

1. Building a stronger, more accountable Students' Union.

Maynooth Students' Union / Aontas Mac Léinn Mhá Nuad, has been operating for too long by addressing issues as they arise rather than resolving the underlying structural challenges that create them. This approach may allow for the Union to continue functioning in the short-term; ultimately it can limit its effectiveness for students in the long-term.

If elected as President, I want to take the time to review and strengthen the Union's democratic and accountability structures. By improving the internal operations of the Union, we can ensure that it functions more efficiently, transparently, and sustainably.

This will allow the Union to better represent students, respond to their needs, and ensure that the work done by each officer contributes to long-term progress rather than short-term solutions.

2. Long-term strategy for student issues.

Issues such as parking, transport, and accommodation affect students every single day. Although these concerns are raised annually by Sabbatical Officer Teams, the progress made can be difficult to maintain as each full-time team comes into office. Each year brings new initiatives, plans, and areas of focus, meaning that it is easy for work to be lost or forgotten about as each team comes in.

I want to develop a clear strategic plan for the Union, ensuring that work on major student issues continues consistently from one officer team to the next. This means building on previous progress rather than starting from scratch every year.

By establishing long-term goals and clearer strategies, we can ensure that the Union continues to push for meaningful improvements that benefit students across the university.

3. Increasing accessibility and transparency.

Many students are unaware of the work that their elected representatives are doing on their behalf. While some matters must remain confidential, students deserve to know how their Union is advocating for them and what progress is being made.

If elected, I want to make sure that the Students' Union is more transparent, accessible, and easier for students to engage with.

One way that I plan to do this is through introducing dedicated social media platforms for each full-time officer, allowing students to:

- Stay informed about the meetings and work that their representatives are involved in.
- Follow updates on specific campaigns and areas of responsibility.
- Ask questions and raise concerns with specific officers easily.
- Access information and resources related to each officer's remit.

This will aid in helping students to engage directly with the issues that they care about, whilst simultaneously strengthening the connection between the students and their Union.

4. Strengthening representation for SPPU Students.

Maynooth Students' Union / Aontas Mac Léinn Mhá Nuad, represents students from both Maynooth University (MU) and St Patrick's Pontifical University (SPPU). However, many SPPU students feel disconnected from the Union and its activities.

If elected, I want to ensure that SPPU students feel equally represented, included, and supported by the Union. Working alongside our SPPU Faculty Convenor and SPPU Senator, I aim to:

- Increase engagement with SPPU students through targeted outreach events.
- Ensure that SPPU students are included in Union campaigns and activities.
- Strengthen communication with SPPU staff so that the Union can better understand and respond to the needs of their students.

The Students' Union should be a space where every student feels represented and supported, regardless of which university they study within.