

For immediate release

Students4Change Press Release Condemns Invitation of Mohammed Hijab to College

Students4Change press release endorsed by the TCDSU Gender Equality Officer Jenny Maguire and QSOC at Trinity College Dublin calls on the college to cancel an event at which controversial British preacher Mohammed Hijab is due to speak tomorrow.

Students4Change condemns the invitation of Mohammed Hijab on campus by Trinity College Dublin and the Muslim Students' Association on Friday and calls on them to rescind the invitation. Mohammed Hijab is an individual who is homophobic, transphobic and misogynist, and has expressed such opinions publicly. He has been on the Andrew Tate podcast¹, talked about how feminism has harmed women², compared being gay to incest³ and stated that the LGBTQ+ community is harmful and will lead to the collapse of civilization⁴.

We believe that such an individual has no place at our College, and that we cannot tolerate intolerance. The existence of LGBTQ+ people, trans people and women's rights is not up for debate, and our community cannot give it a platform. The fact that this individual is marketed as an 'academic' despite having no credentials is furthermore concerning. We call immediately on Trinity College Dublin to rescind the invitation, or we are ready to escalate our actions.

QUOTES FROM S4C MEMBERS:

"It is shameful that Trinity College Dublin is holding an event in which a known homophobe, transphobe and misogynist is taking part. Such people have no place on campus, and the existence of marginalised identities is not up for debate. We call on College to immediately retract its invitation to Mohammed Hijab and reaffirm its commitment to inclusivity of all students on campus. Rather than paying lip service, College must now take action and stand up to its professed principles" (László Molnárfi, Chairperson S4C)

"It is to me as a queer person shameful that college are willing to platform an unqualified bigot while waxing lyric about diversity and inclusion. This institution must do better!"

"Providing this platform to a known homophobic preacher is particularly harmful for LGBTQ Muslim students on campus - when campus is very often one of the few 'safe spaces' that exist for them. This event also only serves to further division at a time when the far-right are targeting Muslim and ethnic minority communities."

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=diggTxR99JE>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdC1PepIlg2U>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1unMw24NDs>

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-QX9FRL928>