

Hi, I'm Mairead!

I'm a third-year history and political science student from Donegal and I'm running to be the next Editor of The University Times! When I came to Trinity, I didn't know anyone. I got involved in UT in the midst of the pandemic and found a place I could belong. I joined the paper as **Societies Editor of Radius**, UT's culture publication, in second year and since then have served as **News Editor** and **Deputy Editor**. I believe my experience, passion and work ethic makes me the right person to be at the helm of Ireland's largest student newspaper.

[Photo of Mairead sitting on the stairs in the Hamilton building smiling. She is wearing a red hoodie and yellow t-shirt with jeans and white converse.]

[Close-up photo of Mairead standing in front of ivy on a sunny day.]

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Vote Mairead for Editor

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Openness

Opening the paper up brings value to its readers and its staff. I will commit to more regular **town halls** so we can hear students' concerns and ideas. Some cohorts of students are underrepresented in the paper. This needs to change. I want to host **workshops**, particularly in Halls, to get more first years and STEM students involved from the beginning. I will appoint an **Ents Editor** to organise varied and accessible events for staff. A **new social media team** will create more opportunities for students while expanding our reach and increasing our approachability.

[Photo of Mairead on College Park with the Pav in the background. She is standing with her arms stretched out on either side of her.]

Belonging

I want to ensure that not only budding journalists, but photographers, and illustrators get to gain experience through the paper. As an access student, I was fortunate to get the support I needed to succeed in college. I want to use my experience of mentorship to create **programmes for LGBTQ+ students and students with disabilities**. I think this is a concrete way to open doors for underrepresented groups and improve the paper. Getting more **Gaeilgóirí** involved is also a priority. Right now, our Irish language section is small and does not represent the size of Trinity's Gaeilgóir community. I want to see the section grow to include not just fluent speakers. .

[Close-up photo of Mairead standing in College Park with the Pav in the background. She is smiling and looking to the left.]

[Photo of five students walking in New Square with their backs turned to the camera.]

Service

The University Times is a newspaper for students by students. The creation of a **Board of Advisors** would increase accountability for the paper and provide support to its senior staff when faced with difficult decisions. We need to be more conscious of the paper's effect on the environment. We have the opportunity to highlight the issues that matter. I have **extensively covered climate-related issues** and I hope to continue that next year. Our content should have a positive effect. I will compile **resources for staff** to use when writing about sensitive topics. I'll also make sure they have the support they need by signposting welfare services.

Why am I running again?

I have a vision for the paper and I want to see it through. UT has been my life for 2 years now. I've spent thousands of hours finding stories, **mentoring writers** and putting together our print issues. Students need someone with a **proven track record** of dedication to the paper. **I'm the only one with the journalistic experience and passion to make UT the best it can be.**

[Photo of Mairead on the stairs in Hamilton looking back at the camera.]

How to Vote

All voting will take place online. Voting is open from April 5-7. Make sure to register now to cast your vote!