

# Manifesto

## Trinity Hall VP/Treasurer

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### Who am I?

Hello! My name is Saul McCarthy. I'm currently studying Physical Sciences and I would love to be your next JCR Vice President and Treasurer.

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### Why Vote Saul?

Coming from a rural area in Westport, Mayo (about as far from Dublin as you can get in Ireland) I understand and certainly have experienced the difficulty and homesickness attached to moving to Dublin, and how daunting the idea of living in accommodation with 900 other people can be. I also understand the financial stress that living in Dublin can cause and as treasurer would love to help and show people how to be more financially stable while living in Trinity Hall. I have had an amazing year in Dublin and I hope to help the first proper year without Covid to have the best year of their lives. Plus my film camera takes the best pictures in Halls so people are going to want me around...

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### Experience

I certainly believe that I have amassed enough experience to be the next VP/Treasurer in the Trinity Hall JCR. It is a role that involves being able to show leadership ability (while still not being afraid to have orders given and jobs delegated to me), work well with money and to be able to work in high pressure scenarios. My experience is as follows.

**Bank Manager of my School Bank:** In secondary school I took the role of manager in my school bank. This was chosen by interview and the bank ran smoothly, using my ability to manage funds and work in a team.

**Stage Manager of School Play:** In this role I had to run and manage a play that was performed in front of hundreds over a series of nights. I had to work under pressure while managing others and being part of a team. This also enhanced and challenged my ability to communicate between multiple different parties, something that is important as VP.

**Coached Football Teams:** I coached multiple GAA and soccer teams in secondary school as well as club GAA teams. Being put in these roles improved my leadership and communication skills.

**Budgeted in Dublin:** During the past year I have paid for accommodation myself while maintaining a job in Dublin. This has meant I have had to budget my own money stringently and I hope to do this to a high standard next year as treasurer.

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## What I hope to achieve

**Create a more sustainable Halls:** In this past year one of the few things that I could have asked to have is a more sustainable manner of living. As someone who strongly believes in saving our planet and is a strict vegetarian, this is extremely important to me. There are a number of ways in which I hope this can be implemented. The first thing is the supplying of compost bins in each apartment. Anything that can be composted should be and I feel like residents would be much more likely to compost if a bin is provided. Another way in which this can be achieved is to encourage the turning off of lights and appliances. If you simply walk around Trinity Hall any time you will see a number of empty kitchens and corridors with lights on and in apartments appliances are left on. I feel like it is important that this is stopped to create a greener Halls.

**Free drug testing:** Considering the amount of people that are currently being spiked when out I feel it's important that we create a safer environment. One thing I believe could be brought in is free drug testing for residents who think that they have been spiked when out. Along with this I think it is important to continue on the current JCR's work and have year round information on what to do if you think you or a friend has been spiked. It is important to educate residents on these matters as many people come from rural communities where this may not have posed a threat to them before.

**An enjoyable, safe Freshers week:** A proper freshers week hasn't been held for two years now and it looks like this year will be the first. This can be an exciting time for some, nerve-racking for others and tiring for all. This year I would like to make sure that there are all manner of events in Trinity Hall that can make the arrival as fun as possible while making sure all new residents are safe. I hope to help make these events inclusive for all.

**Provide financial advice to students:** In the coming year I believe it is important that new residents get financial advice. One of the scariest things about Dublin for me was definitely the cost of living. As treasurer I will ensure that any students struggling will receive as much help as can be provided. At a time where cost of living is rising daily we must ensure that students can manage their finances well.

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I hope that all of you reading this will feel excited at what I hope to achieve in this role next year. It is important that everyone who comes through Trinity Hall has the best possible experience and I will work to make sure that is exactly what happens. I aspire to give as much as I possibly can to every resident if voted as VP/Treasurer!