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## MANDATE

### **Active Engagement with the 'Fridays for Future' Protests**

Submitted by: Green Campus Senator (Aoife Hynes)

Seconded by: Independent Senator (Seán Masterson)

#### **Student Senate notes:**

The 'Fridays for Future' protests are an important and useful tool to combat the Climate Crisis. Protests are an engaging and community driven avenue for getting our concerns heard on the issue of the Climate Crisis. By joining with the various Schools in the town of Maynooth on this key issue we won't just play a part in fighting the Climate Crisis we will also strengthen the bond between Maynooth Students' Union (MSU) and the community of Maynooth.

#### **Student Senate further notes:**

Article 3.11 of the MSU Constitution 2019 states the following, "It [MSU] shall endeavour in particular to actively pursue good relations within and with the local community and to promote the message of respecting one's university town amongst the student body."

By working with the local community on such a universal issue we would continuously develop our good relations with the local community of Maynooth.

#### **Student Senate further notes:**

Article 3.12 of the MSU Constitution 2019 states the following, "It [MSU] shall endeavour in particular to improve its environmental sustainability performance and to actively encourage the University and wider community to follow suit for the benefit of the student body and community now and in the future."

Joining the enthusiastic and driven activists from the local area would be an effective way to work to fulfil this aim of our Unions Constitution.

#### **Student Senate therefore mandates:**

That the VP for Clubs, Societies, and Student Engagement shall contact the primary and post-primary schools in Maynooth that participate in the 'Fridays for Future' protests before the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2019 and communicate with them to ascertain what times and place the schools protest each Friday.

#### **Student Senate further mandates:**

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That the VP for Clubs, Societies, and Student Engagement shall ensure that MSU promotes the 'Fridays for Future' protests weekly on MSU's social media accounts and MSU's website, with the aim of gathering further support from the wider student body.

**Student Senate further mandates:**

That the VP for Clubs, Societies, and Student Engagement shall ensure that at least one member of the Executive shall attend the 'Fridays for Future' protests with the local schools in the town of Maynooth every Friday that a school is protesting in Maynooth, starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November at the latest.

**Student Senate further mandates:**

That the entire Executive shall actively support and engage with the VP for Clubs, Societies, and Student Engagement in the fulfilment of this mandate.