

Abbie Nulty Manifesto

My name is Abbie Nulty-Haughan and I am running for the position of Vice President for Welfare and Equality on the Tallaght Campus. Throughout my time in college, I studied DNA and Forensics. I have been actively involved in college life; I have played for the Women's GAA team. I have also helped run events and activities that have been run by the Students Union. I am very passionate about student's rights and welfare, and it really pains me to see students suffer such injustice in the education system.

I believe everybody has the right to access free education and oftentimes it is not only the highest fees in Europe but also the hidden costs associated with courses that prevent students from accessing education. In Tallaght we have a college on our doorstep, but this excessive cost prevents so many students the opportunity to access and continue their education. No student should have to make the choice between a meal and access to education. I plan to work closely with the college and other welfare officers to ensure that students have adequate supports to prevent them ending up in this situation. I want to work with various societies to make sure that the underrepresented and most marginalised student voices are heard.

Mental Health is something I am very passionate about. Some of the barriers to education may bring on mental health issues in students and I want to be there to be able to offer advice and supports to these students. We have seen from previous years that when we pull together as a united front we can achieve a lot.

Exams can be such a stressful time for students, this year especially. I want to work alongside the education and welfare officers to run exam campaigns to offer supports to students around this extremely busy stressful time of the year.

Inclusivity for students is very important and I would aim to get involved with clubs and societies to strive for greater diversity and inclusion throughout all extra-curricular activities.