

Manifesto

Name: Rebecca Gorman **Position Contested:** President

Hi everyone! My name is Rebecca Gorman, and this year I would like you to elect me as your President for 2020/21. I am currently the Deputy President in the City Campus for TU Dublin SU, and last year I was the Vice President for Education in DIT Students' Union.

I have been working in the Students' Union during a time of huge change for both students and your Union. From becoming TU Dublin, to forming a new Students' Union, I worked hard to make sure students were kept at the core of any decisions made. More changes are coming down the line, and it's vital that you have a President that is experienced and has shown results with their work; that person is me!

Experience

- ★ 2 years representing 20,000 students.
- ★ Constantly working across multiple campuses
- ★ Knowledge of how TU Dublin structures work
- ★ I've managed a big team this year - I work to bring out the best in them and support them.

Achievements

- ★ Set up the first SU Climate Action Working Group
- ★ Ran the first Direct Provision campaign
- ★ Improved the system for electing class reps
- ★ Running the first TU-wide class rep awards
- ★ Piloting the first "Staff contribution" award from the SU
- ★ Ran the "Climate Activist Academy" panel discussion
- ★ Ran the first "Recommend a Friend" campaign to drive election participation
- ★ Helped shape the new Constitution of the SU
- ★ Encouraged other officers to form a new financial structure for the SU

My Priorities if I am Elected

1. Your Students' Union

The SU has always been so important for students – we are now at a point that we can refocus and change our structures to benefit students more.

- I want to implement changes in our Union so it works better for you. If elected I will ensure that we **undertake an external review of the organisation**. I will ensure all types of students feed in to this review. How many officers do you need? What services should we provide? How should we communicate to students? **Focus groups and surveys** will make sure these questions are answered and that we change to respond to your needs.
- We need to strengthen our Union and **ensure every student has access to the same level of service**, regardless of what campus you are based on. Following the review of the SU, I will ensure the services you want to be provided by the SU are available across the board.

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- Our independence from the University is something we must continue to work on. I will emphasise this in every committee I sit on, and ensure that **students run our Union**, not the University.
- I will increase the **collaboration of officers** in each campus so we can work together on policies and campaigns so we don't duplicate the work we do.
- Our Students' Union is so important, and does amazing work for students. I want everyone to know more about the work we do, and **increase our visibility** on campuses and in our communities.

2. Representation

The Student Voice is something that should be at the core in everything in TU Dublin. Through my work in the SU so far, I have promoted the importance of student partnership with staff so we can be a true part of the work in this University.

- I have noticed that student representatives are being denied chances to feed into decisions being made that affect students. This includes major decisions like what catering companies we will have, to where the graduations will be. I will **fight for a seat at every committee** where decisions are being made that affect students.
- I want to ensure **students are fully supported in activism efforts** in the University. I have seen amazing things happening on the ground with students, and I will ensure that the SU supports you in your work.
- Ultimately, I want to ensure that the University and senior management take students seriously. There is no excuse to exclude students from decisions, and I will fight to get the respect we deserve. I will set up regular meetings with the President of the University, and make sure he knows that we need to be considered.

3. Grangegorman

Around 1/3 students are moving to Grangegorman this September. It is so exciting, and it's going to be the size of a small town! For this huge change, you need someone who knows the ins and outs of this project. It's going to be stressful and difficult for many students, and I want to make it as easy as possible for everyone. I will work on this by:

- Making sure you are regularly updated about the move to Grangegorman.
- Pushing to ensure an app is developed to help you find your way around campus.
- Highlight your issues and resolve them if possible.
- Fight any proposed for-profit student accommodation on campus, that drives up the rental prices for students
- Push for more dedicated student space on campus – and lobby for a purpose-built student centre so we can make your experience better
- Arrange student forums for each quad to make sure everyone knows what is happening, as changes will be happening fast.
- Develop relationships with local businesses in the area.

You've seen my passion & you've seen my experience. Please vote for me as your President!

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