

1. Accommodation

Having spent much of my year in DCU working on securing accommodation for students, liaising with landlords and dealing with accommodation queries, I am keen to keep the topic of accommodation at the forefront of the student movement. I believe that with my experience in helping students find accommodation and giving advice to those facing issues with their landlords, that I am fully equipped to keep up the fight for more purpose built student accommodation as well as legislation to protect students in digs.

2. Support for Small and All Unions

Coming from a larger union myself, I would never want to speak on behalf of smaller unions and their experiences. For this reason, if I am to be elected as Dublin Regional Officer, I plan to be on the ground as often as possible and helping member organisations as much as I can. Through this, I hope I would be able to alleviate some of the pressure faced by unions with smaller teams while also increasing student awareness of USI, their work and campaigns and increasing student turnout at protests.

3. Political Engagement

With a general election on the cards before March 2025, I believe this year is the year for students to get organised, vote, protest and show those currently in government who is in charge. Voter registration and political awareness will be essential to this, with many students currently politically disengaged, the coming year is a massive opportunity to encourage them to have their voices heard.

4. Transport and Commuter Students

With the accommodation crisis, commuter student numbers are through the roof, with students travelling massive distances daily in order to attend classes. This is not only having an effect on their education but also on their social lives. Many commuters have to leave campuses early in order to catch buses and trains home, which has a huge effect on their college experience overall. If I am to be elected, I would like to work with the USI VP for Campaigns to run a Dublin wide commuter student campaign, in order for their voices to be heard. I will also endeavour to strengthen and formalise USI's relationship with the National Transport Association, to ensure that the student voice is central to any future transport developments and decisions.

5. PTOs and Class Reps

Part time officers and class reps are the backbone of any Students' Union, working on the ground and linking their peers to the Union directly, without always getting the recognition that they deserve. If I am to be elected, I want to make sure that they are given support and training where needed. In order to do this, I want to deliver in-person training for part time officers, with resources that they can take with them and share with their peers who are also in leadership positions. This training will also give them the opportunity to meet officers from other Unions, forming connections and allowing them to gain new perspectives by engaging with officers with similar remits.