



Manifesto for VP for Blanchardstown Campus

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1. Please introduce yourself. What would you like students to know about you?

Hello. My name is Esmeraldi. Im eastern european and have been living in ireland for quite some time. I have spent four years studying Business within TUD Blanchardstown. My hobbies include the gym and anime which i think pair well together. Along side this i do spend some time also exploring ireland and its secrets. I am also coming from a security guard background in which i worked part time in during the duration of my PLC course (1 year) and my Honors Bachelors in Busiess course (four years) for a total of five years which i feel is a bonus to have that type of experience.

2. How would you ensure that the student voice is heard? What does it mean to you?

For me, making students voice heard means actually listening- not just ticking a box. It's about having real conversations, understanding what students need and doing something about it. I'd make sure to be approachable, whether its through casual chats, one on one meetings or even quick servys or gathering of opinions.

Its not about collecting feedback but also making changes that actually matter. If students have concerns or ideas, i want to be the person they can come to, knowing i'll push for action. As CVP of Blanchardstown, I'd work to create a stronger connection between students and the union, making sure their voices aren't just heard but acted upon.



3. How would you ensure that events and campaigns are appropriate for Blanchardstown campus?

I would communicate with other overall officers such as the Events Officer or the Welfare officer to come up with appropriate events and campaigns.. I would also communicate to other university officers such as Trinity or DCU officers, looking into potential ideas and then filtering those that might or might not work on the Blanchardstown campus. Of course being a CVP for Blanchardstown the main focus is the students that reside within this campus and so they will be my guide as to what might work or might also not work.

I have also seen from recent events from welfare and events what does work and what does not work. There was an STI testing van that did work and a gaming van that did work which i would love to help bring back among other events and campaigns that have worked.

4. What would you like your legacy to be as Blanchardstown Campus VP?

A special connection between the SU and its students within this specific campus has been missing. Being seen as the CVP of Blanchardstown physically, visible to others lets people know who you are, shows them that you are on patrol looking for campus improvements or student life improvements, makes you approachable to others.

My Main Legacy i want to be known for is my contributions to forming that SU and Student connection as well as preventing harm to students within the SU Common area. Since i have taken office in my first year, everything has calmed down within the common room to the point that i can see that a community is forming and students are feeling safe once again due to patrols.

5. How will you ensure that students in Blanchardstown Campus feel heard?

Well one of many ways to ensure that students in Blanchardstown Campus feel heard is to use the Class Rep system in order to hear. Blanchardstown has many students, with this many students class reps can be used as a point of contact in terms of what students want to see and what they want in relation to Blanchardstown improvements.

I want to be seen as very approachable. Cannot stress this enough that i want people to feel safe and ok to talk to me relating on ideas or improvements or in general their voice in which in tern i can act upon or enquire further to see how realistic and viable this idea might be that would benefit students.



6. How will you support the recruitment, training and retention of Class Reps on Blanchardstown Campus?

So with my previous experience as being CVP for Blanchardstown i would hold in person talks to classrooms on the matter of Class Reps. I will let the classes know of the experience and merit that comes with such a rôle as a class rep. The fact that this can be a very good for future potential employers and where the rôle helps the candidate or those elected as class reps to be the voice of their class room.

They will work closely with myself and obtain an understanding of what i do, the CVP for Blanchardstown.

As a wy to retain class reps, there are a few ways in a sense of a reward system where at the end of the year, we could throw a bit of a celebration with Pizza being the insentive for such hard work.

7. How would you improve campus experience in Blanchardstown Campus?

As mentioned before, the SU common room is the chill out or relaxation space for students in between classes or when students have big breaks. I have already improved the safety of this space considerably and will have further improvements to come. I will be constantly watching for maintenance of the campus where lifts might not be working or double doors may not be working in which it is then my job to have these fixed promptly sot hey do not become a hinderance to students overall especially those with disabilities.

I have also noticed in my time here that we do indeed need sleeping pods or a space for students to sleep within. The reason being is that there has been an Instagram created exposing students for sleeping on campus. The problem is wide and needs to be dealt with.

8. Is there anything that you would like to add?

I've already had a few months within the first year of my rôle as CVP for Blancahrdstown. One of my best achievments was that the SU common room has really calmed down since my patrols had started. I feel it showed students that this is a safe space where students can hang out without the fear of being hurt, injured, harassed and others. It is why i had added my experience in five years of being hired as a security job. Although it is not requiried from my job to go on these patrols to ensure safety of students, i have made it a core part of my rôle to ensure safety and security to the students of Blanchardstown.

I am still learning within this rôle and would like to polish my skills given the chance that i become re- elected and get objectives done much more promptly.