



Natasha for Environmental and Sustainability Representative Manifesto

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About Me

My name is Natasha, I'm 21 and I use she/her pronouns

I am a 3rd year Law (Clinical) student

I am born and bred in West Cork (sure where else would you want to be from!)

My Experience

- **Chairperson, UCC International Development Society, 2021-2022**
- **OCM, UCC International Development Society, 2020-2021, 2019-2020**
- **Class Representative, UCCSU, 2020-2021**
- **'Keep It Real' Campaign Ambassador, 2020-2021**
- **Debate Adjudicator, Concern Worldwide, 2019-Present**



My Experience

- **Co-Chair, Clonakilty Community Youth Centre, 2016-Present**
- **Advisory Panel Member, Stand.ie, 2021-Present**
- **Youth Ambassador, The ONE Campaign, 2020-2021**
- **Action Panel Member, Spunout.ie, 2018-2021**
- **Concern Debates All Ireland-Champion 2017**



Why would I like the role?

Throughout my time in UCC, I have learnt the true meaning of **community spirit**. Getting involved in societies allowed me to pursue my interest in International Development while also learning new skills and meeting new people.

I believe that this opportunity would allow me to take what I have learnt through my **experience** and bring it to a **leadership role** with **passion, determination and confidence**.

My Aims

- **Accessibility**

Sustainability needs to be accessible be it financially, socially or otherwise and I would hope to encourage this as much as possible through open dialogue.

- **Think Global, Act Local**

My extensive knowledge and commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) has encouraged me to look at the wider picture while also focusing on what we can do here in UCC. I would like to encourage this going forward through workshops and otherwise.

- **SDG Toolkit**

I would ensure that the SDG Toolkit is being utilized in each sector of UCC.

I would like to hold drop-in sessions and group meetings with the various college representatives and class representatives to gauge their feedback on where they believe the SDG's could be incorporated further.



- **Climate Assembly**



I would like to build on the hard work of this years Environmental and Sustainability Representative by ensuring the continuation of the Climate Assembly. I would like to open this to a wider population to ensure universality and diversity and hold 'mini' assemblies throughout the year.

- **Climate Misinformation**

Climate misinformation and indeed disinformation is a huge issue. I would like to liaise with various UCC Societies and the Communications and Engagement Officer to produce various infographics to combat this issue.



- **Green Week**

Green Week has become an integral part of UCC culture and I intend to build on this. I would hope to encourage more society events and external guests.



- **Build Back Better**

I would work with various UCC groups to ensure that the Build Back Better findings are implemented where possible in the most sustainable ways.

In this regard, I would implement a strategy to ensure that the Union also does its upmost to meet its obligations.

- **Plastic Free UCC**



I will lobby UCC governing bodies to adhere to their aim of being plastic-free by 2023.

- **Biodiversity**

I will campaign for more green spaces throughout campus while also encouraging care for the ones we already have. This will allow diverse species of plant to flourish.

I will encourage the planting of flowers which are high in pollen thus ensuring our bee population remains high.



• **Transport**

I will encourage both staff and students alike to use more sustainable measures of transport.

Where this is not possible, I will endeavour to set up a central carpool system.



• COP26

Having held an organisational role within the COP26 UCC Conference, I will ensure transparency around the findings and work closely with those involved to ensure the findings can be implemented.





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