

# About me

Hi there, my name's Alex Dunne and I'm running to be the next Arts Humanities College Officer. I'm 20 in my Second Year as a History and Archaeology student. I'm from Wicklow town where the only thing to do is look at rocks, so I fit right into Archaeology! Aside from my college work I love to cook and bake, I'm also an avid rower and even got the chance to represent Ireland in the 2023 World Rowing Championships!

I decided to run for this position after getting involved with the SU earlier this year as a History class rep. From this experience I've gained a great deal of insight from those around me and felt like this would be a great way to give back to the community here at UCD. I hope I can help make the College of A&H a safer space for all students to share their issues and concerns in a space where the community rises up to help them!

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# My Manifesto

## The Newman Building

I believe that the current maintenance and state of the Newman building is inadequate and frankly rather poor. When The Newman building was initially designed, it was meant to be constantly expanded and renovated to meet evolving standards and demands as this is the reason for its modular structure.

However since the 1980s this dream of expansion and improvement has died. While the Newman Building may have been satisfactory for the Students of 1984, it does not meet the expectations of current students who are studying in some of the premier arts and humanities courses in the country in a supposedly world class university. Thus I'm looking to acquire several updates and a greater level of maintenance for the Newman Building.

## Accessibility and Disabled Access

The Newman building's disabled access and general accessibility is inadequate for a modern University building. The Lecture Theatres in Newman offer a limited space in the furthest back part of the theatre, separating people with disabilities from their classmates, as well as that the steep short steps of the theatres prevent anyone who may not be wheelchair bound from safely taking a seat. I intend to work with students and staff to ensure Newman become accessible and safe for all students to engage with all types of activities in the College of Arts and Humanities!

## Social and Seating Areas

Currently in Newman there is a major lack of seating available for students, as well as a lack of space for social activities. I aim to procure more seating to be placed throughout Newman as well as further developing popular parts of Newman into areas for socialising and to provide societies a space for events!

## Campaign against alternative assessment due to AI

Over the last year the impact and extent to which generative AI has become accessible has led to much distress throughout the academic community, with fear for potential cheating.

This has led many module coordinators to direct their assessment away from essays towards written examinations, however these changes are often implemented without any student consultation. I believe that a sudden and swift change into examinations and alternative assessments in Arts and Humanities courses aren't reflective of years of past degrees and essay assessments. I intend to campaign with students against implementation of alternatives and to ensure the consultation of students regarding the changes made to the assessment of modules!