

Manifesto -Fionn Collins- Deputy President of City Campus

My name is Fionn Collins. I'm 24 and I'm the current VP for Welfare in the City Campus. I studied Culinary Entrepreneurship in Cathal Brugha Street in the City Campus.

I feel as though I am well suited for the job and could bring a great attitude and atmosphere to the position. Over the past year working full time for the union, I have learnt a lot about myself and how to adapt to certain situations (Especially since COVID). I am passionate, honest and feel as though I have found my voice over the past year.

My experience that I think I can bring to the table for this position;

- VP for Welfare CC 2020/2021
 - College Officer of Cathal Brugha Street 2019/2020
 - School rep for Culinary Arts and Food Technology (2 years)
 - Student Councillor (4 years)
 - Welfare Award received by the VP for Welfare 2018/2019
 - College Officer Award for Cathal Brugha Street 2017/2018
 - Events/Welfare crew (4 years)
 - Access Peer Mentor 2017/2018
 - Jigsaw Peer Mentor 2019/2020
 - TU Dublin Promo Crew- working on leapcard, Polling clerk, General onsite events
- & lots more!

Reasons I am running:

There are many reasons I am running. I believe I have the experience for this role, the passion for this role and I believe I can truly make this role my own. I think I have one more year in me in the student movement and this year will allow me to finalise some of the work I have already been doing as a Welfare Officer. I am a hardworking, driven individual and am extremely passionate about student rights. I think this year has been extremely difficult for students and living through the pandemic it has made me driven to work towards what is morally right for students.

Areas I want to continue the work on;

-Democracy:

I want to continue to report back to the student council, continue going to national council, attend meetings of students, such as class rep meetings, and provide updates and gather feedback. I would also attend Working Groups with USI (Union of Students Ireland) to ensure the national union is representing our students up to the highest standard.

-Support for Exec:

Provide support for the Vice Presidents not only on the City Campus but also on Blanchardstown and Tallaght. Support other VP's in meetings, with running campaigns and other additional responsibilities or overflowing jobs given to me by the President.

-Representation: I want to represent the campus on a local level through committees and lobbying. I will continue to attend all meetings of committees of which the current deputies are members of and use those committees to represent the best interests of students. I want to continue the lobby external representatives on behalf of students and their best interests.

-Irish:

I want to continue the work I have done this year with Irish. I was to work closely with the Oifig na Gaeilge in TU Dublin and promote their classes weekly. I also want to work close with the Leas-Uachtarán don Ghaeilge in USI (Union of Students Ireland/ Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn). I would love to create a good connection between all three campuses and bring the grá back for Gaeilge. Continuing the work, I have already done with Bonn Na Gaeilge to start groundwork for the future of Gaeilge in TU Dublin, this including policies, motions and ensuring Grangegorman is emersed within the language.

-Class Reps:

I want to continue the work that was done by the education team and current Deputy President regarding the recruitment of the class reps, database, elections, meetings, etc. I think the online voting system works but we will need to adapt the system to fit each campus needs.

-Welfare:

Of course, my heart is with Welfare so I would love to hopefully be given the remit of overall welfare so I can provide the experience this year I have had to the incoming welfare officers. This year with COVID it has allowed me to adapt my year online, so I hope to bring that experience to the new officers and create an open and honest work environment.

Thank you so much more reading my manifesto! Don't forget to **Vote Fionn #1** on 23rd & 24th March 2021.