

VP Education Manifesto Seán Farrelly

Hi everyone! My name is Seán Farrelly and I am your current Vice President of Education for Tallaght Campus! In November I graduated with a Bachelor Honours Degree in Electronic Engineering! During my four years of studying in TU Dublin I became very involved with clubs and the Students' Union. This made me run for the position of clubs' officer which I was twice elected for in 2018/19 and 2019/20. I am now asking you to put your trust in me to continue the work I have started this year and welcome you back to campus by voting Seán Farrelly #1 for VP Education Tallaght campus.

Student Voice

During my time as clubs' officer I saw how powerful and effective the student voice actually is. This gave me the drive to run for Vice President of Education 2020/21. During my time as an elected officer I witnessed first hand how strong we are when we work together! This year I was lucky enough to represent the students of TU Dublin on various boards and committees such as Academic Council. I worked closely with the elected officers on the City and Blanchardstown Campuses to deliver campaigns that are reflective of the issues that are prominent across the TU and ensure that the student voice will be heard and that students are aware of the services that are available to them. If elected I will continue to make sure that the student voice is heard and that the students of TU Dublin are represented.

Student experience

During my time in college I was heavily involved in GAA. I was honoured to be chosen as captain of the football team in my final year. Being heavily involved in the clubs aspect of college gave me the opportunity to engage with peers outside of my course. This helped me to find a healthy balance between my education and student experience. This is something I feel is extremely important to not only progress from 3rd level but to also grow as an individual while enjoying the many aspects this university has to offer. I will make sure to offer support to students' who are struggling to find this balance and make sure that they do enjoy their time in college.

Class Reps

Class Reps are a vital part of the Students Union. They are the voice of the class and the link between the Students Union and classes. I want to continue to give a high quality class rep training for all class reps and also host regular and informative class rep meetings. This year alone really outlined the vital role that class reps have in voicing the issues that classes are facing and we as a union would not have been able to identify these issues without a strong class rep structure due to lack of time on campus. I believe that there is always room for improvement and if elected I will continue to improve upon the current structures. I worked closely with the National Student Engagement Programme to ensure class reps in TU Dublin received a high standard of class rep training to equip them with the tools to represent their class and this is something that I will continue to do if elected.

Feedback for Forward Thinking

I am under the impression that instead of thinking what students want and need during their time in college that we should be going out and asking the students directly what they want! Students are the ones directly affected by these challenges everyday, they should have a vital part in feeding into ways both the SU and institute can improve and better support them during their time in TU Dublin. This year I have taken on board ideas from students across the campus and relayed this information during institutional meetings. I am on your side and will continue to work with you to receive results that will benefit everyone. This year I acquired feedback through our class rep meetings, through our social media platforms and by just talking to the student body. After gathering this information I then relayed it back to academics within the college to ensure that you were at the forefront of decision making. If elected I want to continue to hear from you about what you would like TU Dublin to look like. I will carry out surveys, distribute feedback forms and facilitate drop in clinics to ensure you have the opportunity to have your say!

Events

After what has been a very challenging and unpredictable year I want to ensure that TU Dublin SU has an array of different events that appeal to students when it is safe to do so. The wellbeing of students has been at the forefront of my work this year and is something I will continue to focus on if elected. I am aware that students have lost many months on campus and as a result may feel deflated and I want students from 1st to final year to feel comfortable when attending events to bring that sense of community right back to campus. I will work alongside the elected officers to provide events that will connect first year students who have not yet had the chance to fully build friendships within their time so far attending college. Events are a fantastic way to network and grow outside of the classroom so I will ensure that there are events that catch everyone's eye!

Campaigns

After working in the Students Union for the past two years I have seen the importance that awareness campaigns have on the student's lives and student experience. It is for this reason that I am dedicated to providing a number of different campaigns throughout the year to focus on key areas that affect students. I will make these campaigns relevant and relatable. This year we carried out campaigns like 'Get sorted for Supplementals', 'Don't Drop Out, Drop In!' and 'Upskill Week'. If elected I want to bring these campaigns to the next level and work with the other officers to introduce new campaigns that will benefit you.

When voting for me, you are voting for

- **Experience**
- **Reliability**
- **Drive and dedication**
- **Consistency**

VOTE SEÁN FARRELLY #1 FOR VP EDUCATION TALLAGHT CAMPUS