

# **Brian Jordan**

## **contested position: President**

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### **Introduction**

Hey everyone! My name is Brian Jordan and I'm running to be your next President of TU Dublin's Student's Union. As well as being a final year Nutraceuticals student, and Chairperson of TU Dublin's LGBTQ Society (3 years running), I'm also your current College Officer for Central Quad (2 years running). I've been both a student and involved in the Union since my first day at TU Dublin (when we were known as DIT, ITT, and ITB), and I've experienced what every other student has: a complete overhaul in our university's identity, a global pandemic, and far, far too many online lectures.

Despite this immense adversity, I've fought for students every step of the way. Whether it was student engagement (100% school reps elected for Central Quad), student events (LGBTQ society hosting puppy rooms, petrol go-karting and ice-skating), fundraising for mental health (Movember alone raised €1150) or student facilities (lobbying for changing facilities for culinary arts), I've done everything I can to make the student experience better.

But I'm not done. I am absolutely nowhere near done. My work so far has been limited to the campuses that I was elected to represent. But I know that I can improve the student experience for every single student in TU Dublin. I'm talking about all 28,000 students across Tallaght, City and Blanchardstown campus. I know that many of you feel unrepresented, and you feel like your campuses aren't engaged. So let me help. Elect me as your next President of TU Dublin's Student Union, and let me use my years of experience as a fellow student, Society Chairperson and SU officer, to make student life across ALL of our campuses, something memorable.

### **Experience:**

#### **Student Union**

- Central Quad College officer (2 years)
- Student Councillor (4 years)
- School Representative (1 year)
- Class Representative (4 years)
- TUDSU TV Article Writing (Mental Health, Homophobia, Accessibility)

#### **Society Work**

- LGBTQ Chairperson (3 years)
- Mental Health Society (1 year)
- LEAD Award (100+ Hours Volunteering)

## **Miscellaneous**

- **Barista at Starbucks (3 years)**
- **Customer Experience Leader at McDonald's (3 years)**
- **Extensive Charity Work (Charity shops, Fundraising)**
- **Suicide Prevention Training**

## **Experience Summary**

**I know how the Union works, how to organise and run events (that students want), how to work in a team and be a leader (award-winning society), how to encourage diversity and inclusion and how to make college memorable for students. I've also worked in both McDonald's and Starbucks (3 years each), and I know how impossible it is for working students trying to pay for college, insane rent prices, and innumerable other expenses. Finally, I know what it's like to be a student trapped behind a screen for two years. I know what it's like to be a student; so let me use my experience to help you.**

## **My Priorities:**

### **Events and Engagement**

**One of the most significant issues facing students is the lack of events; and without events, we lack engagement. The pandemic was awful, online events weren't ideal, and as a result, our campuses feel 'dead'. That's where I come in. I've spent the last four years running events; I ran 100+ society events during the pandemic, and now that we can have events in person again, I've been involved with organising puppy rooms, rock-climbing, tag rugby sessions, ice skating, rollerblading, escape rooms, karaoke rooms and so, so much more. I know how to work in a team to make events happen. And I've seen first-hand the difference it makes with student engagement. But my events with the LGBTQ society only have so much reach. ALL students, whether you're in Tallaght, Blanchardstown, Bolton, Aungier or Grangegorman, should get the opportunity to be engaged; so let me help.**

### **Student Facilities**

**Something that every single student knows all too well about; the poor student facilities across all TU Dublin campuses. Whether it be Bolton Street (chairs broken, leaks everywhere), Grangegorman (lack of gender neutral bathrooms, subpar changing facilities, a significant lack of bins everywhere) or Tallaght (building leaks, broken elevators and lab equipment) to name just a FEW, we can see a trend. Students facilities are not being addressed. If we compare ourselves to the likes of other Dublin universities, I think we can also see just how behind we are. Our students deserve better resources across all three campuses, so that we have the same opportunities other colleges have; so let me help.**

## **Student Union Structure**

**Something that I feel passionately about is student money. Students pay inordinate amounts just to study in TU. So the absolute least they deserve is an efficient Student's Union. Currently however, our Union haemorrhages money on an Officer Structure that does not properly represent students. I want to ensure next year, after extensive feedback from students, that a referendum is allowed to be voted upon by ALL students, which will mean we spend less money on officers, and more on events, engagement and campaigns. The current structure means our Union is divided. We should be united; so let me help.**

## **Why me?**

**You've seen how passionate I am and you've seen my qualifications. I want to end my time here at TU Dublin by ensuring all students get to experience what I have - an unforgettable college experience.**

**So vote for me, Brian Jordan, on the 29-31st March!**



**Brian Jordan for TU Dublin President**

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