

# VOTE SIOBHÁN MCGUIRE NO 1 FOR USI LGBT RIGHTS OFFICER



## **About Siobhán**

Siobhán is a 21 year old International Arts student studying Italian and German from Dublin. She is currently the Auditor of the LGBT Society in UCD, the second largest in the country. As Auditor Siobhán has increased the membership of the Society significantly and has successfully made this year's society the biggest it has ever been. Furthermore she has been actively involved in both local and national LGBT campaigns since the age of 14 and has a vast amount of experience in areas such as homophobic bullying particularly in education, LGBT mental health and the fight for full civil marriage. She is incredibly passionate about LGBT rights and will always do the

## **Siobhán's Experience**

- Youth Facilitator with BeLonG To Youth Project. She was involved in the Stop Homophobic Bullying campaign. Being a youth facilitator involved running sessions and facilitating the groups meetings along with planning events, workshops and other activities.
- Lesbian Arts Festival (aLAF) Committee 2007/8
- Gay Prom Organising Committee
- Various media appearances for BeLonG To, LGBT noise and Marriage Equality
- UCD LGBT Society Committee member 2008/09
- UCD LGBT Society Committee Auditor 2009/10. Siobhán has expanded the society to make it the biggest it has ever been. She is in charge of everything that happens from events to workshops etc. She has worked to a very high standard along with those on her committee and has proven her interpersonal skills to be very good.

- UCD Equality Working Group 2009/10. She has worked with the welfare officer, womens officer etc to improve equality for everyone on campus by organising campaigns and working to improve any inequalities that arise on campus such as bullying of LGBT students.
- UCD Student Union Council 2009/10
- UCD Societies Council 2009/10
- UCD Societies finance Committee 2009/10

## Campaigns for the year

- I will work with the USI Welfare Officer to promote a Positive Health Campaign for LGBT students encompassing both mental health and sexual health as these areas are not looked at enough.
- I will continue on from the stellar work this year's LGBT RO has done on furthering the campaign for full Civil Marriage by working closely with the organisations fighting for introduction of this fundamental right such as Marriage Equality and LGBT Noise who I have in the past worked with.
- I plan to organise a semi-formal meeting of all LGBT Society auditors and LGBT ROs in September so that they know each other and can support each other from then on while they are in office.
- I will work with BeLonG To Youth Project to provide a database of information for young people who use their service so they will know people and groups in each of our C.Os if they attend them.
- Work with all Constituent Organisations to ensure each has an LGBT Rights Officer or equivalent.
- Work closely with the C.Os Welfare Officers to ensure they are trained and comfortable in dealing with LGBT students concerns and issues particularly coming-out.
- Build relationships with relevant college societies where appropriate to further the LGBT Campaign and support them with important resources.
- I will encourage more C.Os to run more intervarsity LGBT events other than Pink Training so that their students can meet other LGBT people from all over Ireland or their province as often as physically possible.
- I will work closely on trans issues as the previous two LGBT ROs have done in order to further the improvement of the lives of trans people in Ireland.

## Pink Training

- This year's Pink Training was excellently put together and run, I hope to build on this and hopefully reach even more students.
- My big hope is to have more workshops on coming out and not just people sitting in a room chatting but I hope to have Parent's Support (the support group for parents of LGBT people) give at least one talk on what they have gathered about how parents and families deal with a loved one coming out. Very many people despite being out to their friends and peers are still not out at home. It is essential that they are supported in taking that huge step.
- I hope to focus more on Bi and Trans issues through talks and workshops as still a lot of LGB people are very unaware of trans issues and how to support someone who is trans.

**If elected, Siobhán will do everything in her power to work tirelessly as USI LGBT Rights Officer. She has a tonne of experience working for LGBT rights and networking with those organisations who work for LGBT rights. She is passionate about promoting equality for everyone and will endeavour to represent USI with impeccable professionalism and she would be very very proud to serve in this position and to continue in the footsteps of those who have served as LGBT RO before her and done excellent work.**

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