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Manifesto For Campus VP of Tallaght

Introduction

Hey everyone! My name is Sheran and I am running to be your next (and technically first) Campus VP for Tallaght. I am currently a first year student in Computing With Artificial Intelligence And Machine Learning. I've been involved with the SU since my first week in college as I am a class rep and a student councillor. I also love volunteering, and have been volunteering to help the SU as much as I can such as helping on the campus, being a volunteer during the referendum and attending as many SU activities as I could such as The Walkout at the beginning of the 1st Semester. I even got a tattoo of our dearest mascot Wormy as my Rag charity last semester.

I feel like even though I help as much as I can as a volunteer and a student councillor, this would give me an opportunity to help more people in extended ways. Some things I aim on doing are more inclusive activities, and more representation for minorities on our campus such as the international students and the students with disabilities, along with wanting to work with the VP for Academic Affairs to try and fix the timetable problems we have been facing. Amongst these are other ideas I have for the Tallaght campus which are outlined below.

Experience

I am the class rep for my year group, and a student councillor. Despite not being that experienced in the SU, I have been in the student council for my secondary school for 5 years which helped me understand the intricacies of student politics and how to draft motions. I was also in a debate team and won 2 awards which helped me learn how to negotiate. Apart from college and secondary school I am still involved with a project we have in Cyprus called 'The Imagine Project' as the vice executive to help the Greek and Turkish communities have cross cultural integration. We even won the Global Education Award in May 2021. I have also been a scout since I was 3 and attended congresses, conferences and international charity events.

My Priorities

Events

One of the issues I want to address is the lack of events based in Tallaght. I want to run events where Tallaght students can attend without having to travel to the city centre campuses. I also want to make deals with local places regarding the Class Rep cards as the current ones have barely any discounts that can be used in Tallaght. Another thing I aim to achieve regarding the Class Rep cards is to make sure all places we have deals for are inclusive, and wheelchair accessible.

Affordable Accommodation

Addressing the elephant in the room, I want to get on campus (or close to campus) accommodation for the Tallaght campus as I have been hearing complaints about people having to travel hours to attend a single class. I, myself travel about 45 minutes every day to come to the campus. To be able to do this, I'm thinking of putting out events and getting sponsors for the SU building. I will also try to make it as affordable as possible due to the cost of living.

Issues Within The Tallaght Campus

Another huge issue TUD Tallaght students have been facing is the problems with the timetables. To get that problem fixed; I want to arrange meetings with the college and the VP For Academic Affairs. Besides the timetable issues, I would like to extend the facilities we have in Tallaght campus such as getting a bigger praying room for our religious friends and a sensory space for our neurodivergent friends. I also aim to negotiate with the college to get

better equipment for the labs such as new microscopes for the biology labs and new computers for the computing labs.

Inclusivity

As I already mentioned one of my biggest goals is to make every student feel included as much as I can. To be able to do this, I aim to host events where all students from different cultural backgrounds can participate in. With that being said, I would also love to invite experienced spokespersons to inform our students about different cultures, disabilities and sexualities.

Why Me?

I genuinely love helping people and I am very passionate about the SU. In my opinion I can accomplish great achievements if I were to be elected.

So vote for me in the upcoming elections. Love you! <3