

# Niamh Gibbons Manifesto

My name is Niamh Gibbons, I am currently a final year student in pharmaceutical science. In the upcoming elections I am running for the position of vice president for education on the Tallaght campus.

I believe every student should have a direct input and say into their education journey. For many students they may not have family support network and rely on their college experience to make friends and create a support network. This is why it is so important that they get the opportunity to have a quality educational experience. Some students face additional barrier to accessing education such as the highest fees in Europe, hidden costs associated with studies, astronomical rents, the cost of transport and much more.

## **Support**

I want to work with the access office to ensure students who don't come through traditional routes to education have proper ongoing supports to enable them to have a smooth transition and quality education experience. I also want to break down stigmas and prejudices associated with some of those access routes.

## **Class Reps**

Class reps play a pivotal role in the link between the union and the university. They benefit not only their class as acting as an intermediary between the academic staff and the class, but they play a massive role in supporting the work of the union.

## **Campaigns**

Sometimes students don't know their rights and responsibilities in their education. Students who have additional needs often don't know there are extra supports available to them.

I want to see additional informative campaigns educating students on the supports available to them if and when they need them.

## **Events**

While a student enters college to obtain a qualification this time in a persons life is often when they find their tribe, and form life-long friendships. It is important students have a holistic college experience and as such the events the student union hold are important for ensuring students have these opportunities.

In closing I would like to tell you that I am extremely passionate and dedicated to representing the student voice and progressing the student movement both locally and nationally, if you 'GO WITH GIBBONS' this is what you will be getting.