

12TH APRIL

RÓISÍN NIC LOCHLAINN

FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR
THE IRISH LANGUAGE



USI elections 2022

A chara,

My name is Róisín Nic Lochlainn and I am from County Antrim. I moved to Galway in 2018 to study Irish, Law and Politics. Last year, in 2020, I was elected as Welfare & Equality Officer in NUIGSU and I am the SU President this year. I am not from the Gaeltacht, and I never attended a Gaelscoil, but I have a very strong passion for our language and I would love to see her going from strength to strength on every campus. As a northern woman, I have had a passion for Irish and for language rights from a young age. I have seen the campaign for language rights with Acht Anois and I have campaigned out on the streets since I was a teenager, so I understand the struggles and barriers that Irish speakers in the North face on a daily basis. I have a lot of experience already with the Irish language from NUIGSU, I work with our Irish officer every single day - we organised Seachtain na Gaeilge together, got free Irish classes for all students, introduced a 3 year strategy for the Union and a lot more. One of our biggest achievements yet is our referendum for a Full Time VP Irish Language, which passed successfully recently & we are the first and only SU in Ireland with a full time Irish Officer.

Le meas, Róisín x

My Manifesto

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Representation

- There must be an Irish Officer on every SU executive, this representation is vital & I will ensure this
- I will use my position as LU don Ghaeilge to lobby the Minister for the Gaeltacht regions
- Representation in the Media - including media training for students studying media through Irish
- I will ensure services on campuses are available through Irish & carry out audits on this
- I will lobby for bilingual signage on campus as per official legislation states & assist with the fight in the north



Learning

- Free Irish classes for all students
- Irish classes provided for local MO officers and for the USI Executive
- Key word packs for USI events such as national council and congress so that officers have these resources to use
- I will lobby for modules, courses, and assignments to be available to be done through Irish



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I understand that we are lucky in Galway to have a strong Irish speaking community here in Galway and I would love to further strengthen that across every campus. I will increase accessibility of the language outside of the academic sphere I will do this through:

- Irish Language Societies (building & supporting)
- Events through Irish & for learners
- Irish Language Week
- Social Spaces for Irish speakers
- Learner & Speaker Buddy Scheme in MOs
- Link in with language planning in communities outside of just Dublin



Campaigns

- Acht Anois
- GaelFees
- Matter of Meas
- GaelGradám
- Síneadh Fada
- Gaeilge4All
- “Tá sé de cheart agat”

These are only some of the campaigns that I would love to work on. The future of the Irish language is in the hands of the students & USI has a duty to promote it



My Experience

- SU President
- SU Vice President/Welfare & Equality Officer
- Member of the Cumann Gaelach for 4 years
- Active member of USI Gaeilge Working Group for 2 years
- Member of NUIG Strategic Committee for Irish
- Founding member of NUIGSU's Irish Language Committee
- I have worked with Gaillimh le Gaeilge, TG4, agus Conradh na Gaeilge, Raidió na Gaeltachta and BBC Gaeilge
- I changed the name of the SU & our council to the Irish version name
- I introduced a referendum to have a full time VP for Irish in our Students Union & proposed many different Irish motions in my last 2 years on council
- I organised Seachtain na Gaeilge
- I organised free classes for students

