

MANIFESTO- ACE

The origin behind the message is to continue the work of my first campaign manifesto as it was constructed as a two-year plan. The first year focused on installing some foundations to the categories and support the initiatives. The second year is to finalise or accelerate the current work of the year.

A- Accommodation

Many students will have seen that AMLÉ's VP for the Dublin Region organised a protest regarding student accommodation rates across the Dublin region. While we, as officers, strongly believe that Maynooth University students should be included in these discussions as we have seen that students face similar accommodation challenges, we were unable to formally participate.

If elected, I intend to replicate a similar position paper specifically for Maynooth University students, as our accommodation issues are unique and deserve focused attention. I will work alongside the BMW Officer in AMLÉ to present this paper to local councillors and the community council, with the aim of lobbying government representatives to address this growing crisis in a meaningful way.

C- Community

Last year, much of my work centred around the MSU-AMLMN Student Pantry, particularly improving its day-to-day operations. Previously, the Pantry operated on fixed opening hours and was restocked weekly. However, after engaging with students, many expressed that these hours did not suit their schedules, limiting accessibility.

To address this, we introduced a pre-order system, allowing students to order items in advance and collect them at a convenient time. During the second semester, we continued this system while also reintroducing a weekly grab-and-go service to provide greater flexibility.

While the QR ordering system works well for staple, non-perishable items, it does not adequately highlight products with limited stock, such as sanitary products, cleaning supplies, and hygiene essentials. Currently, these can only be requested as additional items or students can come and collect them in person.

To address this, I will continue working closely with university departments to secure additional support and donations, ensuring that essential hygiene products become permanent staple items within our inventory. I also aim to explore the introduction of student staff roles within the Pantry, allowing it to open more frequently. At present, it falls under the remit of the VP Student Life and the Environmental Officer, so additional staffing would significantly increase accessibility and impact.

E- Engagement

This year, student engagement has been incredibly positive, and I've had the opportunity to connect with so many of you. However, I believe we could do more to showcase the full scope of the Union's work. The Union is not solely about events and campaigns. Despite the number of

campaigns and events we host. However, officers also undertake extensive policy work, proposals, and strategic planning behind the scenes.

Alongside continuing the Good Morning Maynooth video series, I would like to introduce regular Instagram updates whether it be bi-monthly or once per semester. This will work to highlight the work officers have done in organising events, drafting policy papers, and representing students.

I also plan to continue bringing food trucks onto campus. This initiative not only provides students with greater variety but also offers opportunities to experience different cultures and cuisines.

In terms of commerce, I want to work with the internal staff to create a commercial agreement that can give more clarity to vendors and other companies that wish to partner with us by outlining pricing and discounts deals to students.