



VOTE NO.1

# Molly for Welfare

## ABOUT ME

Hey there, my name is Molly Greenough and I'm running to be your next UCDSU Welfare Officer. Originally from just outside of Boston, I'm 21 and in my final year of Law with Social Justice. I'm passionate about human rights, mental health & wellbeing, LGBTQ+ issues, affordable housing, and harm reduction policies. During my time in UCD I've been involved with Snowsports, Windsurfing, Belfield FM... and the SU!

## EXPERIENCE

I've been involved with the SU since second year when I was elected as class representative & volunteered with the ENTs Forum. I went on to be elected as the 2019/2020 Law College Officer, and am the current Mental Health Campaign Coordinator. The SU has been a constant fixture in my life during my time in UCD. It sparked my passion for student activism & representation. If elected, I will use my experience to fight for you and advocate to make UCD a better place for all students.

## PLAN OF ACTION

If elected, the four main areas I want to focus on are: mental health, housing, harm reduction, and sexual health & wellbeing. As well, I will dedicate myself to casework and being an approachable, compassionate, and understanding first point of contact for any student in need. But remember, it's YOUR union and I'm here to support YOU. I'm all ears, and ready to fight in your corner over any issue you're passionate about-- whether on campus or around the world!



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## MENTAL HEALTH

Countless college students struggle with their mental health even during 'normal' times, but this has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your mental health and wellbeing is my #1 priority. I plan to improve focus on mental health by:

- Promoting the existing supports available for students, such as Niteline, SilverCloud Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, and various group therapy sessions.
- Working closely with UCD Counselling Services & the SU Mental Health Forum to push for more funding and remove discrepancies within the external counselling/voucher system.
- Work closely with Student Advisors and run workshops to provide clarity on the extenuating circumstances application process.

## HOUSING

Affordable & adequate housing is a human right, but far too often it's viewed as a commodity. And for students, it can be tricky to navigate the ins and outs of living away from home, dealing with landlords, & knowing what rights you have as a tenant. I plan to focus on improving the SU's housing supports by:

- Creating an honest guide to living & renting in Dublin for international students.
- Running workshops on tenancy rights, the difference between licenses & leases, digs vs. private rentals, avoiding rental scams and dealing with landlords.
- Continue fighting against UCD's proposed on-campus rent increase.

## HARM REDUCTION

We've all seen how abstinence-only sex education works (hint: not well at all). While drug use is inherently dangerous, the reality is many college students will use drugs at some point in time. I want to ensure students are informed of the risks by promoting safe & informed drug usage through awareness campaigns. I plan to do this by:

- Working closely with the UCD Chapter for Sensible Drugs Policy to develop campaigns similar to the SU's previous 'What's in the Pill' campaign.
- Running workshops on the dangers of drug overdose, addiction & how to help a friend in need.
- Lobbying politicians to increase funding for drug testing at festivals (Budget 2021 is just a start!)

## SEXUAL HEALTH+WELLBEING

Let's talk about sex, baby! Sex can be a fun, but sometimes confusing, aspect of college life for many students. I hope to reduce stigma around STIs (especially HIV), spread awareness about different sexualities/gender identities to create a more inclusive environment for all things related to sexual health, and push for mandatory consent training for all students. I plan to do this by:

- Hosting workshops with organisations such as ACT UP Dublin to reduce stigma around HIV and provide information on PrEP and PEP.
- Continuing the work of Ruairí & previous welfare officers by pushing for rapid HIV testing on-campus.
- Advocating for a mandatory consent training module for all 1st year students.