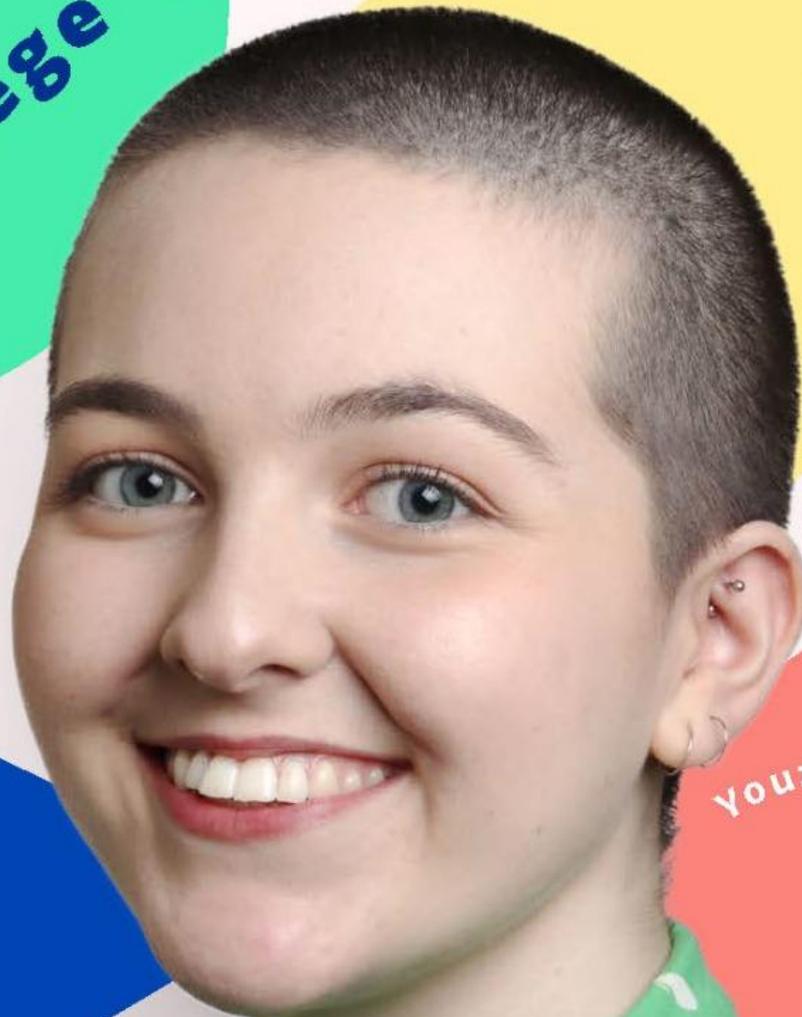


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**LOUISE
COSTELLO**

VOTE #1

31ST MARCH-1ST APRIL.

Hello, my name is Louise Costello and I am excited to run for the position of Health Sciences College Officer 2021/22.

If elected I would aim to:

- Increase engagement with the Health Sciences instagram page set up by the current Health Sciences College Officer. I plan to do this by running regular events and/or competitions on the page. I also wish to increase social activity by running (bi)weekly instagram lives to check in directly with the Health Sciences student body. Depending on the situation with covid this might morph into on campus coffee mornings. I think this will allow for overall improved communications within Health Sciences.
- Continue to support current campaigns being run by and on behalf of certain groups within Health Sciences. For example supporting GEM students and nursing students with their previous success with two years of fees freeze and €100 weekly pay respectively and continue in that spirit if they wish to progress with their campaigns.
- Improve communications and networking between the different class reps across different years and between different courses. I plan to have regular office hours to check in with my class reps and encourage them to get to know each other. I believe having a strong rapport with my class reps will help us be more effective in identifying issues that students have. It will also set the tone and encourage class reps to engage with their course group chats, especially those currently in 1st year and the incoming freshers.

I think these aims will have a positive impact overall on the relationships between and within courses in Health Sciences because it encourages collaboration, networking, and making new friends. I will make it my priority to be responsive to the hopes, needs and concerns of Health Science students and to fulfill my role to the best of my ability.

I have valuable experience with committees and councils. I was involved with Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg for 3 years during which I was treasurer and vice chairperson. This year I was delighted to be 1st year Promotion's Officer with the SU Entertainment's Forum.

I have developed the following skills of teamwork, event organising, leadership, administration and management. I value the importance of collaboration with other members of the Student Union and university bodies. I know when to admit I am out of my depth and when to seek advice and guidance. I think I am a passionate, driven and determined individual and I believe these qualities make me an ideal candidate.

A little about me: I am a nineteen year old from County Roscommon and I am a first year Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences student. I am an avid reader! I finally caved in and got a kindle this year which was one of my best investments. I can't put it down. I also love to cook, this year has been a great opportunity to test out some recipes and tweak some classics now that I can't go out to eat with friends. I am also passionate but not gifted at languages. I lived in Paris for 6 months during my gap year to improve my French and now I am taking beginners German as an elective. I took the UCD 6 week Irish course at upper intermediate level and loved getting back into speaking as Gaeilge.

Thank you for reading my manifesto :) Feel free to get in contact with me to ask any questions at louise.costello@ucdconnect.ie or on my instagram campaign page @louise4healthsciences