

Lorenzo Cheasty

Manifesto

Hello! I'm Lorenzo Cheasty, and I am running to be **your next SU President**.

I am a Final Year Law and History student from Kilkenny, two-term TCDSU Housing Rights Officer, TAP Ambassador, and a passionate advocate for student welfare.

I want to work towards an united Union - one prioritising democratic accountability and equitable dispute resolution, and which advances tangible student welfare provisions to ensure that College is affordable for all.

As HRO, I have continuously fought to safeguard rights and accommodation provision to many students throughout my tenure. I pioneered the TCDSU Lease Transfer Scheme guaranteeing stable accommodation for exchange & Erasmus students and I have assisted in the organisation of multiple Union campaigns, from a maintained rent freeze to the preservation of lecture recordings in the School of Law.

I have worked extensively with civil society groups to advance housing rights, and I would love to use my skills and experience to help build an Union which places welfare provision at the heart of its ideals.

Housing

- Advocate for the introduction of cooperative housing and subsidised accommodation for Trinity students.
- Fight for a continued Rent Freeze and advocate for emergency accommodation supports and further rent decreases on campus.
- Renew our relationships with other Unions, publicising rights & supports across universities.
- Overhaul and publicise the Accommodation Advisory Service's website.

Student Welfare

- Establish a Abortion & Contraception Welfare Fund.
- Pressure College Health to provide abortion services to students.
- Work towards establishing a student-owned social supermarket catering to students' needs.
- Plan for an SU Café at St. James's.
- Increase funding for the Transition Fund.
- Pressure College Health to provide blood tests.
- Pressure College to overhaul laundry services and to reduce pricing.
- Reviving and promoting the Black and Minority Ethnicity Advisory Group.
- Pressure College Health to increase funding for mental health and dental care services.
- Establish the Sexual Assault Working Group.
- Remove the requirement to use a sign-out system for Health Science and Social Work students.

BDS

- Ensure that College fully comply with the recommendations of the BDS taskforce and investigate further divestment opportunities.

Gaeilge

- Work with Oifigeach na Gaeilge to establish a database of signs on campus with poor/no Irish and to ensure that College comply with their legal responsibility to provide services in Irish.
- Work with Oifigeach na Gaeilge and AMLÉ to introduce Irish-medium education across College.

Disability

- Assist in the writing of the LENS Audit Report and lobby the College on LENS reform.
- Further the progress on the accessibility renovations of Teach 6.

Student Spaces

- Auditing existing student spaces and making progress on the Student Centre.
- Work on implementing an online booking system for vacant rooms across campus.
- Ensure that water refill stations are accessible and expand the number of Keep Cup stations.

Postgrad Engagement and Integration

- Prepare for the introduction of the Graduate Sabbatical Officer, such as establishing the Postgraduate Forum, and rekindling engagement.

Union Reform

- Bring in a Code of Conduct for Union Officers and establish an Ethics Committee.
- Establish a structure within the Union for internal management of grievances and mediation.
- Re-establish a culture of democratic norms and accountability, and introduce new welfare supports for Union Officers.