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FOR UCC SU PRESIDENT 2021/22



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Manifesto: Asha Woodhouse for UCCSU President 2021/22

Hi friends, my name is Asha (she/her) and I'm running to be your next UCCSU President!

About Me

I'm currently doing an LLM in Environmental & Natural Resource Law, and did my undergraduate in Environmental Science in UCC as well. During my time in UCC I have been active on campus in various groups and campaigns. My primary area of interest has always been environmental issues (shocker I know) so I have been most heavily involved with the Enviro Soc and Green Campus committees since my first year in UCC, through which I established the UCC Climate Conference, have worked closely with students & staff across campus, assisted in delivering UCC's Sustainability Strategy, and am currently helping to develop our universities next Sustainability Strategy. Last year I also represented UCC on the National Planning Committee for the Youth Dialogue on the Irish Circular Economy.

I have worked with our SU closely over the years, co-chairing Green Campus with the SU Deputy & Campaigns Officer in 2017/18, sitting on the SU Repeal the 8th Taskforce, and organizing voter registration drives on campus. At our last voter registration drive prior to the General Election in 2020, we registered over 700 students to vote in one day.

I have been passionate about social and environmental injustice since a young age, volunteering with Cork Penny Dinners during my school years, shaving off my hair for Today FM's Shave or Dye when I was 15, and implementing improved waste management schemes in my secondary school. My experience and exposure to activism has taught me the importance of people organising together to achieve our common goals in building a better world.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

Why me?

I believe that the function of a Students' Union is to put students in control of their education and student life, and I believe that I am the right person to lead your Union in achieving this.

The past year has shaken our student experience in a way none of us could have imagined, and has laid bare the cracks in the system. A lack of clarity, a lack of flexibility, and poor planning by

our government and university has left many students in limbo, living under heightened levels of stress and uncertainty, and unsure of what the right thing to do is.

Global pandemic aside, students in Ireland are being put under increasing pressure due to extortionate living costs and are having their right to education, housing, health services, and a safe environment taken away from them. What's more, government funding per student is 40% less than it was a decade ago. With 22,000 students in UCC, we are the largest stakeholder in this institution, yet we often have the least stakeholder power when it comes to decisions being made which directly impact us.

The list goes on and I could sit here all day listing the facts and figures which illustrate why we are all being done dirty by our State and University, but the conclusion to all of this is that our students need a Union leader who is fearless, a leader who is willing to stand up, fight in their corner, and confront senior management and government officials when tough decisions are being made. Our students deserve a leader who is passionate, compassionate and selfless. My track record, experience and dedication to various causes and student issues demonstrates that I will be an efficient and effective leader of your Union. I'm not here to further my career opportunities, to gain clout or make myself popular. I'm here to unionise and represent regular students who deserve better. I'm here to demand the democratisation of decision-making in our university.

"What we do is more important than what we say or what we say we believe"

What will I do first?

My no. 1 objective from day one when I assume office on June 1st will be to get a guarantee from the University and Government regarding a timeframe and plan for returning to campus. We cannot have a repeat of last year's fiasco where students were promised in person classes only to be quite literally turned away 3 days before the start of term, despite having paid fees, put down deposits and moved down to the city. All our students were hit hard by this decision taken at such short notice, but particularly first year students and international students who were suddenly left isolated from their family and friends in a brand new environment with little to no support from their new university. I will be seeking a guarantee from our university that we will not have a repeat of this. Students are sick of being treated like cash cows. Students deserve clarity and flexibility so that they can make plans in advance, have a sense of security

and certainty, and avoid wasting their time and money. A lack of such clarity and flexibility creates unnecessary distress which is the last thing we all need in the midst of a global pandemic.

What else will I focus on?

- Accessibility
- Accommodation & Housing
- Accountability & Transparency
- Education & Fees
- Engagement
- Ents
- Equality & Diversity
- Gaeilge & Cultúr
- Services & Resources
- Sustainability, Green Campus & Climate Action
- Welfare
- Your Union

Accessibility

People with disabilities are continually excluded from virtually every organisation and institution. In this day and age, with so many tools available to make things more accessible, this cannot go on.

I will:

- Work with the Communications & Engagement Officer and Disability Officer to ensure that SU content published is accessible, by for example:
 - Ensuring graphics used are accessible for students with visual impairments
 - Ensuring image descriptions are published alongside all image content published
 - Ensuring video content published includes closed captions
 - Creating audio versions of SU publications, for example recording an audio version of emails sent by the SU Executive
- Work with the Entertainment Officer and Disability Officer to ensure that SU events are accessible for students

- Work with the Education Officer and Disability Officer to lobby the University to ensure recording of lectures (Panopto) is mandatory once we return to in person teaching, by for example:
 - Working with staff unions to ensure staff intellectual property rights are adequately protected
 - Lobbying for increased resourcing and funding for the administration of Panopto
- Work to ensure that accessibility standards are met within the SU Council and Union

Accommodation & Housing

Accommodation and housing have become a crisis for students all over Ireland. Many students are increasingly having to work full or part-time jobs on top of their normal college week just to afford living costs, or are having to commute huge distances because they cannot afford decent accommodation.

In 2019, a survey by the Irish League of Credit Unions found that 55% of students surveyed reported skipping lectures to attend paid work, an increase of 22% since 2017. Rental increases are impinging on students' ability to commit themselves to their studies, and thereby creating a hidden academic division between the 74% of students who must work to cope with the costs, and the remaining 26% who don't.

This undoubtedly has a huge impact on a student's college experience, affecting both their academic work and social life which may have a knock on effect on one's mental health and wellbeing. On top of this, many students have the added stress of being in debt, and people are missing out on the opportunity to go to college in the first place because they cannot find suitable, affordable accommodation.

This cannot go on. Our students deserve better. Landlords and college accommodation services should no longer be allowed to charge extortionate prices for (often inadequate) accommodation and profit off the thousands of UCC students who need a roof over their heads.

I will:

- Relaunch the "Know Your Rights" campaign so students are aware of their tenant rights and how to enforce them

- Work alongside the USI to lobby the government for legislation on tenant rights for students living in Digs
- Build a strong relationship with the Community Action Tenants Union (CATU), bring representatives in for training and teaching effective strategy for dealing with landlords
- Lobby the government and university board to build publicly funded student accommodation
- Campaign for safe, secure, and affordable accommodation and housing for students
- Lobby the university to implement a system of differential rents where student rents reflect ability to pay for Campus Accommodation UCC
- Carry out the mandate which I wrote and passed at Student Council last year in the lead up to Occupy the Quad, mandating the Union to support rent strikes in UCC Campus Accommodation and to establish a campaign in opposition of increases in campus accommodation rent.

Accountability & Transparency

Accountability and transparency are integral parts of our Union. In order to ensure these are held up to the highest standard, I will:

- Establish a monthly or bi-monthly Town Hall which will serve as an opportunity for all students to voice their concerns or raise any issues with their Union
- Work with the Communications & Engagement Officer to create media content that updates students on a regular basis about what their Union and Officers have been up to
- Ensure that minutes from SU Executive fortnightly meetings are uploaded and readily available on the UCCSU website in a timely manner
- Ensure that minutes from SU Council are uploaded and readily available on the UCCSU website in a timely manner
- Ensure Officer Reports are readily available and easily accessible

Education & Fees

The student contribution charge of €3,000 paid by students in Ireland is the highest in the EU. Initially introduced as a €190 fee following the implementation of the Free Fees Initiative in 1996, the student contribution charge was intended to cover additional costs not covered by tuition, such as the provision of student services. However, over the past 20 years this charge has increased incrementally to a current rate of €3,000 per year. Whatsmore, our peers from

outside the EU who are not eligible for the Free Fees Initiative are expected to pay full tuition on top of this charge.

Since 2008 state funding of higher education has been on a steady decline, forcing higher education institutions to rely on private investment and students own back pockets in the form of the student contribution charge. This has not only threatened access to higher education, but also threatens the very nature and integrity of higher education itself. Our higher level institutions are increasingly being made to serve the needs of private industry, quantifying research and achievement as profit-oriented targets.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the total instability of this financial model, with an income loss of €348 million projected for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years across higher education institutions in Ireland. The reliance on non-public sources to fund higher education institutions cannot go on. As such, one of our main concerns as a Union should be to end the system whereby our universities are reliant on the student contribution charge, and to raise SUSI to the level of a living wage. Education is a right, not a privilege. For this reason, entry and contribution fees should be abolished, with a guarantee that funding to third level institutions will be increased to make up the loss.

I will:

- Work with senior management of UCC, the Irish University Association (IUA), and the Union of Students in Ireland (USI) to lobby the Irish Government to invest in our students
- Work to bring students affected by funding cuts to the forefront of the discussion about access to education by facilitating a dialogue between students and the IUA
- Work with the USI and Education Officer on the “Education For All” campaign and push for further radical action to be taken, with the end goal being to remove all barriers to accessing education
- Work with senior staff, the Education Officer, the Equality Working Group, and relevant student societies to ensure that UCC is implementing policy and infrastructure that facilitates equal access to education for working class students, students with disabilities, mature students, and students from other minority groups
- Work with the Education Officer to lobby the University to implement the No Academic Disadvantage Policy permanently. The system we had pre-covid in which students were penalised with repeat fees and capping at 40% does not foster a healthy learning

environment for our students and in the research I have done there does not seem to be any factual basis for adopting such a system as a means of motivating students to “work harder”.

Engagement

Being off campus and chronically online for the past year has seriously impacted the Unions usual avenues for engaging with students, and students' ability to engage with their Union. While I will be looking for a guarantee from our university and government about the plan for a return to campus when it is safe, I think it is also necessary for the Union to have contingency plans in place and adopt a blended approach to engaging with students where possible.

Over the past year, engagement has been a particular issue for students new to our university - i.e. first year students, international students and postgraduate students. Support services for many of these groups were not transitioned to an online environment, but instead were dissolved. Additionally, our university appears to have taken a somewhat decentralised approach, leaving it up to individual departments to facilitate class socials or engagement. If we are not returned to campus come September, I will:

- Push for support groups, such as those for international students, to be reinstated and facilitated in an online forum
- Push for a standardized system for departments to adopt so they can readily facilitate tea & coffee mornings, etc with classes from the get go online so students can get to know their peers in an informal environment
- Work with the Ents Officer and Class Reps to ensure we are delivering high quality and accessible online events and socials, be it online or in person
- Work with the Education Officer to improve training for Class Reps
- Run a “Know Your Union” Campaign at the beginning of the year for students to get to know their Officers and Representatives

Ents

I have a lot of experience organising and promoting events. Prior to coming to UCC I worked as a street performer & production coordinator with a puppetry company, and an events manager for a bar, so I'm no stranger to the technical ins and outs of the arts. During my time in UCC I have helped coordinate and organise probably over 100 events, as well as week long

collaborations such as Earth Week and Green Week across campus. I also have experience in organising large scale events such as the UCC Climate Conference which I launched in 2017 and am currently organising at the moment.

There is undeniably a lot of uncertainty around what the situation on campus will be next year, but I believe that my experience in organising both on campus and online events gives me the necessary skills to be able to support the Ents Officer in providing entertainment and events to our students and enhance your student experience.

I will:

- Work with the Ents Officer to organise social events and fundraisers during the year
- Work to ensure that all events are inclusive and accessible
- Work with Class Reps to facilitate social events for incoming 1st and 2nd year students to get to know their classmates
- Work to promote sustainable alternatives to be used at UCC events
- Promote social events where the emphasis is not on alcohol
- Work to promote and celebrate local artists and acts at UCC events

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Discrimination is prevalent in our society - whether it be in university, in school, in the workplace, when trying to access services such as healthcare and in the media or online. It manifests in many forms, from making “casual” jokes, to implicit bias, to explicit violence.

1 in 4 women in Ireland have experienced abuse at the hands of their partner. An OECD Report found that women in Ireland with a degree earn 28% less than their male counterparts. A European wide study in 2019 found that Ireland has one of the highest rates of workplace racism in the EU. 73% of LGBTQ+ secondary students surveyed in 2019 in Ireland said they feel unsafe at school. Only 1% of Irish Travellers go on to study in a higher education institution. Up until the the covid-19 pandemic hit, people with disabilities were often told there was no way for them to study or work from home - yet overnight our workplaces and universities all transitioned to exactly this because able bodied people deemed it necessary.

The list goes on in illustrating how marginalised groups are discriminated against by society and the economic system we live under. As an educational institution and a Union, we have a duty

to prevent and eradicate all forms of discrimination through the means of education, fostering an environment that is inclusive of marginalised groups and actively dismantling these systems of oppression.

I will:

- Work with the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Unit, Equality & Diversity Representative and other relevant Societies to develop a strategy for preventing and eradicating sexual assault & harassment, sexism, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia and ableism across our university
- Work to ensure our University is providing adequate specialised services and supports for students in marginalised groups
- Work with the Equality & Diversity Representative, the USI VP for Equality & Citizenship, and university staff to develop a strategy for decolonizing the curriculum and our institution as a whole
- Work with the Racial & Ethnic Minority Rights Representative to develop a campaign which centres and celebrates racial & ethnic minority students in UCC
- Work with the University of Sanctuary Committee, the Education Officer, and Fáilte Refugees to expand the Sanctuary Scholarship and provide support to refugee and asylum seeker students
- Explore ways we as a Union can encourage students from marginalized groups to run for positions within the Union

Gaeilge & Cultúr

I am committed to making Irish more visible and promoting its use by students both on and off campus. I will:

- Promote facilities and resources already available in UCC to learn and improve Irish such as activities in An Seomra Caidrimh and classes run by the Irish department.
- Establishment of recognition of contribution to student life and the promotion of Irish through an award or digital badge for students dedicated to the organisation of Irish language activities on campus.
- Improve bilingual signage around campus and lobby for the installation of Irish signs particularly in buildings such as the library which is visited by virtually all students.

- Investigate the feasibility of an Irish language café where services would be available to all students in Irish at a given hour or on a given day.
- Work with Oifigeach na Gaeilge, the Entertainment Officer and An Chuallacht to support and promote Seachtain na Gaeilge in UCC
- Work with Oifigeach na Gaeilge to establish a working group on the student council that will allow for bilingual motions to be submitted by students
- Ensure regular communication from the SU via email and social media through Irish.
- Work with the Entertainments Officer and societies such as An Chuallacht, Tradsoc and An Chumann Dramaíochta to develop and promote events such as “Pop-up Gaeltachts”, gigs, poetry readings and other events centred around the use of Irish.
- Organize lectures and workshops from experts on Irish language revival and establish a working group that will create a long-term strategy in order for UCCSU to become a truly bilingual space
- Lobby the government to pass the Official Languages Bill and support campaigns that promote the use of Irish nationwide

Services & Resources

There are many services and resources available to students both in and outside UCC. However, often students don't know about them. I will work with the Communications & Engagement Officer to ensure that the Union is effectively communicating what services and resources are available to students, such as mental health services, sexual health services, grinds, and so on. I would also like to create content around issues which are less talked about, such as what to do if you are sexually assaulted, or who to contact if you experience a crisis pregnancy.

Sustainability, Green Campus & Climate Action

Sustainability and Green Campus has become a central element of UCC's ethos and image. Anyone that knows me knows that I am no stranger to Green Campus, having previously Co-Chaired the committee in 2017/18, and currently sitting on the committee. I have had the opportunity to work closely with our university's Sustainability Officer, as well as other staff members in UCC, and over the last 3 years I have seen Green Campus grow hugely in its activity.

Last year I had the opportunity to give a workshop about climate action to primary and secondary school students who visited UCC as part of the 10 Year Anniversary of Green Campus. This year, I was involved in Build Back Better, the first climate assembly to ever be run by a university in Ireland, during which I facilitated a workshop about our universities procurement and contracts in relation to sustainability. Sounds boring, but procurement and contracts is an area which makes up our universities second largest carbon footprint, accounting for almost 20% of our emissions. I believe that as a public buyer, UCC has a social and environmental responsibility to ensure that our externally acquired goods and services are environmentally sound. While we have achieved a lot, however there is still so much to be done.

I will:

- Assist in developing our universities next Sustainability Strategy which is due to be renewed this year, and ensure that the findings from the 2021 Climate Assembly are integrated into this strategy
- Work with Green Campus and the Environmental & Sustainability Rep to run a Climate Assembly in 2022
- Work with the UCC Environmental Society and Green Campus to increase engagement in Green Week 2022, and promote Green Week events across the island of Ireland
- Continue to build a network between primary and secondary school Green Schools Committees and Green Campus, and run more workshops and outreach events with them
- Ensure that UCC is on track to maintain its pledge to go Single-Use Plastic Free by 2023
- Work towards making UCC carbon neutral by 2030
- Work with the UCC Procurement Officer and Sustainability Officer to develop a more environmentally sound Procurement Strategy
- Look into implementing a circular economic model into UCC by collaborating between the Environmental Research Institute, National Centre for the Circular Economy and the UCC Procurement Officer
- Push for greater student representation on the UCC Green Forum. Currently only one student sits on the board alongside the Communications & Engagement Officer.
- Work with the UCC Sustainability Officer and the SU Education Officer in obtaining Green Labs certification for the university's labs
- Work with Green Campus and the Commuter Officer to create a freshers pack to encourage students to cycle and use more sustainable forms of transportation

- Lobby the University to increase resources and funding for Buildings & Estates, the Sustainability Officer, and hire more staff to work in sustainability across the campus
- Lobby the University to end partnership and financing from vulture funds and businesses that are not sustainable

Climate action and sustainability are areas that I have been most engaged in over my life, and as an Environmental Scientist climate change is something I am very concerned about. I believe that my track record shows that I will have no problem with ensuring that the SU lives up to its mandate to be committed to supporting climate action both in and outside UCC. While we are lucky to be in a university with an active green campus, we must also engage in this issue at a local, national, and international level.

I will:

- Mobilise our students to take part in the Global Climate Strikes and support the School Strikers
- Work with the Sustainability Officer to ensure that a delegation of UCC students & staff are sent to COP 26 which will be hosted in Glasgow this year so UCC can engage in the issue at an international level.
- Lobby the local and national government to take action on the climate crisis and implement public green infrastructure
- Work with USI and other Student Unions to lobby the government to implement free public transport for students

Welfare

Mental Health

Our students mental health is of paramount importance and a major part of many of our day-to-day lives, and unfortunately today there is still a lot of stigma around mental health. This is an area that I will work closely with the Welfare Officer and Communications & Engagement Officer on to ensure we are delivering effective campaigns and providing support to our students. I will:

- Campaign to combat stigma associated with mental health
- Provide information on resources available to support students
- Expand Mental Health & Wellbeing Week

- Raise awareness about mental illnesses which are less talked about such as borderline personality disorder and bipolar disorder
- Lobby the university and UCC student health to put more investment into mental health services for students

Sexual Health

Sexual health is an important part of our overall health and wellbeing. Often sexual health is only associated with practicing safe sex so to avoid getting STIs or having a crisis pregnancy, but sexual health also includes other areas such as consent, sexual empowerment, and how to have healthy relationships. Whether you chose to have sex or abstain from sex, there is still a lot of stigma around the topic of sexual health and as well as financial barriers to obtaining contraception services. Additionally, sexual assault is prevalent in Ireland and in our universities, therefore it is important that our students are educated around the issue of consent.

I will:

- Lobby the University and UCC Student Health to provide the contraceptive pill for free
- Distribute information around STIs and encourage students who are sexually active to regularly get STI checks
- Push for mandatory consent classes for incoming students
- Work with the Welfare Officer and UCC Feminist Society to run a campaign around consent, as well as other issues such as sexual violence and harassment
- Expand Sexual Health & Awareness Guidance (SHAG) Week and put a greater focus on sexual empowerment
- Lobby the University and Director Student Experience to hire a staff member within Campus Watch specialised in responding to complaints pertaining to sexual assault and gender-based violence
- Work with USI and ISSU to lobby the government to radically transform our outdated sexual education curriculum, ensuring that conversations around consent, sexual empowerment, etc are happening early on in the education system

Menstrual Health

Menstrual health is often forgotten about in the discussion around health and sanitary products are a necessary yet expensive thing that many of us have to buy. I will work to distribute information about menstrual health and provide free sanitary products around campus for

students. I will also provide information to students about sanitary products which are not single use and have less of an environmental impact if they are looking for a more sustainable option.

Harm Reduction

Harm reduction is an approach which aims to reduce harm which may be caused by drugs and alcohol. A harm reduction has been shown to be more effective than other methods, such as criminalisation and fear mongering around drug and alcohol use. I believe it is important that if our students find themselves in a negative or crisis situation, they should be able to turn to us for support. While the Welfare Officer is responsible for student wellbeing, as your President I will work with them to promote harm reduction measures on campus by:

- Distributing information and educational material about harm reduction to students
- Working with SSDP to expand Drug Decriminalisation & Awareness Week
- Working with the Welfare Officer and SSDP to promote harm reduction based approaches to drug policy

Women's Welfare

Discussions around the prevalence of misogyny, gender based violence and women's welfare generally have been widespread in recent weeks. These discussions have revealed the disturbing reality of a misogynistic culture that has become so normalised in our society and the day-to-day lives of women. We need to keep up the momentum by continuing to fuel a strong discourse on combating these issues and ensuring sufficient support and services are in place for women. In addition to lobbying for free contraceptive pill from UCC Student Health, improved access and information to menstrual health, and lobbying for staff specialised in responding gender-based violence, I will:

- Work with organisations such as Women's Aid and the Sexual Violence Centre to ensure sufficient support services are in place for women in our university
- Work with the UCC Feminist Society to run a campaign around combating and dismantling the culture of misogyny and violence against women that is prevalent in our society

Men's Welfare

Addressing men's mental and physical health requires a focused and coordinated shift in the culture and stigma around men's health issues. Amongst other things, male suicide is endemic in this country, and many of us have been or know someone who has been affected by this.

I will:

- Work with the Welfare Officer to:
 - Continue the Movember campaign including clubs and societies, running campaigns during the month around men's health, including:
 - An awareness campaign around testicular cancer. Testicular cancer, while rare, is the most common cancer among 15-34 year olds, and if detected early, can be highly treatable
 - An awareness campaign around male suicide. Ireland has the 4th highest rate of male suicides for 15-24 year olds in Europe. As we have recently marked the year milestone of the first lockdown in Ireland, it is essential that we are reaching out to people and providing them with the resources and support to protect their mental health
 - Expand the UCC Men's Shed initiative, a space for men to come together, talk about their feelings and issues that affect them, with the objective of creating a culture of "peer support" where men feel like they can talk to their friends about once taboo issues of men's mental health
 - Raise awareness around the culture of toxic masculinity, how it affects our communities and the damage it can cause to both men and women. Toxic masculinity has been linked to higher rates of depression.

LGBTQ* Welfare

Today people in the LGBTQ+ community still experience discrimination in their day-to-day lives in the form of hate speech and violence, a lack of recognition of their sexuality and gender identity, a lack of support from their family because of their sexuality and gender identity, or more "subtly" in the language of their peers. Additionally, trans & non-binary people are often unable to access sufficient and affordable healthcare in Ireland.

I will:

- Work with the Equality Working Group and UCC LGBTQ Society to expand Trans & Non-Binary Awareness Week, as well as run a campaign to raise awareness around gender recognition and how to support your trans & non-binary friends
- Support campaigns, such as the “This is Me” campaign, which lobby the government to provide sufficient and free health care to trans & non-binary people in Ireland
- Work with UCC LGBTQ Society on their “Coming Out Week” to empower students who are struggling with their sexuality and gender identity
- Work with the Welfare Officer to promote rapid HIV screening
- Lobbying the government to allow MLM to be able to donate blood. This is a completely outdated regulation that is not backed by scientists and medical professionals, and should be removed

Your Union

College & Class Representatives

Our university has four distinct Colleges, and our students across these colleges and departments are not monolith. College and class reps act to represent the interests and specific needs of different students across our university, and we should be utilising this to strengthen the Union.

I will:

- Work with specific college & class reps on specific issues
 - For example, I would like to work to connect class reps of courses which require placement and work on building up a block of students from such courses to lobby for paid placement and greater protections for students when they are on placement. Over the last year, many of our students have worked on the frontline as part of their placements (e.g. nursing & midwifery students) and have not been adequately protected or compensated for their work
- Work with college & class reps which represent courses situated in satellite campuses to improve facilities and engagement with students in these campuses

Strengthening the Union beyond Student Politics

Students are workers. This is true both in the immediate sense of almost three quarters of students needing to work while in college and in the broader sense of a third level degree being

required to enter huge sections of the Irish workforce. The issues that students face must be understood as part of the fight for worker's rights.

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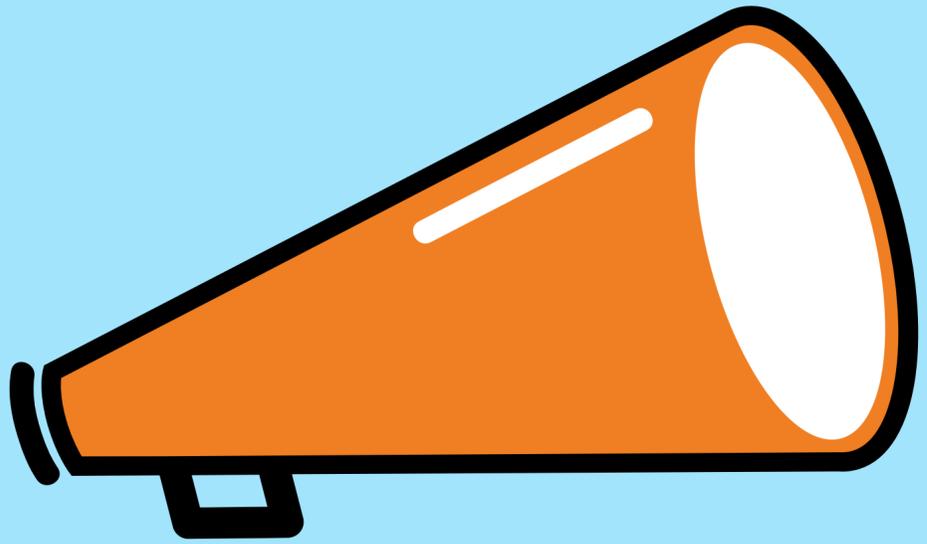
- Work to strengthen USI's existing relationships with trade unions and form new ones with other unions
- Build stronger links between the SU and college staff unions. I have already been in touch with the UCC SIPTU rep about this. It is extremely important that the SU forms strong links with trade unions, not only to protect our students' rights both now & when they graduate, but also to strengthen our Union by working with staff unions in achieving our common goals within our university.

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world.

And you have to do it all the time"

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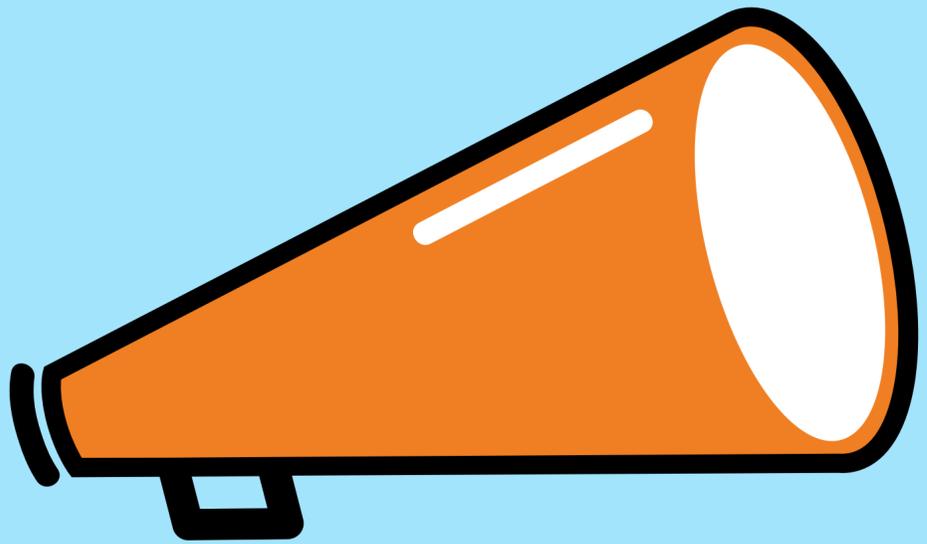
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