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BREAKING BARRIERS AND BUILDING BRIDGES

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# ABOUT ME!

My name is Daniel Devey and I'm a second-year History and Archaeology student and I am campaigning to be your new Entertainments Officer. I have spent the last year volunteering for the SU in helping with the organisation of events in both Belfield and Smurfit campuses and I have noticed that UCD is a shell of itself in the period Post-Covid, it has begun to lose its identity when it comes to entertainment.

## Why me?

Due to a cost-of-living crisis students are currently facing an unfair amount of pressure to focus primarily on their studies and thus many both national and international students, under and post-graduate, finding or having found it difficult to integrate. I want students to have a say for how their social life should be run and overhaul UCD's Social Life! I want students to feel represented and have their voice heard when it comes to events, regardless of age, race, course, under or post-graduate and it will be my commitment to fight for you and have your opinion heard. I will ensure there is an event for everyone to enjoy.

Myself having been a victim of this reclusion and isolated college lifestyle when I first arrived here in September of 2021, I want to ensure that this happens to no one, I want to help people break their barriers and build bridges with one another. I will fight to give students a college life that they can look back upon and smile at with happy memories and friends for life.

# MY Manifesto

**INTEGRATION & INCLUSION** - UCD is comprised of  $\frac{1}{3}$  international students, the base of which have come here to want to connect and discover campus and Irish culture. Since the pandemic's impact along with the Cost-of-Living increasing bitterly through the last few years. The college has put more pressure on students to over-focus on their career paths - UCD has lost its sense of integration and students rarely get a chance to get involved in extracurriculars and get to know their peers. Many international students I have spoken to don't get enough of a chance to integrate and truly get to know UCD Social Life for what it can be or the Dublin that so many previous generations got to see. That is why I'm determined to set the record straight and prioritise international and national combined student events so that UCD can have a strong, intellectual and mixed experience where lifetime connections and friendships are made.

**REWINDING THE CLOCK, RECONSTRUCTION & REBIRTH** - Incoming, undergraduate and post-graduate students should be given the fun college life they deserve, Post-Covid, the pandemic took away many years and the campus has not lived up to its potential when it comes to social events since Pre-Covid. I want to give all students regardless of age the opportunity to make up for lost time while still possible. (Rewinding the clock). It is a firm belief of mine that students should have a say over their own social life in college, events should be a focal point of student life and a way to let loose from the pressures of studying. I want to represent all students when it comes to this and overhaul and reconstruct UCD's social life. Whether it be a beer pong tournament, a doughnut eating contest, speed friending, coffee mornings, movie nights, disco/boiler room parties, I will ensure there is an event for all students to enjoy. (Reconstruction and Rebirth).

The usage of Building 71 : The student bar is the last of 5 bars remaining on campus and shows that college social life is losing its identity and fading, the availability and usage of Building 71. I want to be part of the process of its revival as a competent social space for students.

**BREAKING BARRIERS & BUILDING BRIDGES** - Whatever any events that might be held, their intention is to be sporadic, spontaneous and spread across campus, the root of the events should be about breaking barriers and building bridges between people. Bringing people closer together. Lecturer addressing permissions ; lecturers are too protective over student integration, the classroom should be one of the primary locations for interaction among peers, if we don't have any other alternatives, once in a blue moon a lecturer should permit the SU to give lecture addresses more freely. Connecting colleges e.g Quinn, Science, Law, Sutherland, Newman. As with many other universities, colleges are a sign of distinction amongst different student cohorts and degrees. It is always important we respect the boundaries of said schools however recently we have lost our connection to these colleges and their fluidity has been impacted amongst the student body, therefore alongside other candidates who wish the same outcome : I want to connect all colleges on a common ground for mutual entertainment and events. HOW WILL THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED? :

Liaising and coordinating with staff of each college on matters regarding entertainment and belonging.

#### **HERE'S WHAT I WANT :**

- Regular Nights in the Atrium, whether it be a boiler room, beer pong contests, UV light parties, quiz nights and much more.
- Repurposing of vacant spaces in university for socialising and future events.
- Collaborations with the Clubhouse and the village on events..
- Collaborations with the Smurfit campus, I believe they have not been prioritised as much as the Belfield campus and should not be further neglected.
- I want to make structured and entrenched events that students can expect on a regular basis.
- Too many of our supposed events are sporadic, disorganised in our calendar and too unexpected, I want to plan and organise them in due time to ensure as many attendees with consistent communication between the SU and the student body.