HANNAH BRENNAN BRENNAN

BORDER, MIDLANDS and WESTERN REGION

Dia Daoibh! My name is Hannah Brennan

ABOUT ME

My name is Hannah Brennan, I am 22 years old, from Kinlough Co. Leitrim and I am running to be your next BMW officer for the Union of Students in Ireland!

WHAT AM I DOING NOW?

I am currently a fourth year Business & Marketing student and the Equality Officer in IT Sligo Students' Union

MY MANIFESTO IS...

FAB

How I am

FAB

FAIR

I will be fair and unbiased as an officer, both in relation to the individual MO's and the officers within the MO's. Coming as a student rather than as a sabbatical officer, I am probably closer to issues that are directly impacting students, and I will be as level headed as possible when helping our Member Organisations navigate through both student issues and issues within the organisations.

ABLE

You may use the words headstrong, determined, or stubborn, but I know that the best word to describe me is able. I am able to achieve anything I put my mind to, I am able to help with anything I can, be it helping roll out campaigns, supporting officers through hardship, or simply getting out and speaking students, I will do anything I am asked to, as much as possible!

BUBBLY

Anyone who knows me can vouch for the face I am bubbly. I will happily speak to anyone about anything, and I feel that is so important as a BMW officer that I have the ability and willingness to communicate, both with officers and students, in whatever form they favour communicating in!

Making the region **FAB**

FEET ON THE GROUND

My main goal for the incoming year is to get feet back on the ground within the Students' Unions in the region. One huge impact of the pandemic was that the USI's Exec team, especially regional officers, weren't able to actually be on campuses through no fault of their own. I want to get back out there and get feet back on the ground within our MO's, because there is only so much you can do via Zoom, and it is a lot harder to hide issues face to face, and I want to support our sabbaticals as much as I can as an officer.

AWARENESS

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- I want to raise students' awareness on the USI, their own Students' Unions and of their roles and the impact they have on college life. I feel so many students not only don't know about the USI, but they also don't interact or vote within their own unions.

I want to engage students with their unions as best as possible, teach them about and connect them with the USI.

BACKUP

I want to be someone who will back up the students' unions, be someone to lean on, someone strong and reliable that will help as much as they can. If nothing else, I want to be a source of support for the officers to come to with problems, complaints, questions, or anything they need help dealing with.

Issues that (aren't) FAB

FOCAL

The BMW region has the largest Gaeltacht population out of all the regions, and I feel it is of utmost importance to capitalise on this. I want to work with the Leas Uachtarán don Ghaeilge to introduce more Gaeilge within the MO's, even if it is just small changes such as signage, any change will be beneficial and bring a cúpla focal back into the average persons daily vocabulary.

ACCESS

Access is something that became widely available during the pandemic, but rather than remaining, things have reverted to what they were before. My goal is to hopefully create more access through more recorded lectures and online lecturers. While some MO's have been more accommodating than others in relation to this, a universal approach is needed. Lack of access to travel, internet or physical access shouldn't be a cause for someone to not gain the education they are entitled to. I want to fight for access within all MO's, to allow as many people to attend college as possible.

BILLS

Accommodation and transport are some of the biggest barriers to 3rd level education. From travel costs to rent, and the rising cost of living, students are being hugely disregarded. It's not fair that so many people feel the emigration is the only way they can survive. I hope to help MO's run campaigns and lobby the government for better conditions for students, especially in relation to transport and accommodation fees.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my manifesto!

If you have any comments of questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on (086) 3942348 or at hannahmariebrennan1@gmail.com

If elected, I promise to work my hardest to create a better environment for students through supporting Students' Unions and helping them achieve their goals for the year.

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