

Eoghan for Education:

Who am I?

My name is Eoghan Gilroy, and I am running to be our next Education Officer! I'm an access student, and final year Law and Political Science student from Dublin. Over the last three years I have held a number of different positions within the Union, serving as Access Officer in my second year, and in my third and fourth year I have served as the Faculty Convener of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. I am also the Student Representative at the Undergraduate Studies Committee. You may also recognise me from winning Law King at Law Ball for the last three years, or from a number of different Phil Debates... but I hope not! .

My ultimate goal in running for Education Officer is to enhance the student experience with straightforward yet important policies which I believe will make students' lives, and academic experience that bit easier. While this manifesto cannot cover every one of my positions, I strongly encourage you to reach out to me for further information with any questions that you may have.

My experience:

- For the last two years I have represented all Arts students at the Faculty Executive Committee with all the Heads of Schools and the Faculty Dean, and at University Council with the Provost and Vice-Provost. At these meetings, I have fought for the student perspective to be centered in every college policy.
- As Faculty Convener, I am also the Chair of the AHSS Faculty Assembly, a member of the TCDSU Education Committee, and a member of Union Forum (the Union's Executive body).
- As the Student Representative at the Undergraduate Studies Committee, I represent all undergraduate students alongside the Education Officer at a college level.
- As Access Officer, I organised College Awareness Week and collaborated with a number of societies on campus to celebrate and promote access students in Trinity.

- I am also a member of the Student Conduct and Capacity Committee, and have experience supporting students through allegations of plagiarism in meetings with the heads of college.
- I managed and coordinated a successful sabbatical election campaign team which shows that I know how to get the job done.
- Unfortunately, I am also an avid Mock Trial'r with LawSoc, and have also dabbled in college debating for a brief period, and I am a keen member of Psychsoc

Manifesto:

Casework:

- Year after year we hear stories of someone who has emailed the Students' Union seeking support, however they get a response a month later hoping that everything went okay. This is not good enough. Students deserve better! That is why as Education Officer, I guarantee that students who seek out support from me will receive a response within one business day.

Engagement:

- For the Union to succeed and thrive, we need to think outside the box about how we engage with students. The only solution offered to date has been to survey students on why they are disengaged - with unsurprisingly few responses.
- I want to take a more active approach to this issue. As Education Officer, I will ensure that the SU gets out of Teach a Sé (House 6) to speak to students across Trinity's different campuses to understand what they want from their Union.
- To get students in the door, I plan to organise speaker series events, career talks, and debates on upcoming college policies to give students agency in the running of their Union.

21st Century Teaching Methods:

- So many students like myself who have to work throughout college struggle to keep on top of their college work. I want to continue the fight at college level for reasonable accommodations when it comes to lecture recordings, exams, assessments and timetables. Trinity's style of

assessment is archaic. As Education Officer, I will advocate for a move towards continuous and varied assessments tailored to our respective courses.

- Furthermore, I will push for a feasibility study into the reintroduction of the two reassessment periods which existed during Covid to alleviate the pressures on students facing August resits.

Generative AI:

- Throughout my roles over the last two years, I have found that the college's approach to Generative AI is problematic. The reluctance to develop any college or school wide policies is failing students. As Education Officer, I will advocate for the responsible, ethical, and creative use of ChatGPT and Generative AI at a school level. I will encourage schools to follow the example of Universities such as UCL who have taken a more forward thinking approach, when developing their policies. My priority will be to ensure that students have their say in the development of these incredibly important policies.

Class Representatives:

- In order for the Union to work, and to work well – we rely on the support of our Class Representatives, however in the last year we have seen a dip in the numbers of students willing to serve as a representative for their course. That is why during Freshers' Week I will work tirelessly to ensure that by the end of the first Class Representative elections in 24/25, each school in Trinity will have at least fifty percent of their representatives elected.
- Following this, I will provide them with the necessary training at a location off-campus to foster a more immersive and focused environment. The dates of this training will be published at the start of Freshers' Week, and a second training session will be organised for two weeks later to accommodate those who could not attend the initial session.

Centralised Reporting Structure:

- Have you ever been frustrated by poor student facilities on campus, such as broken microwaves and coffee machines? As AHSS Faculty Convenor I developed a successful centralised system for students to report these

issues directly to me as the Faculty Convenor, these issues were then followed up with the appropriate department management.

- As Education Officer, I want to expand this reporting system so that all students can notify their Union of these issues. I want to make it even more accessible by posting QR codes all around Trinity's campuses and buildings.

For an experienced, empathetic, and energetic Education Officer, vote Eoghan Gilroy.

Voting:

- Voting opens February 27th at 10:00am and remains opened until 16:00pm February 29th.
- To vote all you need to do is show your t card to the polling clerk, and they will give you the ballots.
- There are alternative methods of voting... if you are unable to vote in person, you can request an online ballot using the link on my QR code.
- Thank you, and please do not forget to vote for Eoghan Gilroy for Education.

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Hustings:

- Candidate Launch Event: 19/02/2024 @ 17:00 (Dining Hall).
- Equality Husting: 20/02/2024 @ 19:30 (Stanley Quek Theatre).
- Council Husting: 20/02/2024 @ 20:30 (Stanley Quek Theatre).
- The Piranha Husting: 22/02/2024 @ 20:00.
- (The Pav) Media Husting: 23/02/2024 @ Afternoon (TBC).
- JCR Husting: 26/02/2024 @ TBC (Trinity Hall).