

# TARA FOR ENTS



Hello! My name is Tara Coughlan and I want to be your Entertainments Officer for the UCC Student's Union for the 2020/21 academic year.

I am a final year English student. I believe that with my extensive experience and passion for this sector, I will give UCC students a voice and provide the entertainment and organisation that is wanted and needed.

I am currently completing my third year on the UCC Ents Crew and I am one of the longest standing members. Through the Ents Crew, I have worked closely with the Entertainments Officers of the past. Therefore, I have a unique insight into the way the job works, what is needed to be successful and also what obstacles may arise. I have vast experience in planning and carrying out events on small and larger scales such as Raise and Give week and the Arts Ball.

I have been involved in charitable work with the Student's Union ever since I entered UCC. I have a passion for the entertainment industry and hold the experience required to do this job very well.

I have been a rep for a nightclub in Cork City for the last year. This job has taught me skills in engaging with people, especially students and acts. I have experience in booking parties and managing groups of people which will benefit the role of Entertainments Officer. This job has also taught me how to use social media platforms to promote events.

**#JazzywithTazzy**

# What I Want To Do

## Large Scale Event

I plan to hold an event, exclusively for the students of UCC, on a large scale during my year as Entertainments Officer. I plan on holding this event in an open-air venue such as Irish Independent Park. At this event, I would showcase big acts that UCC students are actually interested in seeing, as well as local Cork entertainers and musicians. It would be amazing to also include the societies and clubs of UCC in this event to help with their causes and to also raise money for charity through this.

## Jazz With Taz

Jazz Weekend is one of Cork's busiest and most renowned weekends of the year. I want to involve UCC in this more, and therefore I'd like to run Jazz with Taz, where I showcase our own jazz talents as a college, but also incorporate the local talent and venues. A UCC Jazz Fest on the horizon #JazzywithTazzy

## Student Surveys before Events

I am planning on engaging directly with all of the students in UCC in this role. I would like to create student surveys before each event week I organise, such as Freshers Week and Raise and Give Week, so that I can find out exactly what all students are interested in doing and seeing, and so that everyone feels included and has a say in their entertainment sector.

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## **Raise & Give Week back on Campus**

I passionately want to bring the iconic buzz of RAG week back to the campuses of UCC. This would mean working with local businesses and companies to bring different events, stalls and activities to the students. I plan to increase the number of events during the days of this week, so that there is constant entertainment and charitable activities happening during this important time. I will include the satellite campuses in RAG week more, so that the community spirit and raising money for charities is felt all over UCC. I plan on putting music and food stalls on the satellite campuses. It is vital that every student feels included. It is also a priority of mine to promote and raise for the selected charities throughout the college term, and I would like to keep this buzz on campuses throughout the year, not just RAG week. #watchthisspace #internationalacts

## **Monthly Events - Tazzy Tuesdays**

As part of my initiative to have more, regular events running for students throughout the college year, I want to introduce a series of events that take place once a month, on a Tuesday for instance, that vary in entertainment each time. This could be a dance music day festival in the Devere hall, karaoke, sports day with the college etc. I want to reach a section of students who may feel they are not getting anything from the dance music entertainments in the college.

## **New Student Hub**

I want to use UCC's new student hub and its facilities to hold events for the college. This newly launched, beautiful building would be perfect for interactive events and activities, including talks and charitable events.

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## **Alcohol Free Events**

I have plans to increase the number of fun, alcohol-free events during my term. This will ensure that everyone in UCC will feel included, whether it is a daytime or night event. Examples of this would include collaborations with societies and clubs, to bring their events to a larger scale. I would like to use this position to encourage others to engage with the amazing facilities and activities UCC can provide. I would also love to include this in 1st year ents rep training.

## **Community Involvement and Student Safety**

As the Entertainments Officer, I will make community involvement a priority of mine. It is vital that the community around UCC and Cork City is respected and would therefore make sure that all events stay within safety and lawful guidelines. I will also make it a priority to liaise with the student community support group. Student safety is a top priority of mine, so I would love to work with the rest of the Union to fulfil these promises of safety and enjoyment. I am also committed to making entertainment at UCC as clean and environmentally friendly as possible to promote a cleaner campus environment

## **Social Media Awareness Series**

Something I plan on creating is a social media awareness series of talks/discussions. This topic is extremely important to me as currently, the affect of social media can get the better of people. I would like to invite speakers throughout the year who are notable and who promote social media wellbeing and awareness to speak to students on this issue. This could be expanded into a way of raising money for the Raise and Give charities. This series would be heavily promoted and would include competitions and prizes.

# Thank You!

Thank you very much for reading my manifesto! I know that with my ambition and experience, I would fulfil the role of Entertainments Officer to the best of my ability and I am determined to carry out every point of my manifesto with this valuable experience. Please vote Tara Coughlan #1 for Ents on the 9th, 10th and 11th of March 2020. #JazzywithTazzy

