

# MANIFESTO



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**As a candidate for the Vice President of the Union of the Students in Ireland (USI), my platform rests on three pillars: empowerment, collaboration, and advocacy. I present this in my manifesto outlining my vision for:**

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# HIDDEN COSTS

- With the cost of living crisis, it is important that students are aware of all the costs that will be associated with their course to alleviate the stress that can be given when surprised with last minute mandatory costs associated with the course.
- To lobby for the funding of associated costs with college such as software and materials.

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# APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATION

- **Work on the creation of a representative structure for apprentices in Ireland.**
- **Liaise with relevant organisations for apprentices' voices on panels.**

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# **NSTEP REFRESH**

- **To work with the programme manager to foster closer relationships between USI and NStEP.**
- **To refresh the NStEP programme to make sure it aligns with the needs of Student Unions, with the input of student trainers, and people who have and haven't used the program.**

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# **NORTH AND SOUTH OF IRELAND MOBILITY TO ENTRY TO EDUCATION**

- **Advocate for greater support for guidance teachers to support students looking at cross-border education.**
- **Continue to lobby for the creation of a central site of information for students to use as a guide and support.**

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# FET REPRESENTATION WITHIN USI

- To work with FET's, to bring their voice and representation within USI and on the national level.

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# STUDENT SURVEY REDESIGN:

- **This year I worked on the student survey being pulled for the year to be modernised and redesigned. I want to make sure that students' interest is at the heart of this data collection.**

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# **COLLABORATION WITH TRADE UNIONS:**

- **I recognise the importance of collaboration between USI and trade unions in advocating for a more equal future. It is key that with closer relations we stand work in union solitary.**

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