

My name is Ellie Ward, and I'm currently a first year humanities student in Blanchardstown studying Community Development and Youth Work. I am the class rep for my class and founded the Gaisce society this year, which I currently chair. I'm also a member of the Badminton, Boxing, Golf and Rugby clubs. Along with the LGBTQ, Film, Music and Musical societies (I got very involved).

I am running for the Clubs and Socs officer in Blanchardstown, as this year I've gained massive experience from being part of so many clubs and socs, as well as going through the process of setting one up myself. I want to help people to ensure that there is a wide range of clubs and socs available to them to cater for all students interests. I want to make sure that all clubs and socs are accessible to all students. I am hopeful that I can guarantee all committee and club/society members feel supported and are able to reach their full potential within their respective club/soc.

I am a hardworking individual and I am willing to take on the challenge and be the voice for the Clubs and Socs in the Student Union. They are a vital part of college life to make friends, ease stress and just to have some fun!

My aims:

- Reduced/free fees to join a club or soc if they will be predominately online again.
- Ensuring the success of freshers/refreshers week in getting the promotion of all our active clubs/socs to get member numbers up.
- To keep substantial funding for all clubs and socs in order for them to continue to stay afloat.
- Running online workshops/designing a handbook for committee members on how to perform their roles, apply for funding, making posters, running successful events online (as well as in person if we get there!).