

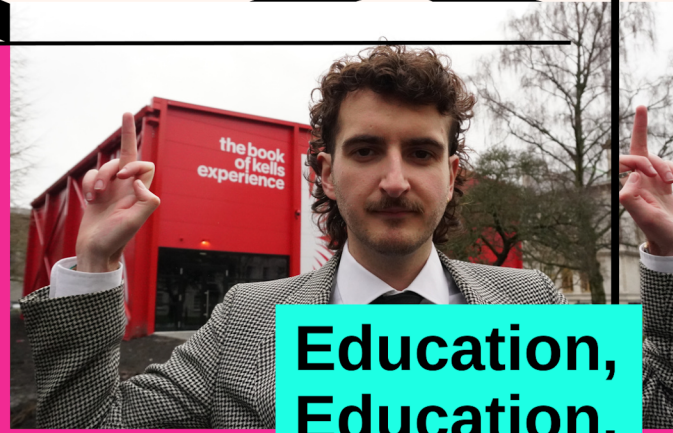


MANIFESTO



Why Ralph?

I've been described by friends as "aware of what's going on most of the time" and "confident, at least" and my mum thinks I'm "rather handsome". I am very serious about improving student life in Trinity. And I am very confident in my ability to achieve this through my skillset and my very serious policy platform.



Education, Education, Ban the Tourists.

My **first key pledge** is to ban all tourists from Trinity campus.

I will go beyond the Book of Kells Experience and build a new **Book of Kells World theme park** in North Dublin. Tourists can go there instead.

Themed around the story of the Gospels and the History of Ireland, attractions will include:

- The **Resurrection Rollercoaster** - just when you think you've done the final drop, you'll never guess what happens next! It also lasts for three days.
- The **Hagiography Hotel** - Enjoy a relaxing and enriching stay in the company of the Saints. See the dragon slain by St George (admittedly it's actually just a cow with red wings), warm your cockles around the Joan of Arc bonfire, and leave your little ones at the Mother Teresa day care centre.
- The **Conor McGregor go-kart track**

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Potential locations:

- Elmgreen Golf Club (not a real sport)
- Dublin City University (not a real university)
- National Botanic Gardens (just some plants we can put them somewhere else surely?)

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Second, I will **slash student rents in half** by welcoming undisclosed corporate donations and unquestioned corporate sponsorship

• Because if you **compromise on your principles** once, why not do it all the time?

• Arms companies, Big Pharma, Dominoes, we don't care! If you've got cheddar, sling it our way! Academia is a good thing so if you fund it, you are good too!

• The flagship sponsorship would strengthen the existing ties between Trinity College and the Dubai Royal Family, through the replacement of the Campanile with a **1:1 replica of the Burj Khalifa**.

Benefits: a Dublin tourist attraction (they can look from outside the gates); deals with the Knights of the Campanile; **very pretty**

Usage: One-third of the building will be licensed to the Dubai Royal Family; one-third will be student accommodation, driving rents down even further; and the final third will be new classrooms, ideally with the **business school right at the top** so they can feel like they've really made it while being as far as possible from everyone else



Other potential corporate sponsorships:

- The renaming of the former Berkeley library is already halfway there. I propose it becomes the X Library, sponsored by X (formerly Twitter) (formerly the Berkeley Library). Or the XLSxXFTFBL, for short.
- The Coca-Cola Old Library
- The Lockheed-Martin School of Engineering
- The Nestlé School of Midwifery
- The Chapel, sponsored by Cadbury's - Because there's a glass and half full of Christ's velvety blood in everyone

And my third key pledge is to **make Trinity completely carbon neutral** by planting twelve giant sequoias on the cricket pitch.

Estimated cost: €700million but we can all chip in with the digging

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POLICIES THAT WORK FOR YOU

The BAN BIN



To be banned on day one of my Presidency:

- Improv
- Satire (especially the Piranha)
 - Because my presidency will be too serious to joke about
- Vapes
 - In a policy I call 'Rollies Onlys', I will end the oppressive nanny-state era of a 'tobacco free campus'
 - I also endorse snus aka nicotine pouches, in a policy I call 'loose puss* for snus**' (*it's pronounced 'poose') (**it's pronounced 'snoose')
- Tourists, obviously. See above.



I pledge to implement all of my opponent's manifesto commitments, on top of my own.

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- **President for a day** - this direct democracy initiative will mean every student gets to be SU President for a day with an absolute mandate to pursue any policies they wish. [Caveat: given that a) I actually want to be president on my own for at least 6 months and b) there are 18000+ students, in practice this scheme will be more like President for 3 minutes 23 seconds, but whatever you can get done in that time, I endorse!]
- **Merge the Hist and the Phil**
- Install **1000 sleeping pods** across campus
- **Satellite campuses** - establish these in every one of Dublin's twin cities: Barcelona, Beijing, Liverpool, San Jose and Ramallah. Every student able to take one semester abroad.
- **Incorporate UCD** into the University of Dublin
- Honour Irish sporting heritage by **moving the GAA pitch on campus** (move over rugby)
- New statues of **Elizabeth I** and II
- Remove the S from PPES
- Get **Paul Mescal** to re-enrol as an undergraduate so we all get to be his friend
- **Academic gowns** to be worn at all times by students on campus

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