



## About Me

My name is Damien McClean. I am a final year maths student and I am running to be your welfare officer. It's not out of the blue. I have been involved with the SU since my first year, organising welfare campaigns, being the LGBT Rights Officer and fighting for marriage equality, gender recognition rights and inclusion policies in the college. As citizenship officer this year, I have worked with the disability services, mature students, postgraduates and student parents.

I am a global room student ambassador, working to integrate international students and link them with student services, like the counselling service, accommodation services and support services.

I would not have been able to make it through my course without the support of college services and students in Trinity, and I want to help you to feel more included in the college. For me, the welfare role is so important for students in need. By voting for me, you are trusting me to be the person who will fight for your inclusion in college, and to best support you throughout your degree.

## Accommodation

I want to fight for suitable accommodation in the long term, whilst also alleviating current stress. I promise that I will inform college faculty of the urgency of this issue, and also of what you actually need from your accommodation.

I want college to provide suitable accommodation by making it more physically accessible, having options to share with all genders, and having communal areas for events.

### Reserved Accommodation

I want to partner with private student residences with a view to reserving places for Trinity students.

### Reviewed Accommodation

Finding a safe and suitable place to live in Dublin is hugely stressful for incoming students. I want to review popular student residences in advance so that we can save students time and make them feel better prepared when choosing accommodation.

### Find a House

I want to provide students with the option to be paired with other students for house-sharing, based on similar interests so that their first experience of Dublin is a fun and sociable one.

## Representation

### Safety on campus

Campus can feel unsafe in at certain times. I want to push for increased security on campus, such as extra lighting in currently unlit areas.

### Expansion of campus of accessibility

Trinity is inaccessible for too many students. I want to work with the disability service and maintenance to make campus an easier place to navigate.

### Mapping of College Supports

I want students to be aware of the supports that Trinity can provide, and how open and accepting our campus is. I want to make a guide for incoming LGBTQ students, detailing how they can best enjoy their time here and feel safe and welcome.

### Staff training

I want to campaign for staff to be well trained in inclusivity and respect in teaching. I want to work with college to ensure that they respect you, your name and pronouns.

## Looking After You

### Exam Relaxation Spaces

I want to make space for relaxation spaces (both on campus and near exam centres). I want to make the gym more accessible during exams through discounted gym classes. I want to set up a gym buddy system up for some gym therapy in your free time, so you can find a gym buddy with a similar study schedule to you.

### Access hours

House 6 is embarrassingly inaccessible. I want to provide regular 'Accessibility hours' on campus where I will be free to meet you in an accessible area.

### safeTalk & ASIST trainings

I want to equip students with suicide awareness training to help reduce the risk among your friend group, as well as training committees who deal with welfare cases. I want you to feel safer in situations where a trained professional might not be on hand.

### Study Balance Campaign

We can get overwhelmed trying to manage our studies, as well as partake in 20 societies and keep your social life going. I want to run a campaign based on achieving your best in your studies in conjunction with your other pursuits, and not feeling guilty if you aren't the highest achiever in the class. You deserve to feel proud of the work you have put in!

### Rapid HIV testing

Outside organisations can provide HIV checks within seconds; compared to a two week wait for standard bloodtests. I want to bring them onto campus on a regular basis so you can look after your sexual health.

### Walk-home Campaign

Often, we can feel unsafe walking home, especially alone. I want to run a campaign encouraging students to have someone they can tell when they are going home, when they should be home and to be at hand if they're feeling uneasy.

