change Green Ribbon World Mental Health Campaign
- Staff-Student Fora held for all Class Reps.
- Took part in the MIC Open Days and Student Experience Days.

Introduced this year:

- Held Class Rep Elections online through the MISU online voting platform.
- Moodle Module developed specifically for Class Reps that included self-guided online training.
- Introduced new incentives and recognition for Class Reps, such as the Letter of Commendation from the MIC President. These letters were presented at the MIC Student Achievement Awards (Non-Academic).
- Collaborated on Clubs & Societies' daily drop-in sessions in the autumn semester.
- Installed DRS donation points across both campuses where students can donate their bottles and cans, with all money raised going towards the Student Welfare Fund.
- Attended the first Conferring Ceremony held on the Thurles Campus and sought student feedback afterwards.
- Colouring pages and pencils are available in the Students' Lounge on both campuses.
- Physical Free Food Pantry established on the Limerick Campus in collaboration with the Mid West Simon Community and with support from the Director of Estates and Sustainability.
- Trialled a Commuter Hub in the Chaplaincy Room on the Limerick Campus and in the SU Lounge on the Thurles campus in the autumn semester.
- Attended the ACUI Region VIII Conference and annual INTO Congress to highlight student issues.
- Attended the BICS Awards as MISU Representatives to support the MIC Students who were nominated for awards.
- Sought student feedback on the current on-campus food options and provided feedback to MIC colleagues.
- Referendum held in February 2026 to 'Adopt a new democratic ecosystem for MISU to replace the current failing representative democracy structures'.
- MISU Elections held in March 2026 to elect the first members of the new Advocacy Officer Team for the 2026/27 Academic Year.



Campaigns, Events, Fundraising & Awareness

The following Campaigns, Events, Fundraising & Awareness Activities took place during the 2025/26 academic year.

Campaigns, Awareness Activities & Collaborations:

- Student Officers aided in the proceedings for Athena Swan Day on the Limerick Campus on October 8th, 2025. The Officers hosted games and gave away prizes.
- Worked with the EDII Office to organise a social media campaign for Black History Month and collated a playlist of music by black artists to share and play in the Tara Forum.
- Worked with the MIC Irish Language Coordinator to organise “Samhain Fest”.
- MISU VPSEW attended the Access & Disability Office’s Coffee Morning as a special guest, alongside a representative from Citizens Information, which MISU assisted in organising.
- Collaborated with the MIC Irish Language Coordinator to organise Gaeilge 24 on the Thurles Campus.
- MISU Student Officers supported students who organised Movember fundraising events across both campuses.
- MISU President and Thurles Officer campaigned for MIC students to have access to the gym Facilities in TUS Thurles. This was completed with a paid membership, now available to MIC Thurles students.
- Officers collaborated with Counselling, EDII, and Healthy Campus to organise a Harm Reduction Week. This week provided students with information about the resources, services, and supports available both within the college and outside of it.
- Officers supported the MIC Irish Language Coordinator with planning for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026. A Siopaí Pop-Up Gaeilge was organised for this.
- The MISU President sat on the committee for MIC Femfest 2026. It took place over three days from Tuesday, 3rd March to Thursday, 5th March. All events throughout the week were very well attended.
- MISU Officers provided 180 exam bags across both campuses during the Spring Semester examinations and also handed out sweets, popcorn and bottles of water.



Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance Week Events - Limerick & Thurles:

MISU hosted a number of events across both the Limerick and Thurles campuses during Week 6.

In Thurles, Part Time Officers worked together to organise and host a Sex Toy Bingo in The County Bar, which saw 125 attendees. They also hosted a number of activities and games in the MISU Students’ Lounge, Thurles.

In Limerick, MISU VPSEW hosted activities and games in the MISU Student Lounge, with prizes for the winners, and a screening of Magic Mike took place.

MISU Welfare Supports

- Greater promotion of the MISU Welfare Supports, including the Student Welfare Fund, saw a significant increase in students' querying and applying for MISU Welfare Supports.
- Promotion expanded to frequent social media posts, on-campus posters and flyers, and use of the on-campus digital displays.
- Since the beginning of the 2025/26 Academic Year, 74 students have received €100.00 in emergency funding from the Student Welfare Fund to total of €7,400.00.
- In addition to funds, students have also received Leap Card Top-Ups or Circle K fuel vouchers to help with the costs of commuting to college. MISU has provided 13 Leap Card Top-Ups to the value of €25.00 each, to a total of €325.00 and 71 Circle K vouchers to the value of €25.00 each, to a total of €1,775.00.
- As of May 2026, MISU has provided €9,500.00 in financial support to students as part of the Student Welfare Fund.
- MISU has distributed 35 food parcels as part of the Food Parcels Delivery Service and has received 98 bookings for the on-campus Limerick Food Pantry.
- 1,186 porridge pots and breakfast bars have been taken as part of the Grab & Go breakfast offerings.
- MISU has distributed 57 pregnancy tests with 34 of these having been posted out, 7 requested in-person at the MISU Information & Services Desk and 16 taken from the MISU Food Pantry.



Events:

- Hosted the Road Safety Authority (RSA) on the Thurles Campus, which provided interactive and informative activities, as well as some safety freebies for students.
- MISU VPSEW hosted Mindfulness Crafts on both campuses during Week 5. Students were able to decorate tote bags and colouring pages in a relaxing environment.
- MISU VPSEW held 'The Confidence Glow-Up!' Workshop with Sarah Quinn Coaching on Monday, 2nd March 2026 in the MISU Meeting Room, Limerick. This workshop was designed to provide students with some strategies to overcome self-doubt and overthinking and help them to truly thrive both academically and personally. Funding and support for this workshop were provided by the EDII Office to allow students to attend for free, and feedback from attendees was positive.

Orientation 2025

- Recruited students to work as Campus Ambassadors who led tours of the campuses and supported in the roll out of the ICT labs and the Garda Vetting Process.
- Took part in Orientation talks and had a stand in the TARA Forum. MISU used these opportunities to give students more detailed information on what MISU does and how we can support them during their time in MIC.

Freshers' Week 2025

- Information stands on both campuses
- Collaboration with EDII to bring WeConsent and GOSHH information stands to both campuses
- Held a Lucky Dip and Scavenger Hunts on both campuses, with sponsorship and prizes coming from local businesses
- Market stalls on the Limerick Campus
- Bake Sale on the Limerick Campus (hosted by MIDAS)
- MISU Coffee Morning in the TARA Forum, hosted by MISU VPSEW

Fundraising:

Giving Tree 2025

MISU, in partnership with the Mid West Simon Community launched the annual MISU Giving Tree initiative on 25 November 2025 as part of the MISU Christmas Market. This was the third instalment of the MISU Giving Tree initiative, which is a fundraiser that endeavours to raise awareness and through gift donations, bring happiness to children who are engaged in the Mid West Simon Community network and are affected by homelessness at Christmastime.

With thanks to the students, staff, and wider MIC communities, the MISU Giving Tree 2025 was a major success with a total of 160 Christmas Presents donated to the Mid West Simon Community, surpassing the original goal of 121 presents.

The Mid West Simon Community collected the presents on 18 December 2025 for distribution before Christmas Day.



Charity Weeks 2026

The Limerick Campus Charity Week took place from February 10th to 12th in the MISU Students' Lounge. A number of events and activities took place over the three days, including board games, bracelet making, Valentine's card crafts, and Sock-It! (design a pair of socks), Lucky Dip and a raffle. The on-campus bar was facilitated and manned by Dolan's staff with ID checks in place.

The Thurles Campus Charity Week was a smaller-scale event with Thurles students requesting a sporting event.



A 5-a-side soccer tournament took place on Tuesday, 17th February in Peake Villa FC, Thurles and consisted of eight teams of seven students per team, going head to head in short games of soccer. The winning team won a €25.00 One4All Gift Card for each member.

The charity for this year's events was MISU's own Student Welfare Fund, with money being raised by students, for students. The total amount raised across both campuses from Charity Week events was €643.37.

Deposit Return Scheme

Beginning in September 2025, MISU installed Deposit Return Scheme donation bottle bins on both campuses with support from the MIC Director of Estates & Sustainability.

The purpose of these donation bottle bins is to encourage students, staff, and visitors to consider donating their used bottles and cans to MISU as part of the Deposit Return Scheme, with all monies being raised for the Student Welfare Fund.

Three donation points are available on the Limerick Campus, and one donation point is available on the Thurles Campus.

As of April 2026, a total of 2,612 bottles and cans have been donated for a total monetary amount of €424.20 raised for the Student Welfare Fund.



Full-Time Officer Statistics

A new statistics recording sheet was developed for the MISU Full-Time Officers to use in the spring semester in an effort to capture both quantitative and qualitative data.

The Full-Time Officers recorded the following student engagements in the spring semester:

- 48 Academic queries related to rechecks, appeals, continuous assessments, and issues with lecturers.
- 39 Financial queries related to Student Assistant Fund, Student Welfare Fund, and additional financial supports.
- 7 Health & Wellbeing queries related to the MISU Food Pantry, Wellness Workshop and personal wellbeing.
- 22 College Life queries related to the Park & Ride, Class Reps, Student Learning Partnership and Dialogue Taskforce Charter, and the new MISU Representation System.
- 42 General Queries related to building and services opening hours, student interviews, missed classes, Student Achievement Awards (Non-Academic), and Union Council.
- 35 referrals to MIC Offices and Services for queries such as accessing results, grading issues, recording attendance, opening hours and financial support.
- 3 referrals to external supports, Threshold and Citizens Information, for queries such as rights and entitlements in digs-style accommodation.



405 Meetings Attended

- 211 MISU-Related Meetings
- 109 MIC Board & Committee Meetings
- 55 Meetings with MIC Staff
- 27 Meetings with External Contacts
- 3 Press-related Meetings

4,678 Student Interactions during Campus Visibility

Examples include:

- Orientation 2025
- Freshers Week 2025
- Charity Weeks 2026
- MISU Referendum 2026

481 Queries Answered

- 123 Academic Queries
- 104 Financial Queries
- 13 Health & Wellbeing Queries
- 70 College Life Queries
- 1 Accommodation Query
- 90 General Queries
- 77 Referrals to MIC Services
- 3 Referrals to External Services

482 Contacts Made

- 77 In-Person Meetings with Students
- 25 Telephone Calls & Messages Received
- 380 Emails Received

Part-Time Officer Reports



Chloe Barrett - Thurles Officer

Representation & Governance

- Actively engaged in weekly Executive Team meetings and Union Council sessions to ensure Thurles-specific issues remained a priority.
- Championed the Student Voice at Staff-Student Forums and Programme Boards, maintaining a consistent dialogue with the Vice Dean of MIC Thurles.
- Contributed to the MISU Quality Review to ensure high standards of student service and representation.

Events & Engagement

- Organised Freshers' Week events to foster a welcoming environment for incoming students.
- Coordinated high-engagement social events, including the highly successful Sex Toy Bingo in Week 6, managing everything from venue sourcing to hosting with the Exec team.
- Collaborated with the Welfare Officer on Charity Week, successfully negotiating with a local venue to secure a percentage of ticket sales for our designated charity.
- Supported cultural and inclusive initiatives, including Gaeilge24 with the Irish Language Officer and an ISL Workshop in partnership with the EDII office.

Student Welfare & Services

- Partnered with the MISU President and MISU Vice-President Student Experience & Wellbeing to deliver SHAG Week (Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance), including the distribution of sexual health and period products across campus.
- Facilitated a campus visit from GOSHH to provide specialised support and information to students.
- Maintained consistent availability through weekly office hours, providing a direct point of contact for student queries and support.

Facilities & Campus Development

- Successfully negotiated with TUS facilities management to secure student access to TUS gym facilities.
- Conducted a comprehensive survey of 296 students regarding campus parking, presenting the data-driven results to the Vice Dean to advocate for improvements.
- Managed student volunteers for the college Open Day and the historic first-ever graduation ceremony on the Thurles campus.
- Continuing to work with the facilities team to upgrade student facilities on campus.



Part-Time Officer Reports



Áine Cahill – Welfare Officer

- Worked to support the wellbeing of students and contribute to a positive and inclusive college environment.
 - Had ongoing responsibilities and assisted with the organisation of a range of initiatives, carried out in collaboration with fellow Student Union officers, college staff, and students.
 - Attended weekly Executive meetings, contributing to discussions and decisions affecting the student body.
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- Ensured the consistent availability of essential welfare resources, including regularly replenishing sanitary products in campus bathrooms, an important initiative in promoting accessibility and dignity for all students.
 - Worked closely with the SU team to deliver a variety of events aimed at supporting student wellbeing.
 - Helped organise and run a “Sex Toy Bingo” event, which provided an engaging and informative way to promote awareness around sexual health.
 - Supported the Activities Officer in distributing “SOS cookies” to students, offering a small but meaningful morale boost during busy academic periods.
 - Took the lead in organising a 5-a-side soccer tournament as part of Charity Week. This event encouraged student participation, promoted physical wellbeing, and contributed to fundraising efforts for a charitable cause.
 - Collaborated with other SU Executive members to organise student bingo events, helping to foster a sense of community and provide social outlets on campus.
 - Advocated for students and addressed academic and welfare concerns.
 - Worked alongside lecturers and college staff to help resolve issues related to the Gaeltacht and Continuous Assessment timetables, ensuring that student voices were heard and considered in decision-making processes.
 - Remained available and approachable to students throughout the year, offering support and guidance to those facing personal, academic, or wellbeing challenges.
 - Aimed to make college life more manageable and supportive for all students.
 - Helped to create and distribute goodie bags during exam week as a small pick-me-up, containing treats to boost morale.
 - Remind students that the students’ union will be there to support them during what can be a particularly challenging time.

In conclusion, this year has been both rewarding and impactful. I am proud of the initiatives undertaken and the support provided, and I am grateful for the collaboration of my fellow SU members and college staff in working towards a better student experience.



Part-Time Officer Reports



Aisling Conlon - Oifigeach Gaeilge (Irish Language Officer)

- Serving on the Irish Language Board
 - As Irish Language Officer, I supported the events of the Union
 - As Irish Language Officer, I attended the Training of the Societies and met with the Irish Societies from MIC and other colleges. I kept in touch with them throughout the year.
 - I worked with Conradh na Gaeilge, and 14 students attended the Oireachtas in Belfast.
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- I worked with the Irish Language Services Coordinator of the Irish Language Officer, and we organised Gaeilge 24, which was held on the 11th of November. The students and I made TikToks and took part in the competition. 20 people attended that day.
 - I helped MISU by hosting a bingo round in Irish twice.
 - For Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026, there were many events taking place. I helped to put on an Irish Quiz with the Cumann Gaelach in Thurles. The Trad Society collaborated later. Séaghan Ó Súilleabháin (The Kerry Cowboy) came, and we had a public talk. We had Lunch Together and lots of regular events such as pizza and chat. The Running Society collaborated to run a green run during Seachtain na Gaeilge.
 - I visited the Limerick campus for the Samhain events. I helped them to promote the Irish language, and many students attended the Seomra Caidrimh.
 - I ran events with MISU, which were taking place to give students the opportunity to practice their Irish.
 - The two Irish Societies have been re-registered with Conradh na Gaeilge.
 - I worked with the Library and the Canteen to promote these events.
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- Ag freastail ar Bord na Gaeilge
 - Thacaigh an tOifigeach Gaeilge le himeachtaí an Aontais
 - D'fhreastail an tOifigeach Gaeilge ar Thraenáil na gCumann agus bhuail mé le na Cumann Ghaelacha ó Choláiste Mhuire Gan Smál agus coláistí eile. Choiméad mé i dteangmháil leo i rith na bliana.
 - D'oibrigh mé le Conradh na Gaeilge agus d'fhreastail 14 mac léinn ar an Oireachtas i mBéal Feirste.
 - D'oibrigh mé le Comhordaitheoir Seirbhísí Gaeilge Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus d'eagraíomar Gaeilge 24 chun é a chur ar siúl ar an 11ú Samhain. Rinneamar agus na mic léinn TikToks agus ghlacamar páirt sa chomórtas. D'fhreastail 20 daoine ar an lá sin.
 - Chabhraigh mé le MISU trí bhabhta bingo a óstáil i nGaeilge faoi dhó.
 - Le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026, bhí go leor imeachtaí ar siúl. Chabhraigh mé chun Tráth na gCeist a chur ar fáil leis an gCumann Gaelach i nDurlas. Chomhoibrigh an Cumann Trad tar éis. Tháinig Séaghan Ó Súilleabháin (The Kerry Cowboy) agus bhí caint phoiblí againn. Bhí Lón Le Chéile againn agus neart imeachtaí rialta mar shampla piotsa agus plé. Chomhoibrigh an Cumann Rith chun Rith Glas a chur ar siúl i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge.
 - Thug mé cuairt ar champas Luimnigh le haghaidh na himeachtaí Samhaine. Chabhraigh mé leo chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn agus D'fhreastail go leor mac léinn ar an Seomra Caidrimh.
 - Ronin mé imeachtaí le MISU a bhí ar siúl chun deis a thabhairt do mhic léinn á gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh.
 - Athchlárú déanta don dhá Chumainn Ghaelacha le Conradh na Gaeilge.
 - D'oibrigh mé leis an Leabharlann agus an gCeaintín chun na himeachtaí seo a chur chun cinn.



Union Council & Class Reps

Union Council and Class Reps have played a key role in the work of MISU; through Union Council, Class Reps could raise any issues which their class was experiencing, give feedback or put forward ideas. Class Reps could mandate the Exec to follow through on what happens at Council or take a certain stance on an issue to make sure they were always working for the students.

The Union Council Secretary for the 2025/26 Academic Year was **Saoirse Onyemekeihia** (B.Ed 1st Year Group 7a).

The following were the Class Reps with MISU during the 2025/26 Academic Year:

Limerick Campus

Bachelor of Arts - 1st Year

Drama & Theatre Studies	Néala Merrigan
Gaeilge	Hollie O'Brien
Media & Communications	Aaron Korthout
Psychology	Nathan Real

Bachelor of Arts - 2nd Year

French	Naima Albacete
TEFL	Lee Burke
Business Studies	Amanda Meaney

Bachelor of Arts - 4th Year

English	Christopher Forrestal
Media & Communications	Jodie Neilan
Philosophy	Elaine Myra Hanley

Bachelor of Arts in Drama & English

1 st Year	Sophie Rowland
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Bachelor of Science in Psychology

4 th Year	Emma Harte
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MA in Media Studies

Callum McGeary

Bachelor of Education - 1st Year

Group 7A	Saoirse Onyemekeihia
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Bachelor of Education - 3rd Year

Group 3B	Amy Forkan
Group 4A	Tony Keane

BA in Early Childhood Care & Education

4 th Year	Danielle Ryan
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Bachelor of Education & Psychology

3 rd Year	Katie Hennessy
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Thurles Campus

BA in Education: Business & Accounting

1 st Year	Lucy Pittman
2 nd Year	Jamie Finn

BA in Education: Business & Religion

1 st Year	Clara Brosnan
3 rd Year	Leona Nevin
4 th Year	Clíodhna Stafford

BA in Education: Gaeilge & Business

3 rd Year	Noelle Foley
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BA in Education: Maths & Gaeilge

4 th Year	John Keane
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BA in Education: Maths & Business

1 st Year	Darragh Flanagan
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BA in Education: Home Economics & Business

1 st Year	Sinead Dollard
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MISU Looking Ahead – The New Representation Structure

On Thursday, 12th February 2026, MISU held a referendum to introduce a new student representation system. MISU had the mechanisms of democracy, but the formality of the system was creating a barrier for students; the structures existed, but there was no real participation.

With a turnout of 860 YES votes versus 167 NO votes for a total poll of 1,027 votes, the motion was carried, and the new system will come into effect on 15 June 2026.

In this new system, MISU will see changes in the roles and responsibilities of the Student Officers, the number of Student Officer positions, how students can get involved with and provide feedback to MISU, and the overall democratic processes and how decisions are made.

There will be increased opportunities for paid roles within MISU with the introduction of two new Part-Time Advocacy Officer roles, the new roles of Student Community Organisers, Learning Reps (Faculty Board & Specialist / Strategic Reps), and a Union Facilitator.

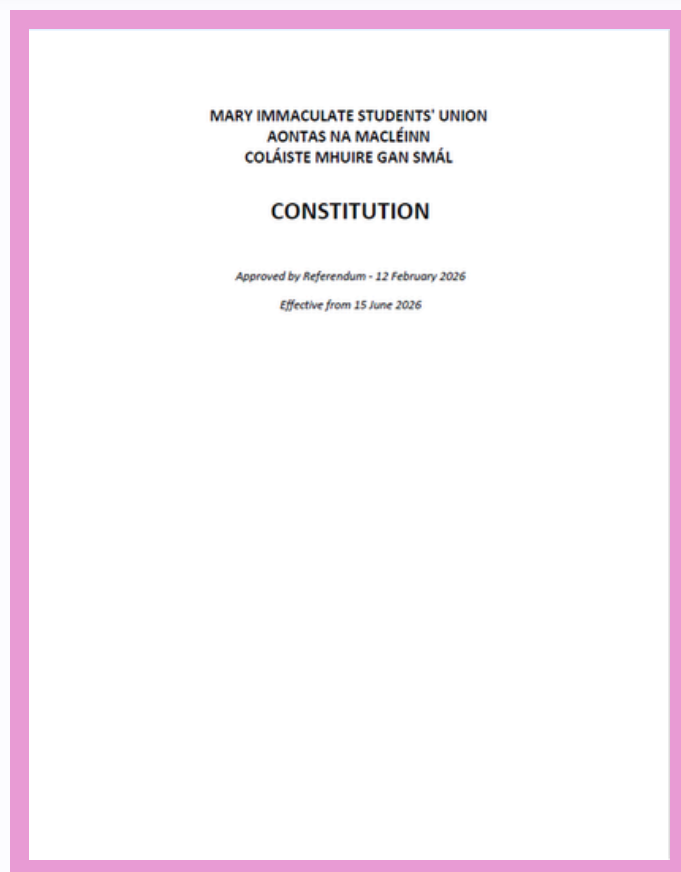
There will also be increased opportunities for students from all backgrounds to get involved with decision-making processes through the introduction of a Student Confidence Conference (SCC) and a Democratic Procedures Committee (DPC). Members for the SCC and DPC will be randomly selected through a sortition process, having 'opted-in' to be part of that process; students will be selected as members of the SCC and DPC rather than being elected or appointed.

3 Advocacy Officers (1 Full-Time and 2 Part-Time) will replace the current 11-Officer Executive Committee, and these officers will work together on any student issues; any Officer can help with any issue, and their focus will be on one thing: fighting for what students actually need. There will be no set agendas, and the new officer roles will be pure advocacy positions.

The number of committees and boards which the Advocacy Officers sit on has been reduced, and these seats will be taken on by the Learning Reps and Student Community Organisers. This means that the Advocacy Officers will also have increased time to actually do visibility and advocacy well, and to meet students where they are.

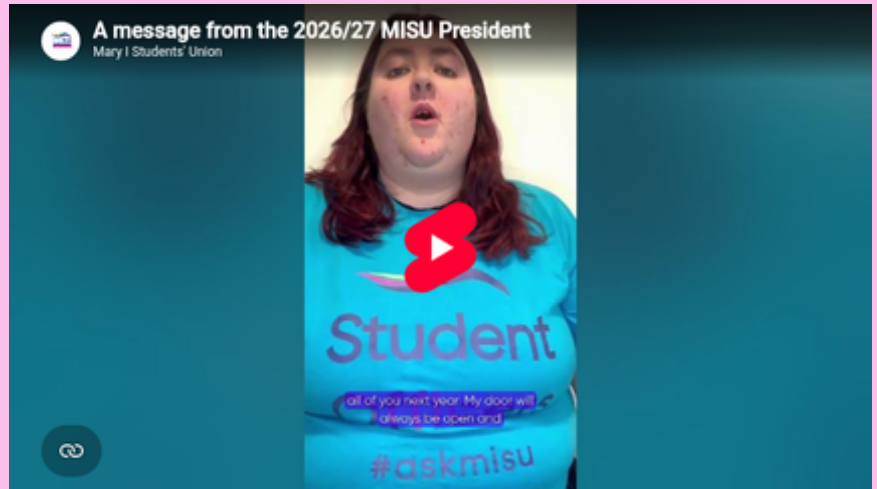
MISU will also implement an Ideas and Petitions Platform whereby students will be able to submit problems, suggestions or ideas at any time, quickly show support for others' ideas (e.g. commenting), and track the status of issues raised for greater opportunities of engagement and having their voices heard.

MISU is the first Students' Union in Ireland to take this radical approach to student representation and advocacy, and we are excited to work with the student body on implementing the new system.



MISU Looking Ahead – The Advocacy Officer Team

A message from your 2026/27 MISU President



A message from your 2026/27 Part-Time Advocacy Officer



Vacant Position: Part-Time Advocacy Officer

By-Election to fill this role will take place in September 2026.

Student Community Organisers, Learning Reps, and Union Facilitator 2026/27

MISU are now accepting Expressions of Interest for Student Community Organisers, Learning Reps (Faculty Board & Specialist / Strategic Reps), and a Union Facilitator to work with us in the 2026/27 Academic Year.

Recruitment for these PAID roles will take place in August 2026.

Fill out the following form to express your interest and be the first to hear from MISU when recruitment opens: <https://forms.gle/JmqSgCALvp3vLKCUA>

MISU will follow up all expressions of interest with further information on the recruitment process in early August 2026.

Clubs and Societies

C&S Highlights 2025/26

- Re-establishment of the Arts & Crafts Society, hosting a huge variety of workshops in various mediums, including clay, SFX makeup, embroidery and crochet. They also organised social events such as drink & draw and multiple bake sale fundraisers.
- The Chess Society reformed in Semester 1, meeting weekly.
- The Christian Union reformed in Semester 2, with weekly sessions and regular outreach mornings in the forum.
- The History Society was formed in Semester 2, with weekly discussion sessions and a film screening to end the semester.
- Cumann Gaelach saw a jump in sign-ups this year, with multiple weekly workshops and social events, and collaboration with UL's Cumann Gaelach on a ball event in Semester 2.
- Cumann Gaelach Thurles and Cumann Gaelach Limerick teamed up to head to Oireachtas na Samhna in semester 1.
- Trad Society had a highly active semester, with significant growth from last year due to regular trad sessions at Sextons.
- Trad Soc travelled to the University of Galway for a crossover session in Semester 1, and played at Tullamore Tradfest during Semester 2.
- 2025/26 was a year of regular cooperation and collaboration between Cumann Gaelach and Trad Soc, most notably during Seachtain Na Gaeilge.
- The end of Semester 2 saw a 3-way collaborative event between MIDAS, Trad Soc and Cumann Gaelach; the Físeán Ceoil Workshop.
- MIDAS' Semester 1 showcase was held in the chapel, the first-ever use of the venue for such an event. The showcase was the culmination of singing workshops run throughout the semester.
- MIDAS' Semester 1 play "Shuffling" ran for 3 nights in the Halla, after a whole semester of hard work and promotion by the group.
- A charity day was held in semester 2 in collaboration with GOSHH, with various events throughout the day.
- After months of planning and preparation, The SpongeBob Musical ran for three nights in the Lime Tree theatre. The musical was a particular hit with schools, selling out both matinee shows.
- MIDAS' Spongebob Musical was nominated for three AIMS Awards; Best Visuals, Best Musical Director – Michael Young and the Spirit of AIMS Award.



Clubs and Societies

C&S Highlights 2025/26

- MIDAS, Cumann Gaelach and MIDANCE attended the BICS Awards in April, with Cumann Gaelach taking home the Most Improved Society award.
- MIDANCE ran three weekly workshops through semester 1, then competed in the Dance intervarsities at UL in Semester 2.
- Semester 1 saw the beginning of the hugely popular Pilates Club. With 120+ members across two weekly classes, spaces often sold out in under an hour. A percentage of income from Pilates is donated to the Student Welfare Fund.
- In semester 2, a third Friday morning class was introduced for motivated members.
- Limerick Senior Hurling reached the Electric Ireland HE GAA Final.
- Thurles Senior Hurling had another successful year, reaching the finals of the Ryan Cup.
- Limerick Ladies Football reached the Division 3 Final.
- MIC Ladies Football reached the Lagan Cup Final.
- Limerick Ladies Soccer reached the Division 2 Final.
- MIC Limerick played in the Fitzgibbon Cup final in Croke Park.
- A PME student was sent to represent MIC at the Golf Interschools in Belfast.
- Running Club had a strong year, with continued growth. Weekly runs were held as usual, and special events, including a fundraising event in collaboration with the MIC Movember team, along with a table quiz in semester 2.
- Semester 2 saw an impressive start for Thurles Run Club, who hit the ground running with twice-weekly sessions and a mid-semester collaboration with Cumann Gaelach Thurles. A couch to 5k was also set up in order to drive interest in the club.
- Establishment of the Table Tennis Club in semester 2, running weekly sessions and finishing with a charity tournament in collaboration with UL's Table Tennis Club, raising more than €100 for Down Syndrome Limerick.
- MIC Thurles Handball club was formed and competed in College Inter varsities, with one of the founding members taking home the ICHA 40x20 Men C Plate.





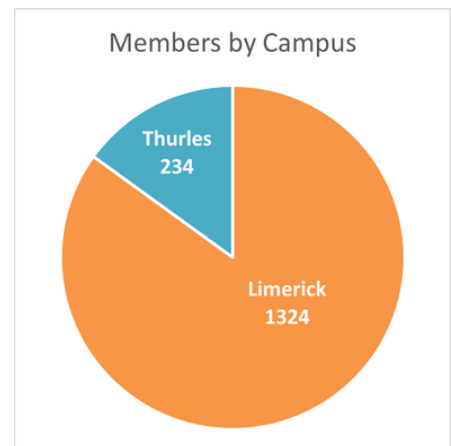
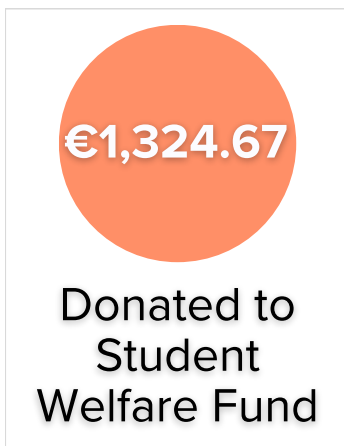
C&S Statistics

Members			
	Limerick	Thurles	Total
Clubs	953	225	1178
Socs	371	9	380
Total	1324	234	1558

Events			
	Limerick	Thurles	Total
Clubs	419	112	531
Socs	186	2	188
Total	605	114	719

Funds Raised			
	Limerick	Thurles	Total
Clubs	€ 7,487.09	€ 659.28	€ 8,146.37
Socs	€ 33,777.07	€ 255.62	€ 34,032.69
Total	€ 41,264.16	€ 914.90	€ 42,179.06

Ticket Sales			
	Limerick	Thurles	Total
Clubs	1363	134	1497
Socs	2439	0	2439
Total	3802	134	3936



Information and Services

Department's Purpose

The Information & Services department provides frontline support, accessible information, and services to students, ensuring a positive and welcoming student experience.

The department serves as the primary point of contact for students seeking guidance, assistance, and connection with broader SU services.



Activities undertaken this year:

- Assisted the SR&S Department with the delivery of the MISU Welfare Supports and Sexual Wellbeing Supports.
- Created and delivered promotional materials for Student Supports, Exam Weeks and Results, the MISU Referendum, and MISU Elections.
- Supported Student Officers in the delivery and promotion of key events, including Orientation, Freshers' Week, Refreshers Week, Charity Week, and other Officer-led initiatives throughout the year.
- Organised Freshers' Week (September 2025), which included companies like Comhar Linn (INTO Credit Union), Active Travel Limerick, MABS (Money & Budgeting Service), Road Safety Authority (RSA), Supermacs, and Affinity Credit Union on campus. Also in attendance throughout the week were market stalls and information stalls from MIC, including Equality, Diversity, Inclusion & Interculturalism (EDII), as well as MISU Clubs & Societies and MISU Student Representation & Support.
- Organised and coordinated on-campus visits, activations, and markets with external partners and local vendors, including USIT Travel, RSA, the Refreshers Market and collaborations such as the Siopaí Pop-Up Gaeilge with Seomra Caidrimh/Saol na Gaeilge.
- Planned and delivered the annual MISU Charity Week, successfully raising funds for the MISU Student Welfare Fund in collaboration with the SR&S Department.
- Organised the MISU Teacher Recruitment Fair (February 2026), hosting four international recruitment companies (UK/UAE): Zen Educate, Kings Young Learners, SABIS Network School & ANZUK Education and two local Education and Training Boards (Cork and Dublin Dún Laoghaire) recruiting for the 2026/27 academic year.

- Collaborated with Clubs & Societies to promote and share on-campus and off-campus events, training sessions, and matches.
- Managed and coordinated the work of MISU Student Content Creators.
- Implemented initiatives to increase awareness of available MISU support services.
- Organised the MISU Christmas Market 2025 on the Limerick Campus (25 November 2025), which featured a wide range of local vendors and was well attended. Vendors in attendance included: Jewellery by Adele, Fíor Jewellery, Perfect Scents 4 U, Whack Vintage, The Woofdrobe, Gealach Candles, The ColourPop Brunette, as well as Happy Dough Lucky (Neapolitan Pizza Van) and Bunda Brothers (Burger Van).
- Supported the MISU Giving Tree 2025 initiative, including acting as a central drop-off point for donated gifts.
- Represented MISU at the MIC Open Day and MIC Student Experience Days and let potential students know what life is like at MIC and the different supports and activities that MISU can provide for them.



Information and Services Desk in Numbers

3,382
Total Queries



Email
220



In-Person
2,959



Telephone
196



Live Chat
7

2,767 contacts

- 678 General Enquiries
- 72 Academic
- 62 Health & Wellbeing
- 297 College Life
- 39 Support related
- 145 Clubs & Socs
- 1,446 Commercial Services related
- 28 Other

615 Referrals

- 34 to MISU Student Officers
- 92 to MISU Senior Management
- 440 to MIC Services
- 49 to External Supports/Services

What Students Asked About...

Academic & Course-Related

- Grades/Rechecks /Appeals
- Registration
- Cancelled Lectures
- Dissertation Queries
- Tutorials
- Curriculum Packs
- Sick Certs
- Forms
- ID Cards

- Offices/Lecture Room Directions
- Vending Machine Locations
- Empty Rooms for interviews/Study
- Opening Hours
- (incl Siopa/Medical Centre/Gym/Canteen)
- Microwave Location
- Study Spaces

Campus Navigation & Facilities

- Parking Discs
- Car Park Locations
- Park & Ride Information
- Car Park Queries
- Places to leave luggage/belongings

Commuting & Parking

- Printing/Binding/Laminating
- Lockers
- Period Products
- Food Parcels/Food Pantry
- Lost & Found
- Clubs & Socs
- Pregnancy Tests

MISU Supports & Services

- Leap Cards
- Accommodation
- Student Assistance Fund
- Graduation
- Timetables
- Course/Year Balls

General & College Life

A message from the MISU Information & Services Assistant (BA 3rd Year Placement Student) - Sarah Greville



'I had a very positive experience as a placement student in MISU. The role allowed me to not only further develop my skills but also learn new ones. I got to create content in a fun and welcoming environment that encouraged creativity. I would highly recommend this placement opportunity to all'



Social Media

The MISU Social Media portfolio currently consists of Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. All information relating to Clubs & Societies, An Siopa/MISU Online Store, and Student Representation is shared across these channels.

Content is created by the MISU Student Content Creators, along with a Third Year Co-Op Student based at MISU Information & Services. This includes a mix of graphics and video content designed to be shared across all platforms. We are also in the process of developing a new method for gathering engagement statistics.

Since the return to campus this year, several common student queries have been identified, including:

- Information on exam results and grade rechecks
- Locations of lecture rooms
- Where to get forms stamped (e.g. J1 forms, Student Leap Cards, Garda Vetting)
- Student supports, including the Student Assistance Fund, Student Welfare Fund, and Food Pantry
- Guidance on what to do if absent from college or dealing with bereavement

We anticipated many of these queries and have responded by creating targeted content. This includes virtual campus tour videos to help students navigate the Limerick campus, as well as informational content outlining how to access exam results and avail of student supports through MISU.



Social Media in Numbers

228

Total Queries

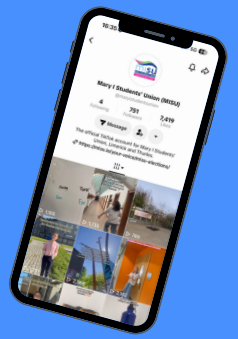
137 Contacts

- 11 Academic
- 4 Health & Wellbeing
- 113 College Life
- 6 Clubs & Socs
- 2 Other
- 1 Commercial Services

91 Referrals

- 9 to MISU Student Officers
- 2 to MISU Senior Management
- 66 to MIC Services
- 14 to External Supports/Services





50,294

video views

1,017

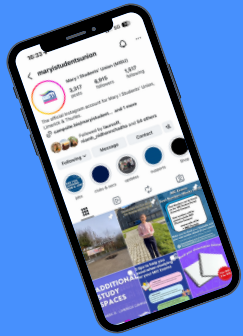
profile views

1,530

likes

234

shares



49,549

total accounts reached

16,565

content interactions

22,059

profile visits

2,664

link in bio clicks

246+

new followers

Student Content Creators

Our Student Content Creators were a new addition to the MISU Information & Services Team for the 2025/26 Academic Year.

They aided us in gaining insight into what our students engage with and want to see. It is fantastic for us to also nurture the creativity of our students, as these roles aid them in building confidence, which they can take into their careers.

Some of the areas that our content creators assisted with:

- Exam FAQ's
- Promotion of Student Supports
- Gaeltacht Information
- Room Numbers/Study Spaces
- Content from society events and matches
- Promotion of MISU Referendum/Elections
- MISU Commercial Services Promotion (Printing, Binding, An Siopa, Merchandise)



Amy Forkan
Limerick Campus

'During my time as Content Creator with MISU, I got the opportunity to meet so many new people across both the Limerick and Thurles campuses and attend events that I wouldn't have had access to only for this position. I could not have done it, though, without the great support of Jayde, Nat, Noelle and Sarah, who guided and assisted me all along, and of course Eoghan, who I was lucky enough to work alongside.'

The role also pushed me out of my comfort zone as it encouraged me to become a Class Rep, which I do not think I would have done, except for getting the job as Content Creator. As I am going on placement next semester, I am only jealous of the next person to take my spot. If you are thinking of it, DO IT! You will not regret it!!'



Eoghan O'Brien
Limerick Campus

'This year, I was a content creator for MISU, and it was such an amazing experience. I met people I wouldn't have met, and I captured memories that would have gone unnoticed.'

Taking photos for MISU expanded my skills and helped me to get out of my comfort zone. I am very grateful for this opportunity and I hope next year MISU continues to have content creators so that the students of MIC have photos and videos to look back on when they graduate.'

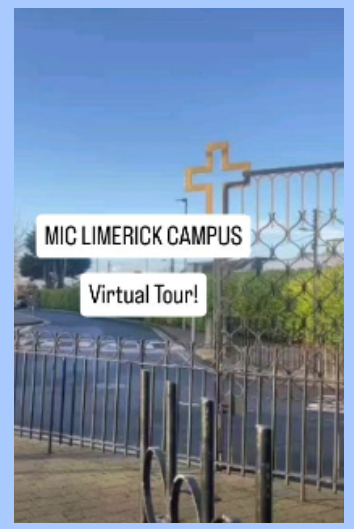
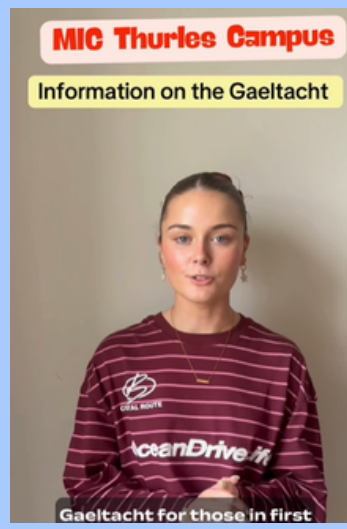


Leona Nevin
Thurles Campus

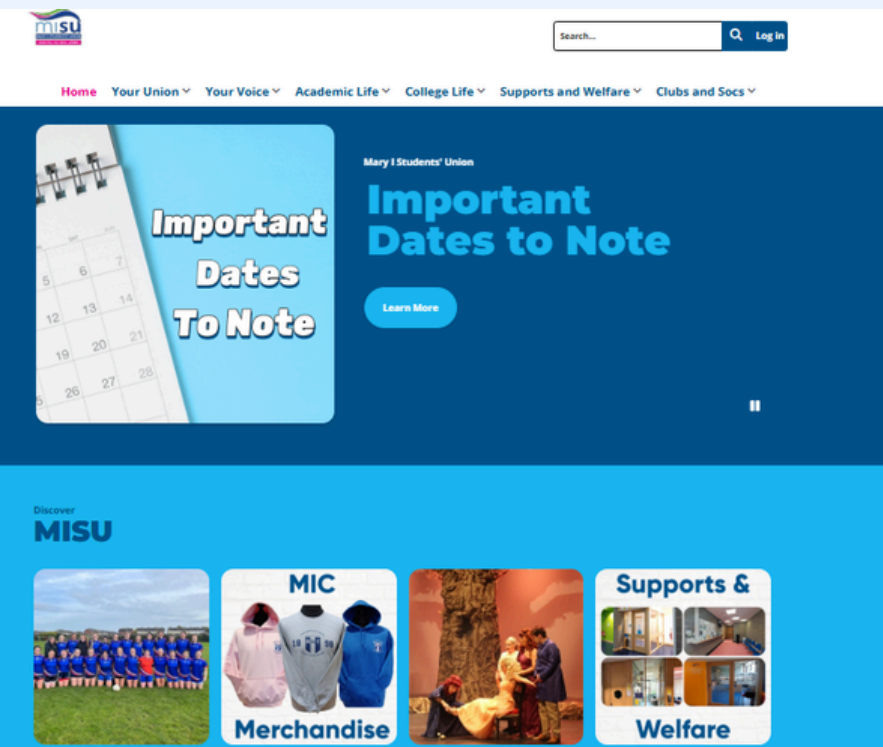
'My name is Leona Nevin, a 3rd year student at Mary Immaculate College, Thurles, and I really enjoyed creating content for MISU.'

I produced engaging videos on topics such as exam tips, food parcels, and road safety in collaboration with the Road Safety Authority, as well as promoting student union elections.'

This role allowed me to develop my creativity and communication skills while connecting with students. It was a rewarding experience to contribute positively to student life.'



MISU Website



Information & Services, in collaboration with Clubs & Societies and Student Representation & Support, worked on the development and design of a new website.

We were delighted to launch the brand-new website, www.misu.ie, hosted through the MSL platform, which is used by many other institutions across Ireland and the UK.

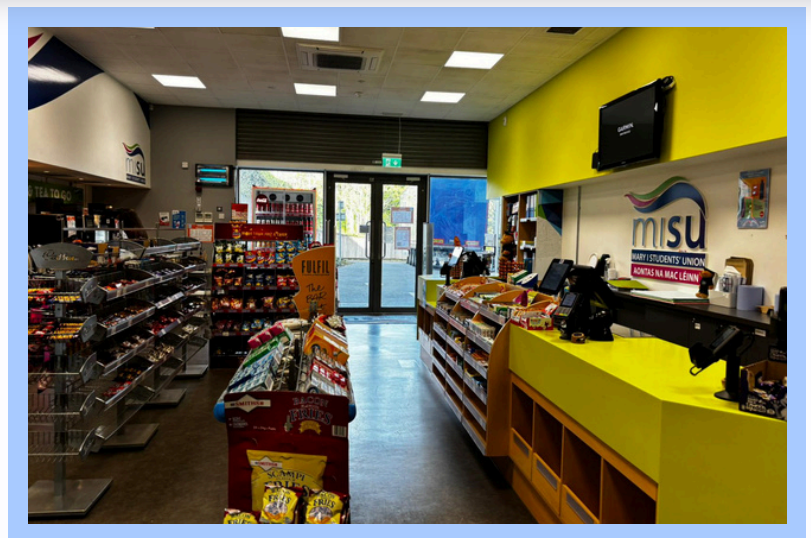
This new website is long overdue and brings the old misu.ie, and clubsandsocs.misu.ie together on one user-friendly platform.

Commercial Services

MISU Commercial Services DAC is a company owned and operated by MISU to manage the Union's commercial activity.

MISU's commercial services are delivered to the student body through the following channels:

- On-campus convenience store (an Siopa Limerick)
- Online store (shop.misu.ie)
- Information & Services Desk

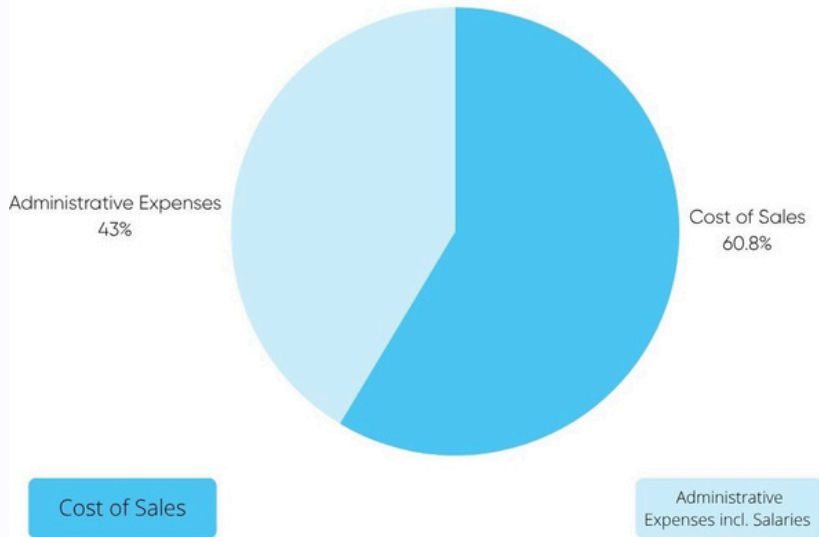


Commercial Services Finances

MISU Commercial Services DAC's financial year runs from 01 September to 31 August. Six-month accounts are also compiled from September to February each year.

For the 2024/2025 Academic Year (up to 31.08.2025): Total Income: €443,306

The accompanying graph shows a breakdown of the expenditure, which was €459,951



Sales were down 7% on the same period last year.

While Administrative & Operational expenses did reduce 7% on the previous year, the gross profit was down 12%.

The MISU Management Board are currently identifying options to support in creating a more sustainable and viable model of operation for the shop.

A number of measures have already been taken to support in reducing costs, and these have been in place since Sept 2025.

Commercial Services in Numbers

An Siopa

120,361

total customers served

Info & Services Desk

1,293

total sales

Online Store

260

total orders

Top 5 Products Sold

- 26,078 Sausage Rolls
- 15,689 12oz Coffees
- 6,593 Sandwiches
- 6,299 SOS Cookies
- 5,019 Bottles of Water

Services Provided:

- 10,964 sheets printed
- 68 Lockers Rented
- 370 Sheets Laminated
- 57 Documents Bound
- 7 Printing Loyalty Cards Redeemed

Top 5 Products Sold

- 55 MIC Graduation Bears
- 22 MIC Smartphone Card Holders
- 18 MIC Hoodies
- 13 MIC 1898 Crewnecks
- 7 MIC Team Shorts

MISU Operations

MISU's Clubs & Societies, Information & Services, Operations, Finance and Administrative Functions are overseen by the General Manager, who is supported by a team of dedicated staff. The MISU staff provide continuity within the Union, and they support the Full Time Officers and the Executive Committee in representing, advocating for and leading the student body.

MISU Staff



Dee Kennelly
General
Manager



Dave Cuddihy
Clubs &
Societies
Coordinator



Noelle Lynch
Senior
Administrator
(Information &
Services)



**Margaret
MacSweeney**
Finance
Administrator



**Chloe Keogh-
Mann**
Student
Representation &
Support
Administrator



**Colette
O'Leary**
Commercial
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Supervisor



Alfie Scott
Clubs &
Societies
Administrator



Sarah Greville
Information &
Services
Assistant

MISU Quality Review

During semester 2 of the 2024/25 Academic Year, MISU took part in MIC's Quality Review Process. As part of the Review Process, MISU prepared a Self-Assessment Report (SAR) which was provided to a Peer Review Group – made up of 3 external people with experience in and familiarity of Students' Unions as well as the not-for-profit sector - to read prior to undertaking a 2½ day-site visit to meet with MISU's elected student officers, staff and stakeholders, which included MIC students.

Following their site visit, the Peer Review Group (PRG) issued their Peer Review report which commended

MISU for its excellent engagement with the quality review process and noted that MISU approached the review with enthusiasm, openness, and professionalism, underpinned by a commitment to honest critical self-reflection and continuous improvement. It also noted that MISU demonstrated a high level of openness and constructive engagement throughout the visit.

The PRG's report put forward 46 recommendations, all of which closely aligned with MISU's own internal analysis, which reflects the effectiveness of MISU's internal evaluation processes.

Since the publication of the report in May 2025, there has been significant progress on a number of the recommendations, including;

- Confirmation that MIC will take on the costs of personal accident cover for clubs from September
- Working with the Director of Sport on a number of matters, including promotion of non-GAA related sports, committee structure for clubs which will support in implementing clearer governance arrangements, access to facilities for non-GAA sports, and participation in the development of MIC Sports Strategy.
- Radical review of the Student Representation System has been completed, with a new system introduced through Referendum. The new system will support addressing the following recommendations:
 - Reducing the number of meetings which student representatives are expected to attend Review the scope and structure of the President's Role
 - Review key officer roles to ensure alignment with the mission and vision of the MISU into the future and to enhance representation generally.
 - Review and streamline the number of college committees attended by MISU officers, exploring delegation to other student representatives where appropriate to refocus officer capacity on meaningful engagement and representation.
- Ongoing work around the sustainability and feasibility of MISU Commercial Services
- New MISU website has been launched.
- Meeting monthly with MIC's Strategic Communications & Marketing (SCM) which supports in formalising a relationship between MISU and MIC's Strategic Communications & Marketing Office to showcase the breadth of student life and student-led activity.



Appendices

1. MISU Audited Office Accounts for 31.08.2025 and MISU Audited Commercial Services DAC Accounts for 31.08.2025 (PDF)



2. MISU Annual General Meeting (AGM) Report 21.04.2026



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