

Officers Elections March 2025

Manifesto for **VP for Events & Engagement**

Please read and follow the following guidelines cautiously.

- 1. Answer each question with a maximum of 150 words per question.
- 2. Don't delete any question.
- 3. Feel free to include colours, graphics, images, links, etc.
- 4. Submit completed form in both Word and PDF format to <u>elections@tudublinsu.ie</u> before Nominations close.

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

Hello, TU Dublin! My name is **Princewill Aguele**, and it has been the privilege of my student journey to serve as your Vice President of Events & Engagement this past year. Over the last academic year, I've worked tirelessly to ensure every student, whether part-time, international, postgraduate, or first-year feels valued across the TU Dublin Campuses. From having cultural events to collaborating with sport societies for sport initiatives, my actions have been guided by one principle: *collaboration drive progress*. I'm running for re-election to build on this momentum and ensure no student is left behind.

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

To me, ensuring the student voice is heard means **creating channels for continuous dialogue** and acting on what you say. My approach includes:

Campus-Specific Feedback Hubs: Regular in-person and surveys tailored to each campus (Blanchardstown, Tallaght, City Campus, etc.) to gather event ideas and concepts.

Events Crew: The past year I had the backbone of students from diverse backgrounds (societies, courses, demographics) to help plan and co-design event. I plan to continue with this as it provided me with wonderful insights. **Transparency in Action**: Publishing monthly updates on how feedback has shaped events, budgets, and policies. This was done in the last year with me giving monthly feedbacks on the SU social media pages on how each month went.



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3. How would you ensure that events are tailored for the TU Dublin student community? In other words, how will you ensure that your events are what students want, and you cater for each campus and each cohort?

TU Dublin's strength lies in its diversity, but one size doesn't fit all. Here's my plan:

Campus-Specific Events: Delegated event teams on each campus to address unique needs (e.g., friendly gatherings in Blanchardstown, arts and crafts workshops in Grangegorman).

Culturally Backed Events: Have events that are based of culture of diversed backgrounds, Using the Black History Month and the Holi Campaign that was run this past year as an example, with the plan to do more in this forthcoming year.

Cohort-based Programs:

- a. **Part-Time/Evening Students**: Later-hour socials and flexible events.
- b. International Students: Cross-cultural programs and campus tours.
- c. **Postgraduates**: Networking mixers and research showcase events.

Data-Driven Decisions: Use attendance analytics and feedback to refine offerings each semester.

4. How would you raise money for the RAG Charity of 2025-2026? How will you

To support our chosen charity, I'll combine creativity with collaboration:

- Charity Challenges: Sponsored student-led campaigns and challenges
- **Themed Events**: Charity gigs, auctions/pop up sales, and talent showcases like the battle of the bands with ticket proceeds donated to the charity of the year.
- **Corporate Partnerships**: Secure sponsorships from local businesses by offering promotional opportunities at SU events.

5. What would you like your legacy to be as VP for Events & Engagement?

I want my legacy to be a **culture of belonging**. Specifically:

Sustainable Systems: Institutionalizing eco-friendly event practices (e.g., zerowaste policies), having at least a sustainability themed event yearly and annual diversity audits.

Student-Led Innovation: A permanent "Event Pitch System" where any student can propose and co-host SU-backed initiatives.

Stronger Connections: A university where students, the union, and societies collaborate seamlessly—bridging gaps between campuses, and communities.



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6. How will you increase student engagement?

Engagement thrives on relevance and accessibility. My strategies:

Interactive Events: Friendly Competitions, pop-up sessions,

Incentivized Participation: Reward consistent engagement with perks like free

tickets, early bird ticket access, or vouchers from local partners.



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7. How will you approach Freshers to ensure first years feel welcomed and valued in TU Dublin?

Starting university is daunting. I'll ensure Freshers feel welcomed by:

Fresher-Friendly Events: Friends mixers, welcome night out festival for freshers, gaming and arcade hubs, freebies roadshow pop up performers on the campuses. All these and many more was run in my first year as an officer.

Campus Tours & Scavenger Hunts: Help students navigate facilities and meet peers. Inclusive Socials: Alcohol-free gatherings, cultural exchange nights, and society "taster" sessions.

Wellbeing Welcome Packs: Free kits and guides to campus resources and the student union.

Feedback Loops: Post-Freshers' Week surveys to refine future onboarding.

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

My first term was about listening, learning, and building relationships for collaboration. A second term will be about **building on this momentum**— ensuring every student, on every campus, sees themselves reflected in their Student Union. With your trust, I'll keep fighting for a TU Dublin that's vibrant, inclusive, and unstoppably united.

Vote Princewill Aguele for Vice President of Events & Engagement—because your voice, your vision, and your community deserve nothing less.

Your VP EE,

Princewill Aguele