



Candidate for Equality and Diversity Representative

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My name is Kacper Pilarek I am a Second Year History and Politics Student in UCC. Over the last two years we experienced extremely tough challenges, these tough challenges pushed me to run for the office of Equality and Diversity Representative. I am extremely community orientated this can be seen by my involvement in multiple committees as well as initiatives like Student Community Support (SCS). Throughout my Manifesto you will notice I have not labelled any group. The reason for this is because I believe that we are all equal and we are all diverse and I think this Manifesto should reflect that we are one student body with one simple goal in mind to have the best time of our lives in a safe and secure environment

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1. I believe that everyone has the right to integrate into society without prejudice and that none should be prejudiced based on what they believe in, where they come from or who they identify as being, we are all human and this fact is something that should bind us together not distance ourselves from one another. My task will be to stand up for the voiceless, may they know that I am always open and prepared to listen, and have the gut to act when I sense injustice.
2. I hope to work closely with the Disabilities Representative, Welfare Officer, and the student body in order to make our great campus accessible in all the areas that it is inaccessible in.
3. I believe in equality for all students and the promotion of equality across all aspects of our college this is one of my main aims. Not only is equality a necessary aim for me but also the promotion of diversity, to promote the many cultures throughout our campus, be it through events, campaigns, or announcements to make our campus thrive in its cosmopolitanism.
4. Cultures help us to understand and spread ideas so that those ideas can diffuse throughout our society making it a better place for us all to live in. The exchange of opinions and ideas is very important in our society and as such encouraging diversity throughout our campus, as well as equality, is of paramount importance to me, after all it is through small prototypes that colossal monuments are born, so can small ideas thrive into big and great initiatives.
5. I really want to help my community in the best way possible, with that aim I have signed up to SCS to help keep all our students during RAG week safe, that is why I also joined multiple societies and became involved in two committees of the societies I am a member of, as I have a strong work ethic, dedication, and conviction of helping my community in the best way possible.
6. An initiative I would like to introduce if elected, is I would like to set up Equality and Diversity Rep. Office Hours. I will dedicate about 2 to 4 hours every week (depending on my availability) in order to invite students across all disciplines to come to me if they would like to discuss any problems, if they have any ideas in mind, or if they simply just want to talk, my doors will be open throughout the times which would be announced later on as soon as possible.

7. Throughout my time in SCS I have witnessed the diverse culture of student life. I am a strong believer in the protection of all members of our diverse community and I will be looking to communicate with the Students Union to bring in an SCS like initiative more than twice a year as I believe this is necessary due to the increase in antisocial and threatening behaviour that students may experience during the late-night hours.
8. Continuation of the previous EDI Initiative during my term in office and close cooperation with the Equality Working Group.