

# ROISIN O'DONOVAN

FOR THE POSITION, OF  
VICE PRESIDENT OF WELFARE FOR USI



Union of Students in Ireland  
Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn



# MENTAL HEALTH

- Run a USI Mental health conference or 'Think tank' so that we can get student activists who are passionate about mental health in one room to discuss different issues surround mental health in third level such as men's mental health, suicide and lack of support services on campuses
- Build on existing partners and develop new ones with mental health organisations
- Secure funding for mental health projects and continue to lobby the government for the €58 million investment needed in mental health and counselling services
- Do a national photo opportunity on World Mental health day getting all Student Unions' involved for a strong and united message
- Review, Develop and expand on the new USI Re-Charge campaign and the +Connections app so it can reach more colleges

# SEXUAL HEALTH, CONSENT AND ABORTION

- Highlight Abortion information in all SHAG Campaigns
- Continue engaging with the Joint Oireachtas committee on the National Consent framework
- Assist NUS-USI and USI officer board in legalising both abortion and same sex marriage in the North of Ireland





# ACCOMMODATION AND FINANCE

- Undertake a review of the Residential Tenancy Board accommodation and finance booklets
- Develop on USI's and SUSI's relationship
- Set up a 'Students For Housing' network of activists
- Lobby to restore SUSI non-adjacent rates and Student assistance fund back to 2011 / 2012 allowances

# ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- Update the USI website with useful information
- Do a national campaign around drugs and alcohol



# THE WELFARE OF WELFARE OFFICERS

- Communication should be ongoing outside of national council, I would like to deliver Bi-weekly updates to welfare officers
- Welfare officers need training that's relevant and up to date
- Allocate time for welfare officers to discuss casework at national council in a closed and safe space
- Ensure that all welfare officers have sufficient annual leave / time in lieu policies
- Encourage welfare officers to ask questions at National council and working groups



# EXPERIENCES

## WHY VOTE FOR ME? #GOFORRO



- Two-year welfare officer for DITSU which includes working on multiple campuses, 10 other elected officers and staff representing 20,000 students
- USI Mental Health Advisory Committee member
- USI Student For Choice task force committee member
- USI Campaigns Sub committee members
- Co-Founder of the first ever DIT Mental Health Society
- DIT LGBTQ+ Society committee member
- President of the DIT Societies Forum
- Volunteering Chairperson of the DIT Societies Forum
- Two-term student DITSU councilor
- Two-term class rep
- Runner-Up for Best Individual BICS



## SOME OF MY SUCCESSES IN DITSU HAVE BEEN:

- Securing funding from Please Talk Mental Health Organisation
- Securing funding for facilities issues in TU Dublin
- Creating the first Constitution for TU Dublin Students' Union with colleagues in Tallaght SU and Blanchardstown SU
- Working with TU Dublin to roll-out consent classes to 4,500 first year students at orientations in September 2019
- Being heavily involved in The Repeal The 8th campaign and leading a plebiscite open to all students
- Lobbied for the implementation of gender neutral bathrooms in TU Dublin City Campuses

# GET IN TOUCH!

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