Shane Falvey FOR Vice President For The Southern Region

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It's with great pride that I'm a candidate for the position of Union of Students in Ireland (USI) Vice President for the Southern Region at this year’s congress.

I believe in the students of the South, I believe in the students of this island, I believe in each and every one of you reading this statement. I believe that together we can work to build a stronger Ireland; one which values third level education, an Ireland which adequately funds education and treasures it.

I have had the great honour of being a student representative for the past three years in Cork Institute of Technology Students’ Union, having served one term as Vice President Education and currently I’m in my second term as SU President.

I began my involvement in the student movement as a first year student and have had the privilege of representing students in various forums ever since. As well as my experience as a Students’ Union sabbatical officer, I have four years Class Representative experience, and society involvement.

 In 2014, I founded the CIT Cancer Society, and if you like, built it up with a team from nothing. I’m proud to say the society is going from strength to strength to this day. Setting up the society thought me an awful lot, lessons I carry with me to this day. Most of all that if you have belief in a cause and can get others behind it you will be successful. Having sat on the USI Campaigns sub-committee this year, I believe there’s a lot of work to do on a regional level in terms of campaigns and effectively communicating what USI does, this is a challenge I would prosper. #TogetherWeAreStronger

I believe I have the knowledge, experience and people skills to carry out this role to the very best of my ability. Students of the South, a vote for me I promise will not be a vote in vain.

I have the same passion for representing students that I've always had. I believe in the power of the student voice as much as ever and I would be honoured to have the opportunity to work with the students and Students' Union teams of the South on creating positive change and shaping the future of third level education in this country, as well as contributing to USI as an organisation. #Falv4TheSouth #Shane4USI

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