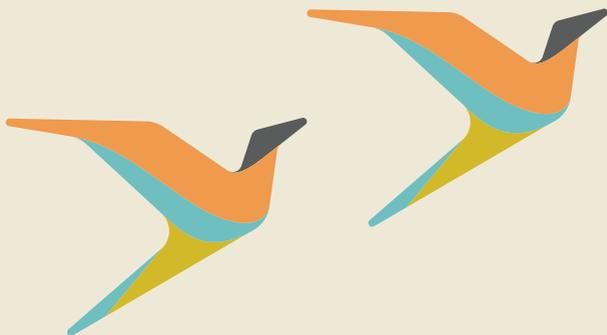


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The Irish Times Debate are delighted to partner with ARINS for the semi-final stage of the competition in 2023. ARINS is a joint project of The Royal Irish Academy, an all-island body, and the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs, a research institute of international standing. The Irish Times worked alongside ARINS to produce the report on attitudes North and South that was published in a series of articles from December 3rd, 2022, under the direction of Pat Leahy, Political Editor of The Irish Times. To read more about the research carried out by the ARINS project, please visit arinsproject.com.

At the heart of the project lies the opinions of the public, and their attitudes towards changing the political landscape of this island. As the constitutional question over a united Ireland looms largely in the backdrop of day-to-day Irish political discourse, the debaters will tackle some of the most difficult questions facing Ireland, north and south, to date.

We look forward to four weeks of thought-provoking, informative, and debate.
Utterly engaging

The debate format ensures the first minute and the last minute as protected speech for each speaker. During the rest of the seven-minute speaking time debaters will face the additional challenge of taking on their counterparts' points of information, while maintaining the integrity of their own argument.

We hope you enjoy tonight's informative, impactful and energetic semi-final. If you are interested in attending other semi-finals, please go to irishtimes.com/events to see upcoming motions and dates.

MOTION:

**This House Believes that to achieve
a united Ireland Amhrán na bhFiann
would have to go**

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JUDGES:

Daniel Gilligan,

Team Winner 2019, Doctoral Researcher, TCD

Conor White,

Team Winner 2022, Doctoral Researcher

Ross Merriman,

Team Winner 2022, Doctoral Researcher

Rory Montgomery,

Former Permanent Representative to the European Union and Ambassador to France

Bernice Harrison,

Irish Times journalist and co-host of In the News podcast.

CHAIRPERSON:

Patrick Geoghegan,

Professor in Modern History, Trinity College Dublin

ORDER OF SPEAKERS:

PROPOSITION:

UCD L&H

(1) Owen O'Grady
(9) Rob Fitzpatrick

Maynooth L&D

(3) Raghad Abdelhafiz

Maynooth L&D

(5) David Rattigan

MTU

(7) Oliver McKenna

OPPOSITION:

UCD LawSoc

(2) Darragh Schmidt
(10) Robert Grendon

SADSI

(4) Giselle Keenan
(11) Gavan Halpin

UCC Philosoph

(6) Michael Duffy

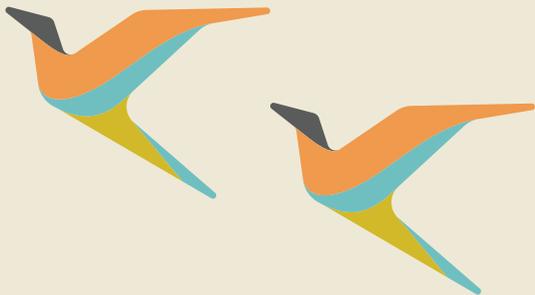
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(8) Daniella Williams

N.B Numbers denote the order in which each competitor will speak.
Each Competitor will speak for seven minutes.

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