

Manifesto

About Me:

Hello everyone, my name is Joshua Theron, and I am running to be your next Convenor of Science and Engineering for the 2026/2027 Academic Year. I am a 3rd Year General Science student from County Wicklow, studying Anatomy and Physiology. I've particularly been keen about expanding my knowledge on different topics within both Anatomy and Physiology especially the Cardiothoracic side of topics. Throughout my time in the University, I have taken part in many clubs and societies while also playing critical roles in the Students' Union as a Class Representative for the entirety of my General Science Year group, ultimately representing them in 1st, 2nd and now 3rd Year. In 2nd Year I was a CÉIM leader, guiding 1st Year students studying Science to build up concepts and logically understand topics within small groups, this has greatly improved my sight on what it means to collaborate on ideas together and how strong the student community can be, integrating students in university life.

My Goals:

As I've progressed through my university journey, I have become fully aware of many issues and challenges that face students like yourselves. From students worrying about lack of supports for modules, to students liaising with me about their views about certain outlets on campus. This has led me to become vigilant about a wide range of improvements that can be made by the help of the Students' Union. While I can list all the challenges that I

aim to tackle if I become Convenor, I will only mention a few noteworthy goals.

Even though there are many supports available to students, and access to information, I believe this hasn't been effectively communicated to students enough. If elected, I intend to expand the reach that these supports have for students. In relation to improved faculty communication with students I want to incorporate a transparent way of viewing, supports and work experience details for students.

I want to increase the number of courses with work experience, even if it would be optional taking place over the summer period. This would ensure that students can have a taste of what a job in their chosen field of study would comprise of and would highly increase the employability of individual students. I would also like to increase the information given about work experience to courses that already have them integrated. I believe there must be dedicated seminars for students in earlier years to aid students with what most would seem like daunting tasks, become more realistic and achievable.

Even though there are group learning initiatives available to first year students such as CÉIM, I want to ensure as much feedback as possible is given and even improvements to increase and effectively help support what we get out of this outstanding initiative, therefore aiding in the integration of 1st years and leading to a higher level of engagement.

If elected, I would work alongside the Leas Uachtaráin don Gaeilge for an increase in the number of courses ran Bilingually or only specifically for Irish. This has been a pressing issue for many

years, and I intend to stand strongly beside you the students to ensure we can make improvements and expand on the progress already made.

Over the last few years, it has become very apparent that the College of Science and Engineering haven't had a Reading Week, if elected I intend to work alongside Full Time Officers to ensure progression on this goal.

Lastly, I would intend that student outlets like Zinc in the Alice Perry Building are maintained to the highest standard that we deserve and even to regulate the maintenance and upkeep of lecture halls specifically in the Arts and Science Concourse and in the Alice Perry Engineering building.

Closing Statement:

On March the 12th 2026 you will make the decision who becomes the next Convenor of Science and Engineering, if you want a person that will be a link to project your voices then I'm confident that person can be me. With everyone working together and highlighting the challenges we face, this can vastly improve our lives throughout our university journeys and aid us into the future. If elected, I intend to prioritise all the needs of you, the members of the Students' Union of the University of Galway, I will be there every step of the way supporting our rights as students. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours Sincerely,

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