

## Manifesto

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**Course:** Human Nutrition and Dietetics (DT223 - Year 4)

**Position Contested:** Vice President for Education

## Election Manifesto

My name is Rebecca Gorman, I am a 4th year human nutrition and dietetics student and I am running to be your Vice President for Education in DITSU. I have extensive experience in the Students' Union as well as in other aspects of student life in DIT. I am a member of the Student Council, where I have put forward motions and policies that benefit students. I was a School Rep of biological sciences, where I was the link between the class reps, college officer and head of school. I was also involved in the Ents, Welfare and Promo crews in DITSU.

I had a great experience as a student here in DIT, but there were some challenges along the way. My main focus is to make the journey smoother for other students. I want to advocate on your behalf as well as encourage students to get involved and make the changes you want to see in DIT. My experience, passion for student life and my extremely accurate bullsh\*t detector are what makes me the best candidate for the job, and why I would love to represent you as your VP for Education.

## Experience

- 2 Years a Student Councillor – Voted 'Best Female Newcomer'
- School Rep of Biological Sciences
- Awarded the Vice President for Education Award for advocacy work for my course
- Elected committee member to societies- Nutrition (Promotional Officer), Mental Health (PRO) and Art and Design Society (Secretary)
- Ents, Welfare and Promo Crew in DITSU
- Super nerd for politics, learning and having voices heard.

## My Goals

- Work to improve the library service
  - Lobby to increase opening hours around exam time, and promote all services available to students.
  - The suitability of the Grangegorman library is an ongoing issue, and I want to ensure there is effective communication from DIT about this matter and share this with students.
- Expand the Peer Mentoring Programme in DIT
  - Some courses offer a Peer Mentoring Programme for their students. I will investigate the feasibility of having a peer mentoring programme in place for all courses. I aim to develop relations between different years of similar courses to encourage communication and provide mutual support, so new students adjust to a new environment and navigate college life more easily.

- Promote the importance of student feedback on courses and modules
  - The feedback system on all aspects of academic courses is currently being examined and re-vamped. There is a huge need to give feedback in order to shape your course and improve it, and I want to encourage this among all students.
  
- Class Rep Recruitment
  - Electing class reps is hugely important, but numbers remain low year on year. When class reps aren't elected, a huge chunk of the student voice is lost. I aim to have class rep recruitment to over 90% (with 100% recruitment for full-time courses) and assist college officers in this aim. These class reps will be trained fully with a high quality overnight training and continual support during each semester.
  
- Advocate for current students
  - As the VERY gradual move to Grangegorman continues, the students who remain on city campuses still deserve the highest quality of education provision. I will aim to have your voices heard at the highest levels of DIT and nationally to ensure current students are not left behind.
  
- TU4D Representation
  - The Technological University Bill has been passed through the Dáil this year, and DIT, IT Tallaght and IT Blanchardstown will soon be merging. A strong, experienced voice is required to lead the way for students during this uncertain time, and I will be there to ensure the best interests of students are communicated to these institutions.

These are some key aims, but they are just the beginning. I want to hear your ideas, your issues, and what you think I should be doing as your representative. If you have a problem I can help with, I will aim to fix it. Students in DIT deserve to realise their potential, and I want to play a role in ensuring you can achieve this.

I am ambitious, passionate, enthusiastic and also running out of adjectives. You can trust me to have DIT students' interests at heart, and I will work my ass off on your behalf to change things.

It will be an absolute honour to be elected your Vice President for Education 2018/19.

Voting takes place 27th February- 1st March - Please get out there and vote to show who you want to represent you in your student union.

**Vote #1 GORMAN**