

WHO IS TIA CULLEN?

- My name is Tia, I'm a stage 3 General Nursing student from Cork and I'm 21 years old.
- I'm the current SU Health Science College Officer and the Vice-Chair of the INMO Student Section.
- I have been a Class Rep and a Peer Mentor.
- I have received the UCD President's Award and a Gold Volunteering Award from UCD in the Community.
- I came to UCD through the HEAR pathway and am a Cothrom na Féinne Scholar.



WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR TIA?

- The Education role is a varied one. YOU need someone who can be detail orientated on policies and passionate when representing students. I don't and I won't back down from fights when your education is at stake.
- I know what it's like to work while studying, and the difficulty in trying to balance academics with other commitments and personal circumstances.
- I have shown that I have a strong voice and knowledge of the issues that affect students when I've gone toe to toe with academics on committees.
- The experience I have gained through my various student representative roles has developed my institutional knowledge and skills immensely, and therefore makes me the best candidate to be YOUR next Education Officer.

TIA CULLEN FOR EDUCATION

It's Tia
Time



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VOTING
OPEN APRIL
2ND, 3RD
& 4TH

ON CAMPUS
AND ONLINE



ACCESSIBILITY

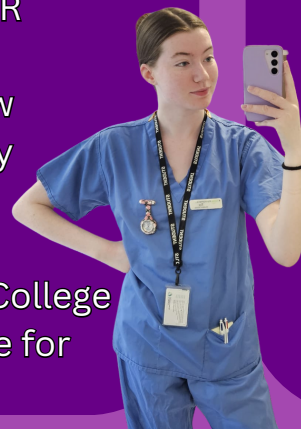
- Fight for wider use of lecture recordings to make education more accessible. Jobs, long commutes, accommodation issues, caring or parenting responsibilities, and financial struggles affect students ability to access campus consistently.
- Increase supports for students who enter UCD through access routes, those with disabilities and students who return from leaves of absence. UCD is a 'University for ALL', however, there is not adequate supports for students who entered through 'non-traditional' routes or may require added supports.
- Push for improved supports for students on clinical placements, internships and for incoming and outgoing Erasmus students. Students can feel unsupported and disconnected from UCD; we need to change this through adequate promotion of the available supports.



POLICY WORK

UCD Policies are too long, confusing and complicated!

- I will produce simplified guides on policies that affect students the most, to empower YOU to make more informed decisions about YOUR education.
- Work with the University to ensure the new extenuating circumstances policy is clearly communicated to students in an easy to understand student guide.
- Provide policy training to Class Reps and College Officers to give them the tools to advocate for their Constituents on a local level.



COST OF EDUCATION

The cost of living and accommodation crisis is an education issue, not solely a welfare one. It hinders students' ability to access education and flourish in University, and the financial supports currently available to students are not sufficient.

- Push to increase and simplify the financial supports in UCD.
- Lobby government for a SUSI review & overhaul.
- Work to extend SUSI to graduate entry courses.
- Campaign for the reduction of fees on a national level, including international and graduate entry fees.
- Work with schools and the library to reduce the need for and cost of mandatory purchasing of books.

ENGAGEMENT

Education is often seen as a 'behind-the-scenes' role. I want to increase visibility and approachability through attending SU events; in-person outreach by bringing education to the students through town halls, workshops, panel discussions, talks and school-specific events.

- Host exam info sessions and academic workshops.
- Organise education related events, including trade union week, clinical uniform sale and collaborate with societies, student interest groups and faculty on events.
- Support UCDBDS and Academics for Palestine. I will fight in committees and bring policy proposals to cut all academic ties to Israeli Universities.