

Housing

- I want to lobby for updates on the building of the A, B and C village blocks as the demand for on-campus accommodation is high. With both Irish and international students struggling to find accommodation, **more on campus accommodation could help with those numbers.**
- Following on from that, I want to work with the C&E officer to **address the costs of on-campus accommodation** and **find out why the prices are so high** considering it is student accommodation.
- I also want to **continue** with the work on the accommodation report that began last year, and continue engaging students of all ages to give feedback on the current housing crisis as it is affecting **everyone.**

ABOUT ME



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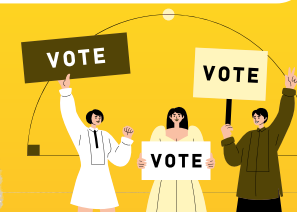
Hi! My name is Shauna (she/her), and I'm a 21 year old final student in English and Sociology! I wanted to run for welfare this year as through my experience with the SU this year as non-alcoholic events officer, and from sitting on council, I've noticed that there is a lot lacking, and I feel like I would be a good fit for the position, as I actively want to make the university experience as easy as I possibly can for current and incoming students. I'm currently the Diversity and Inclusions Officer for Dramsoc. Disability access is very important to me as someone with invisible disabilities, and I really strive towards making UCD a better place for all. I love chatting with people and want students to know that I'll always be there to provide support and just be a friendly face to interact with!

Vote Shauna #1 for Welfare

Voting:
2nd-4th
April



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Physical, Mental, and sexual health

- Working in collaboration with Healthy UCD to provide safe ways of learning about physical health and taking care of yourself. I will also be seeking to **remove** the calorie counter signs on the vending machines on campus.
- Working with the next SU president and C+E officer in conjunction with the health services to show students what the health services offer, and to discuss the long waitlists for counselling to see if there is a potential to better this and create a system that ensures all students get the help they need, so demand for counselling on campus can be **resolved**.
- **Encouraging** students to be sexually healthy and safe. The SU offers free condoms and lube, and I would like to work with the next C&E officer and SH24 to inform students through talks and workshops about SH24's free STI kits, how to order one, how to use it, and **what to do** if you test positive for an STI.
- Reintroducing panels and workshops on sexual health and **inclusive** sexual education.
- Introduce talks and confidential discussion spaces on **what happens** when you find out you are pregnant; how to go about getting an abortion in Ireland, how much it costs, the process and the aftercare.
- Continuing the work on trans healthcare that this year's welfare officer has established, and hopefully expanding it.

Harm Reduction

- Harm reduction is something that I find very important. I will work to introduce more discussion spaces, talks, panels, and educational workshops based around harm reduction and drug use as the use of drugs has spiked particularly among the student population. If we can't prevent it, we can do our best to make sure that everyone is **safe** and **informed** on what they are taking.
- I want to **reintroduce** the HSE's 'start low go slow' ideals back onto campus to ensure that if students use drugs, they do so safely.

Student Wellbeing

- I believe student wellbeing is **heavily** impacted by coursework. Therefore, I want to work with the next education officer and Teaching and Learning to utilise **universal design methods**, and to continue encouraging lecturers to provide alternative or shared notes if they do not wish to give out their own.
- Working with mature students to make sure that **everyone** feels included is also a priority for me, as everyone should enjoy their time in UCD and feel welcomed.
- I want to throw **fun events**, as welfare is not just about dealing with the serious parts of your experience as a student, it's also about enjoying your time here and getting the most out of University life. I'd aim to throw picnic days, games nights, potentially off-campus trips as well provided interest is there.
- Working with the next graduate officer to **reintroduce** welfare to Smurfit campus through presence and coordinated events.
- Introducing **informational talks** for all students who go on placements/on internships: what to expect, and so on!

Disability access

- Addressing Newman lecture halls and how they are **inaccessible** for disabled students and lecturers, and pushing for **renovation** of these areas to create accessibility.
- The introduction of a sensory room, **already an established idea** that I have discussed with the student centre manager, that would be active twice a week. During this, I will be looking for a **permanent** place to establish a sensory room/wind down area, ideally in collaboration with EDI, ALL and the neurodiversity working group.
- Working **with** the gym and pool to inform current and incoming students of the facilities and features that they offer to disabled students, and to look into the swim and gym coaches receiving training on working with physically disabled students.
- Looking into the potential of introducing **autism and ADHD diagnosis opportunities and education** on campus.