

Name: Adam Clarke

Position Contested: Vice President for Events and Engagement

Course: Film & Broadcasting Final Year

Hey, I am Adam, and I am running to be your next Vice President for Events and Engagement with TU Dublin Students union on city campus. I am currently in my final year of Film & Broadcasting and am currently the Chairperson of Media and Arts executive with TU Dublin Societies. Through my four years in university, I have always found myself being involved and sat on many committees such as student representative for my class, school representative within the student union and currently on the student executive with societies. During my time on these committees, I have learned what it means to be part of the machine that makes decisions and change for students and during this time I have come to know what is known to work and what does not. If elected, I will channel my experience into the success of student events and engagement for the entirety of my term.

Experience

- **Film Society committee member 4 years – Events officer, Vice Chairperson, 4th year advisor**
- **Class rep 18/19/20**
- **School of Media rep 2019**
- **Chairperson of Media & Arts 20/21**

During my time as events officer with Film society, I have organised events for societies members some ranging from small social film screenings to the annual Oscars streaming party. When organising the Oscars events some of my duties included speaking and negotiating fair price with an external venue for the event, organising the society committee on the night to make sure the event is running smoothly, being the point of contact to the venue owners, hosting the award ceremony on the evening and working in conjunction with photographers and committee members alike.

One my recent events I have organised as Media & Arts Chairperson was the acquisition of Virgin Dublin International Film Festival packages for societies members. Being in a pandemic the festival was held online this year so it was my job to negotiate a discounted price from the festival organisers and create a system where every student would be able to access the festival from the comfort of their own home. The list goes on in relation to the events I had the opportunity to organise over the years, however I have always worked towards doing it on such a large scale as the vice president of events and engagement for TU Dublin Students Union.

My Plans

Clearly, the last year has been extremely difficulty for everyone, especially students. In my opinion I feel next year is the most crucial ever in history for events and engagement role. Some students who enrol in first year this year has never even met their classmates. That is why my plans will revolve around in person social events for students where they can both make friends and experience the true university experience.

Freshers & Rag week

When restrictions are lifted, it will open so many doors to the realm of outdoor activities and student interaction. That is why I plan to work with staff and students to ensure that this coming Freshers & Rag week will not be one to missed. I want to show student what real college life looks

like, much like my first Freshers and Rag week. This would involve bigger event campaigns, bigger planning and most importantly bigger sense of camaraderie and inclusion for all students.

Charity Events

TU Dublin student union already does great work for charity throughout the academic year I only want to promise to keep that tradition alive if elected, the best way to improve charity events is to get as many people as involved as possible. I will work towards encouraging student volunteers from every campus and making it fun along the way for everyone involved.

Ent Crew

Some of my fondest moments of college was the time I was part of Ent's crew. It was huge while I was in first & second year. It was a real sense of community and student ranging for all sorts of different courses and campuses came together to organise the best events of year. One of my main plans is to revive Ent's crew to what it once was. It was the gateway for me to get involved in extra curriculars and has most definitely led me here. I plan to search out certain people who will act as the gel to build Ent's back to its former glory and when that is done, events and engagement just gets that much easier.

Breaking out of the pandemic

My main goal above all else to show students what university life can be. It has been very difficult in the last year to get engagement on all fronts however, there is light at the end of the tunnel and at that light we will be ready. The main objective of this role is help make good memories for the students and provide a space where students can make more friends. Online university cuts that off at the knees so when we all do get back on campus, we will have some catching up to do.

Big events

When I think of big events, I think of the various balls I went too, the big sleepout charity events I have attended. I think being so isolated for so long that everyone is looking forward to the sort of events we simply just cannot attend at the minute. That is why if I am elected there will be more balls their will be large scale events such a fun runs, trips away. We have GG up and running let us use that space.