

Manifesto

Name: Ian Kelly

Position Contested: VP Events & Engagement

Hello, My name is Ian Kelly, and this year I would like you to elect me as your VP for Events & Engagement for the 2022/2023 academic year. I am currently in final year studying Visual Communication in the East Quad.

I became active in the Students' Union when I joined the Student Media Crew at the start of 2nd year and shortly after I was elected as the College Officer for the Grangegorman campus. During my time as a college officer I ran and helped run a number of successful events including a weekly coffee and advice service, multiple movie nights, a Halloween tour, Rag week events and a number of quiz nights. After my year as a college officer I was elected to the TU Dublin SU Board of Directors and was re-elected for a 2nd term again this academic year. I currently work in the new SU Hub in Lower House. Along with the brilliant staff members here I have worked to establish the Hub as a drop in point for students and have helped improved processes which helped the hub grow. In 2021 I received the President's Award from former President Rebecca Gorman.

Outside of college I am involved in the music scene in Dublin and have booked well over 100 gigs and events across multiple venues in Dublin. I have also booked Irish & European tours for Irish and international acts. For a number of years I also ran a small independent record label that had over 15 releases.

By trade I am a Graphic Designer/Videographer and work on the Shamrock Rovers Media Team as well as doing work for the Murrays Pub Group. In the past I have done work for the likes of Aiken Promotions, TU Dublin, TU Dublin Student's Union and many more.

Experience:

- **Former College Officer**
- **Member of TU Dublin SU Board of Directors**
- **Former acting Chair Of TU Dublin SU Board**
- **Member of the Boards Finance, Audit and Risk Committee**
- **Deputy Chair of the TU Dublin Design Society**
- **Former Member of the Constitutional Working Group**
- **I have ran and booked over 100 gigs all across venues in Dublin**
- **Have booked multiple European Tour for Irish and International Acts**
- **Ran an Independent Record Label**
- **Current Member of the Shamrock Rovers Media Team**
- **Experienced in running an eclectic mix of events**

Goals:

Lobby University for an on site bar.

Trinity, DCU and UCD all have them. Why are our students missing out?

Create a link with a local pub to become our official University Bar.

In the interim I want to create a link with a local bar that offers great deals and discounts for students. This venue could also become a focal point for regular events.

On Site Activities

Now that restrictions are lifted I want to take advantage of the great spaces we have across the City Campus and establish regular lunch time events.

Big Events

Now that restrictions are lifted I want to continue the great work done this year and build on the success of the 'Let Loose' Nights and grow them! Students want big eye catching events and I aim to provide them. Think Freshers, Rag Week and more!

Balls

Within Rag week this year I want to run a Rag Ball. It's a chance for students to get dressed up with their friends and have a night to remember with their mates! We will also run a Grad Ball etc

Engagement

Because of the pandemic and restrictions by the University on what the SU can do we will have a unique situation in September where the majority of years will have had no real interaction with the Union. I want to make sure that I'm a constant presence across all the sites. I want to be in the buildings chatting to students, finding out what they want from their Union. I want to be there in the mornings to say hello, to give them a free notebook or a cup of tea. A successful Union is an engaged and inclusive one for all.

Ents Crew

Getting engagement up can't be done alone. I plan to recruit early for the events crew and student media crew. Being involved in the SMC over the last few years has been so rewarding. I've met so many great people and been to so many fun events and I know if we can create a good team next semester then the sky is the limit.

Charity Events

I want to build on the amazing charity work the union already does and put on a number of events to raise money for the chosen rag charity.

If you've made it this far thanks so much for reading. Please vote for me as your VP for Events & Engagement.