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**Forógra Toghcháin**

*Election Manifesto*

**Darragh Ó Caoimh – Iarrthóir d’Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir**

*Darragh Ó Caoimh - Candidate for Irish and Culture Officer*

Is mise Darragh Ó Caoimh. Is as Ceann Toirc i gCorcaigh ó dhúchas mé. Mac léinn

le Dlí agus le Gaeilge is ea mé agus trí bliana déanta anois agam beagnach. Táim i

lár an aonaigh ó thaobh na Gaeilge de ó tháinig mé go UCC in 2018 agus baint

agam le gach gné den teanga san ollscoil agus lasmuigh dhi leis. Má thugann tú do

vóta #1 dom geallaim go gcuirfidh mé mo chroí is m’anam isteach sa chúram, le

cabhair ón dtaithí ar fad atá agam agus na daoine gur chuireas aithne orthu.

*My name is Darragh Ó Caoimh. Born and raised in Kanturk, Co.Cork, I’m a third-*

*year Law & Irish student here in UCC. Since coming to college in 2018, I have been*

*at the heart of campus life as Gaeilge and I have been involved with every aspect of*

*the language both inside and outside the walls of UCC. If you give me your #1 vote, I*

*am committed to putting my heart and soul into the position, with all the experience I*

*have and the people I have met to assist me in honouring this commitment.*

Chónaíos in Áras Uí Thuama ar feadh an chéad dá bhliain den ollscoil. Lóistín

lánGhaeilge is ea an tÁras, agus chuireas aithne mhaith ar phobal na Gaeilge san

ollscoil le linn mo thréimhse ann. Táim ag aisteoireacht leis an gCumann

Drámaíochta le trí bliana anuas, agus tréimhsí curtha isteach ar choiste an

Chumainn sin agam. Toghadh mé mar Chathaoirleach na Cuallachta don bhliain

2019/2020. Bhí an-rath ar an gCuallacht an bhliain sin agus d’éirigh linn mórán a

bhaint amach. Go deimhin, bhaineamar duaiseanna náisiúnta ag Ardfheis Chonradh

na Gaeilge agus Comórtas Ghlór na nGael. Tá cairde agam ní hamháin in UCC ach

in ollscoileanna eile mórdtimpeall na tíre go léir tar éis na tréimhse sin. Tá dhá

bhliain caite agam chomh maith i mo bhall de Choiste Gnó Bhord na Gaeilge agus

aithne mhaith agam ar fhoireann Roinn na Gaeilge agus Ionad na Gaeilge

Labhartha, rud atá ríthábhachtach don phost seo dar liom.

*I lived in Áras Uí Thuama for my first and second year of college. The Áras in an all-*

*Irish-language accommodation scheme and I really got to know the university’s Irish*

*language community during my time there. I have been an actor with the Cumann*

*Drámaíochta for three years now, and I have been on that society’s committee*

*during that time. I was elected Chair of the Cuallacht for the 2019/2020 term. The*

*society was extremely successful that year, having achieved many of our aims and*

*more. We won national prizes at Conradh na Gaeilge’s Ardfheis and in the Glór na*

*Gael competition. I made great friends during this time, not only from UCC but from*

*universities all over the country. I have spent two years as a member of Coiste Gnó*

*Bhord na Gaeilge, the university’s Irish-language affairs committee, and have got to*

*know the staff at Roinn na Gaeilge and Ionad na Gaeilge Labhartha, experience I*

*believe to be crucial for this position.*

Tá dua agus dúthracht caite agam leis an nGaeilge lasmuigh den ollscoil chomh

maith. D’oibríos i gColáiste UISCE i Maigh Eo ceithre shamhradh as a chéile agus

thugas tamall i gCorca Dhuibhne i mbun ceannaireachta chomh maith. Toghadh mé

le déanaí ar Choiste Gnó Chonradh na Gaeilge, an eagraíocht náisiúnta Gaeilge.

Thugas tréimhse ag cruthú ábhar ar líne do “GaeltachtX”, togra de chuid Chonradh

na Gaeilge a cuireadh ar bun an samhradh seo caite ar Instagram. Bím ag scríobh

filíochta agus bhíos ar dhuine d’eagarthóirí na hirise Breac d’fhoilsigh an Chuallacht

agus Motley níos túisce an mhí seo.

M*y experience with Irish extends beyond UCC too. I spent four summers working as*

*a cinnire or leader in Coláiste UISCE in the Mayo Gaeltacht and most recently in*

*Corca Dhuibhne (West Kerry Gaeltacht). I was recently elected to Conradh na*

*Gaeilge’s Executive Committee, the national Irish-language organisation. I spent*

*time creating online content for “GaeltachtX” - a project run by Conradh na Gaeilge*

*last summer on Instagram. I am a poet and was one of the editors for Breac, the*

*magazine that was published by an Chuallacht and Motley earlier this month.*

Chabhródh an taithí seo ar fad agus an tuiscint atá agam ar phobal Gaeilge na

hollscoile go mór liom dá dtoghfaí mé. Tá fúm pobal UCC a thabhairt le chéile trí

Ghaeilge agus iarraim ort do vóta #1 a thabhairt dom ón 29 – 31 Márta.

*If elected, both my understanding of the Irish community in UCC and all of my*

*experiences to date will stand to me greatly. I want to bring the UCC community*

*together through Irish - an Ghaeilge - and I am asking you to please vote #1 for me*

*from 29 - 31 March.*

#LeChéileTríGhaeilge

Seo iad na clocha is mó a bheidh ar mo phaidrín má thugann tú VÓTA #1 dom;

⇒ Scéim nua teanga don ollscoil – ní raibh aon cheann nua ó 2006!

⇒ Café na Gaeilge a bhunú ar campus.

⇒ Ceachtanna Gaeilge a chur ar fáil do dhaltaí meánscoile faoi mhíbhuntáiste.

⇒ An iris Gaeilge Breac a dhéanamh buan bliantiúil.

⇒ Comórtas bréagchúirte a bhunú agus na comórtaisí díopóireachta a bhuanú.

⇒ Céilithe agus rince seite a dhéanamh ag Seachtain na bhFreisear, Seachtain na

nGiobal srl.

⇒ Bál na Gaeilge agus Seó Drag a chur ar siúl.

*The following will be my priorities if you give me your #1 VOTE;*

*⇒ A new language scheme for the University - there has not been an update*

*since 2006!*

*⇒ To establish a Café Gaeilge (Irish-language café) on campus.*

*⇒ To offer Irish classes for disadvantaged second-level students.*

*⇒ To make Breac magazine a permanent annual publication.*

*⇒ To establish a moot court competition and to make the debating competitions*

*a permanent fixture.*

*⇒ To organise a céilí and set dancing at events like Freshers and RAG week,*

*etc.*

*⇒ To have Bál na Gaeilge (Irish-language ball) and to hold a Drag Show as*

*Gaeilge.*

**Scéim Teanga nua a thabhairt isteach don Ollscoil.**

Tabharfaidh mé tús áite do réiteach scéim teanga don Ollscoil. An rud atá i gceist le

scéim teanga ná cur síos ar na seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí Gaeilge a chuirfidh an

ollscoil ar fáil do na mic léinn agus daoine eile. In 2006 a cuireadh an ceann

deireanach le chéile, cúig bliana déag ó shin! Tá géarghá le scéim nua chun feabhas

a chur ar chás na Gaeilge san ollscoil agus chun seirbhísí agus cearta teanga a

chinntiú.

***Introduce a New Irish-Language Scheme for the Univeristy***

*I will prioritise the creation of a new Irish-language scheme for the University. A*

*language scheme describes the services and supports for Irish that the University*

*will provide for students and for others. The previous scheme was set in 2006, 15*

*long years ago! A new scheme is crucial for Irish to thrive within the University and to*

*guarantee language rights and services.*

**Café na Gaeilge**

Cuirfidh mé tús le feachtas do ‘Café na Gaeilge’, faoi mar atá ag Ollscoil na

hÉireann, Gaillimh. Cé go mbíonn an Seomra Caidrimh san ORB ar fáil do mhic

léinn ag amanna faoi leith, teastaíonn áit a bheadh oscailte ar feadh an lae ar nós

The Coffee Dock. Áit a bhféadfá bualadh le do chairde agus Gaeilge a labhairt leo,

áit a labhrófaí Gaeilge leat is tú ag íoc.

***Irish Café***

*I will begin a campaign for ‘Café na Gaeilge’ similar to that of NUIG. Though the*

*Seomra Cairdrimh in the ORB is available to students at certain times, a place is*

*needed that would be open all day such as The Coffee Dock. This would be a place*

*to meet friends and to speak Irish with them, where you could speak Irish while*

*ordering and paying.*

**Meitheal na Gaeilge**

Bunóidh mé grúpa nó ‘meitheal’ daoine chun obair dheonach a dhéanamh i measc

an phobail. Tá mórán scoláirí Ardteiste agus daltaí meánscoile nach bhfuil

d’acmhainn acu íoc as ceachtanna Gaeilge nó ‘grinds’.

Ach is féidir linne beagán d’ár gcuid ama agus d’ár gcuid scileanna teanga a roinnt

leo chun lámh chúnta a tabhairt dóibh. Oibreoidh mé i gcomhar leis an Ollamh

Pádraig Ó Macháin chun é seo a chur i gcrích.

***Irish Academic Support Group for Secondary School Students***

*I will establish a group or a ‘meitheal’ to undertake volunteer work in the community.*

*Many Leaving Cert students cannot afford to pay for Irish lessons or grinds.*

*We, however, can share a little of our time and our language skills with them to help*

*support their learning. I will work with Prof. Pádraig Ó Macháin to achieve this.*

**Comórtais Díospóireachta agus Bréagchúirte**

Dhein an Chuallacht gaisce i mbliana agus chuireadar comórtas díospóireachta ar

bun den chéad uair le blianta. Cabhróidh mé leis an gCuallacht bonn níos láidre a

chur faoi seo agus imeacht buan bliantúil a dhéanamh de. Ina theannta sin,

reachtálfaidh mé bréagchúirt Gaeilge chun deis a thabhairt do mhic léinn dlí a gcuid

Gaeilge a chleachtadh, rud a chabhróidh leo ó thaobh fostaíochta de.

***Debating and Mooting Competitions***

*The Cuallacht delivered strongly this year by organising the first debate competition*

*in years. I will help the Cuallacht make this an annual event. I will also organise an*

*Irish-language moot court to give law students an opportunity to practice their Irish in*

*a way that will assist with vocational and employable skills development.*

**Iris Gaeilge**

Bhí sé de phribhléid agam a bheith ar dhuine d’eagarthóirí Breac, iris lán Ghaeilge a

d’fhoilsigh an Chuallcht an mhí seo i gcomhar le Motley. Ach tá baol ann nach

leanfaidh an obair sin ar aghaidh. Caithfimid foilseachán buanseasmhach a

dhéanamh de Breac, ar nós an UCC Express nó Motley, agus beidh mé ar mo chroí-

dícheall ag iarraidh é seo a bhaint amach.

***Irish Magazine***

*I had the privilege of being one of the editors of Breac, an Irish-language magazine*

*that was published this month by the Cuallacht in collaboration with Motley.*

*However, there is a risk that this work will come to an end. Breac must be made a*

*permanent publication similar to UCC Express or Motley, and I will work hard to*

*make this happen.*

**Rince seite**

Eagróidh mé céilithe ar campus agus ranganna damhsa do mhic léinn gur mhaith

triail a bhaint as cúpla steip, go háirithe le linn Seachtain na nGiobal, Seachtain na

bhFreisear, srl.

**S*et Dancing***

*I will organise céilís on campus (especially during RAG and Freshers) and dance*

*lessons for students wishing to try a shtep!*

**Bál na Gaeilge, Seó Drag, agus Imeachtaí eile.**

Ba bheag nár éirigh liom féin agus coiste na Cuallachta Bál na Gaeilge a chur ar siúl

anuraidh ach d’fhág dúnadh tobann na hollscoile ar 12 Márta nach bhféadfaimis é a

chur ar siúl an oíche sin. Tuigim nach raibh Bál Gaeilge ann ó 2016! Déanfaidh mé

mo sheacht míle dícheall é a eagrú in 2021. Oibreoidh mé as lámha a chéile leis an

gCuallacht agus leis an gCumann Drámaíochta chun na himeachtaí seo agus eile a

reachtáil.

***Bál na Gaeilge, Drag Show and other events.***

*Myself and the Cuallacht committee were very close to having Bál na Gaeilge last*

*year, but the sudden closure of the University on March 12 due to Covid-19 resulted*

*in the event being cancelled for that very night! I am painfully aware that a ball has*

*not occurred since 2016. I will work my very hardest to organise this in 2021. I will*

*work hand in hand with the Cuallacht and with the Cumann Drámaíochta to organise*

*these and other events.*