

My Manifesto

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Eoin Connolly for
Secretary



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Why I'm Running:

I'm passionate about student issues and want to do my part for this union. I'm running for Secretary as it's the role that I can do best. This role will allow me to help with the smooth running of the NSE while providing advice on issues I'm interested in and knowledgeable on.

Relevant Experience:

I've done various relevant activities that make me right for this role. Within school I've done Debating, Philosophy, MUN and Global Schools, while outside of school I'm currently Secretary of Limerick Comhairle na nÓg. In all of these I've engaged in and convened debates on important issues, I want to do that here, because this time I can have a real and significant impact for my peers.

What I Want To Do For This Role

- **Transparency + Accessibility:** I will work with the new disability officer to implement the new accessibility guidelines on publications under my remit. Minutes of NSE meetings haven't been published in 7 months, I will get this back on track.
- **Advisory role:** My interests and experience will allow me to provide effective support to my fellow officers, While I will maintain impartiality in my technical duties I will give honest advice when appropriate and seek to make our actions the best they can be.
- **Organisation:** I want to use my organisational skills to improve the smooth running of the NSE and help guide the transition back to some in-person meetings. The past year the pandemic has forced us to do things differently in ISSU, now, as restrictions hopefully ease, we will have to adapt once again, deciding how meetings will be done this year, potentially doing a mix of in-person and online meetings.

Some Issues/Campaigns I Want to Work On

- **LC-2022:** If elected I will be in 6th year for my term so I will obviously have a vested interest in this. With the controversy surrounding LC 2020 and concerns for future exams, I want to serve my peers and do my best to safeguard our immediate future.
- **Disability+SEN:** I want to help the new Disability Officer with their work, especially pertaining to neurodiverse students. I was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome/ADHD when I was 5, and I want to help in whatever way I can. Recently highlighted issues such as geographical/class disparity in access to SEN and HSE dossiers on children with Autism have been especially close to my heart.