



Constitution of Students4Change

1. Principles and Aims:

- a. Students4Change (from here referred to as ‘S4C’ or ‘the Alliance’) is an independent, open-forum, democratic alliance of students formed to represent, support, and advocate on behalf of students who are currently students of Irish Third-Level Institutions, both those in the Republic and in the North of Ireland.
- b. S4C operates on the principles of the United Front, which means that it is a mass alliance of socialist students, working together with socialist democratic student organizations and movements, focused on the housing crisis with a focus on student accommodation, Irish neutrality, staff casualization and PhD workers’ rights, student union reform and any other matters of student politics.
- c. S4C’s aims shall also be to support the wider socialist movement in Ireland and the world, through advocating for student issues in a way that links in with the struggle of the working-class and that fits within the larger struggle against capitalism.
- d. Socialist is to be interpreted as the belief that the means of production should be in collective, public and democratic ownership of the people. It is furthermore the belief that production for need, not for profit, is the basis on which society must be organized. We interpret it in the non-market socialist way. However, S4C shall also work with wider left-wing students, democratic organizations and movements to further its goals.

- e. S4C is opposed to authoritarianism, racism, sexism, religious sectarianism, queerphobia, intersexphobia, ableism and harassment of any kind.
- f. S4C shall work on the principles of democratic election to its officer roles, accountability of the officers' activity to the membership, and the exclusive utilization of structures set out in this document of debate; election and; decision-making for the avoidance of unofficial methods of communication or organization.
- g. S4C is run collectively by its members, and tasks can be taken on by its members in an ad-hoc fashion.

2. Membership:

- a. Membership:
 - i. Membership of the Alliance will be open to all individuals who can prove their third-level student status and are willing to abide by the Principles of the Alliance.
 - ii. Members of the Alliance are socialist students, as in 1.d.
- b. All Members Meetings:
 - i. S4C shall hold an All-Members Meeting at an appropriate venue and time for attendance by members every month.
 - ii. All-Members Meetings may also be called by a 2/3rds majority of Members.
 - iii. All-Members Meetings shall be public (except in cases where they are to be made secret due a *prima facie* reason), but only members have voting rights.
 - iv. Motions may be proposed by members anytime during the All-Members Meetings.
- c. Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson:
 - i. After the first All-Members Meeting of the academic year, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall be elected on a majority basis as stated in 4.e.
- d. Removal of the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson:

- i. New elections may be called by a 2/3rds majority of the Members.
- e. Removal of a Member:
 - i. A member may be removed by a 2/3rds majority of the Members.

3. Functioning of the Alliance:

- a. Collectively with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, and the members of S4C, the principles and aims of the Alliance are executed.
- b. The Chairperson is the chief officer of the Alliance and responsible for its function as a whole.
- c. The Chairperson is responsible for chairing meetings of the All-Members Meetings.
- d. The Chairperson is responsible for the Alliance's external interaction with institutions both within and outside the Third-Level Institutions.
- e. The Chairperson is responsible for making sure that the Alliance's operations are transparently accessible on the website, including the agenda/minutes and finances of the All-Members Meeting and of the Alliance respectively.
- f. The Chairperson is responsible for the Alliance's social media.
- g. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson with these responsibilities.

4. Decision-Making Processes:

- a. The All-Members Meeting takes place every month of the academic calendar. These meetings will consider any motion or discussion that is pertinent to the actions of the Alliance.
- b. The Agenda shall be circulated amongst the membership of the Alliance at least three days before such meeting.
- c. The Minutes of each meeting shall be circulated at least three days before the next meeting.
- d. The Chair shall have a tie-breaking vote.
- e. Decisions shall be taken on a majority basis in all cases, with the exception of those listed in 2.b.ii, 2.d, 2.e and 6.c.
- f. There is no quorum requirement for All-Members Meetings or for voting.

- g. Voting can be done at the All-Members Meetings or via digital procedure.

5. Local Branches

- a. So far the national organization of S4C has been described, which has one or more united communications platforms and in which all members of S4C are active and take part democratically.
- b. There shall be a local branch made in a third-level institution once the number of students in that institution reaches 10.
- c. The local branch shall operate in autonomy, but will be affiliated to the national unit and all of its members shall be part of the national unit and the communication platforms thereof so that they can have a say in the overall running of S4C.
- d. The constitution of the local branch is recommended to be modeled on, *mutatis mutandis*, on 1.,2.,3.,4.,6. of this constitution, but are allowed to diverge from it except in aims and membership as listed in 1. and 2.a.
- e. The constitution of local branches, and any changes, shall be subject to approval of the national unit's All-Member Meeting.

6. Constitution:

- a. This Constitution was last revised on the 16th of May 2023.
- b. This Constitution shall be re-examined at the first meeting of the academic year, especially so as to account for the growth of the organization insofar as to see whether any structural changes are necessary to keep up with the aforementioned growth.
- c. Decisions to amend the Constitution shall be taken on a 2/3rds majority basis.



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