

TENI SHITTU

FOR PRESIDENT

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WHO AM I?

Hi! My name is Teni Shittu, I'm studying Law and I'm from Offaly. I'm running to be your next JCR President! I hope to continue to make Trinity Halls a safe, fun and welcoming environment for all incoming first years ©

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

Living in halls over the last year has been the best experience I could have possibly imagined. From meeting some of my closest friends to attending some of my favourite events, the culture and lifestyle here is second to none. I want to make sure that every anxious 1st year that walks through the gates eventually finds their feet and experiences the amazing community here. I think that my outgoing and caring personality will shine through in introducing 1st years to college lifestyle and I want to ensure that the atmosphere is as inclusive and welcoming as possible, catering as much as possible to everyone's needs.

EXPERIENCE

European Youth Parliament Core-Organiser & Chairperson (2020-)

As a member of the voluntary organisation since I was 15, I've worked with thousands of young people both in Ireland and in different European countries to promote current issues and encourage the youth to speak on current affairs and political issues, while developing my social and interpersonal skills and overall making me a much more open and confident person and think these qualities make me an excellent candidate for the position.

JCR Ents Committee Member (2021)

Joining the Ents Committee has been such a valuable experience. I'm a social person and love nights out and helping to choose themes and encouraging people to attend was the highlight of the job. I hope to bring this experience to the role if you elect me as your next JCR President. I intend to work closely with the ents officer to ensure all our events are inclusive to those with similar interest and leave you with amazing memories of halls.

Development Education Committee Chairperson (2019-2021)

Being selected the youngest ever Chairperson of my school's Development Education Committee is one of my highest achievements to date. We spoke on sustainability, environmentalism, racial and poverty issues and each year composed a list of potential solutions to these issues which were brought forth in national conferences. The position allowed me to learn to communicate effectively with a team, delegate, share ideas and work together to achieve our goals. I believe that these skills are directly transferrable to the position of JCR President and I know that if elected I will put my heart into the role to ensure that halls continues to be one of the best college memories that 1st years have.

MANIFESTO: 10E'S TOP TEN

1. Welcome Booklets

I want to enhance the welcome booklets for first years by adding sections on safety in Dublin, important contact information, night life, leap card info, things you need to sort out in your first few weeks etc to settle nerves on moving away from home and generally all info for your first few weeks of college.

I intend to look into being able to collect student leap cards from halls to make life easier for incoming students

2. Freshers Events

Working closely alongside the ents officer, freshers events are something I really want to ensure everyone can benefit from. I want to emulate the Trinity Ents Freshers events in having events that may not necessarily just be drinking based to ensure everyone can participate. I also want to hold events that bring together different cultures and nationalities such as an Afro-Caribbean group, LGBT+ groups etc to make all new residents feel included and comfortable in halls.

3. Extra Requests

Many residents have made it clear that a significant issue they've had is being unable to request a second fridge or even recycling bins. It's no surprise that flats with up to 7 people will be tight for storage and I hope to make fridges, microwaves, bins etc. available on request (subject to availability).

4. Sanitary and Sexual Health Products

I want to continue with the sanitary and sexual health products left in the baskets of each floor in every building. I also would like to introduce menstrual cups as part of the baskets to help promote sustainability into different aspects of halls life.

5. Free Drug Tests

With the increase in spiking over the last year, I know how important it is for us to stay safe on nights out, both girls and boys. I want to work with TCDSU to introduce free at-home drug testing kits for all halls resident so that they can keep safe after nights out.

6. Oldham House

Moving forward from Covid-19, I want to utilise Oldham House more as an event venue. I'd want to make it more of a social meeting spot and hold events in it such as table tennis tournaments and movie nights. I'd also like to open up more rooms of Oldham house as study spaces as I know how much halls residents have valued it as a library space closer than campus, getting new desks, comfier spaces and the ability to avail of the computers.

7. Drink Awareness

In addition to the drug testing, I want to ensure that all halls residents know how to keep safe on nights out especially when alcohol is involved. I'd like to assemble information packets as well as organise workshops on how to stay safe and what to do in cases of vulnerability with alcohol related incidences.

8. Counselling in Halls

Mental health services in college are of paramount importance and I think it's essential that these services are readily available in halls. I want to make sure information on the weekly student counselling services available in halls are widely available for residents to find. I also want to work alongside the welfare officer to introduce stress-reduction workshops and skills that all students can use to help them with day-to-day college life. I know first-hand the college student counselling can be incredibly useful and I would love to bring its benefits to halls.

9. Residents and the JCR

I want to promote a friendly relationship between halls residents and JCR committee members. Moving to college is a nerve-wracking and new experience and the JCR is here to help support the transition. I want JCR office hours to be widely known and made use of as well as residents not being shy to drop us a text if they need anything. I want to facilitate a relaxed atmosphere and ensure that residents view us as their confidants not their superiors.

10. Residents and the Wardens

It is essential for the daily running of halls that a positive relationship exist between the Wardens and the residents. I want to promote and publicise the rules and fines including quiet hours, explanation of warden meetings, etc. to ensure a harmonious relationship exists in halls. A mutually respectful relationship between the residents and wardens is something I want to enforce, and I intend to discuss this with the wardens in the upcoming year.