



Manifesto for VP for Blanchardstown Campus

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1. Answer each question with a maximum of 150 words per question.
2. Don't delete any question.
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4. Submit completed form in both Word and PDF format to elections@tudublinsu.ie before Nominations close.

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

My name is Tehreem and I'm a final year Computing student. Over the past 3 years, I've been actively involved in roles such as **lead student ambassador**, **peer mentor**, **student intern** at the Careers Development Centre and an **SVP food pantry volunteer**. I'm also a **student director** on the Student Unions board, so I really understand how the union is run.

All these roles have been student focused and now I want to use my experience to make real changes to the Blanchardstown campus.

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

I want events and campaigns to be frequent and to cater to the diverse population of students here on the campus. It's not fair for students to have to travel to other campuses to get involved and I want to make getting involved as easy and accessible as possible.

Reaching out to students and class reps to understand what exactly the students want would be my first step. I know many students are commuters and have work/family responsibilities so keeping the events free or low cost would be a top priority, as well as hosting events during college hours.

I'll bring my experience from hosting careers fairs, wellbeing and orientation days, parents evenings etc and I'll work closely with sports and societies to make sure there's something going on for everyone.



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

When I was in first year, I remember feeling like some days all I had done was attend lectures and complete coursework. Talking to other students made me realise so many of us felt the same way. I really want to create spaces where students can meet others, attend events and really feel like they're getting the most out of their time in university.

I want any issues students are facing to be heard and resolved, whilst being transparent and open. With many students facing similar challenges such as poor transport links, accommodation issues, library closing hours, parking issues or academic struggles, there are actionable steps that can be taken to help solve these issues. I understand that many issues may require more involvement from TUD but I will keep advocating and updating students to ensure the issues don't get forgotten about.

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

Firstly, I would push for the election process to happen much earlier in the year, as the start of the year is when majority of students are facing problems such as registration issues. Additionally, I would ensure the class reps are well supported and not overburdened. I think increasing the number of reps depending on class size would help with that, as well as having better training and support systems in place. Adding incentives for them such as formal recognition, digital badges/awards and class rep events would help create a community where class reps know they are making real changes and motivate them to stay.

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

I will ensure that there are easy, anonymous ways students can share their views and communicate their issues. I want to host regular coffee mornings/meetups where students can drop by, get a chance to discuss any issues they are facing in person, and also a place where I can update the students on what actions I am taking regarding their issues.

I will use Instagram to provide frequent updates on what I am doing and also have Q&As with the students on a frequent basis.



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

Getting feedback from students would be my top priority. I know each campus has different needs, so getting feedback from Blanch students would help pinpoint exactly what students want. I think having something new happening on campus as often as possible would help create a livelier campus atmosphere.

I would work closely with clubs and societies to give them more opportunities and space to run events, and I definitely feel that hosting regular smaller events rather than occasional big events would be the way to go.

Secondly, regarding the spaces we already have on campus, I would like to make them more welcoming and well facilitated. I want to improve the A-block study space, alongside the SU common room using student feedback to ensure students have a comfortable place to relax and spend time between classes.

I want campus life to be inclusive for everyone, ensuring part-time, international, mature and postgrad students are all catered to.

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

I want to ensure that I come out of my term having brought visible changes to the Blanchardstown campus. I want to ensure every student that reaches out is heard and updated on what can be done to resolve their issues and to make sure motions are set for long term projects I may not be able to complete.

I know there is a lot of work to be done, but I am confident that I will be able to advocate for our campus and ensure we are represented equally amongst the other campuses :)