

Manifesto

Hello! My name is Molly Hickey and I am running to be your environmental and sustainability officer for 2025/2026. Since the beginning of my college degree, I have been working to promote sustainability on our campus, from being an active member of the SU climate crew, a class rep, the secretary of the environmental soc and a sustainability intern for the University during the summer of 2024. I should also mention that I was the environmental and sustainability officer for 2023/2024 (so this is not my first rodeo).

The question I have been asked a lot is, why run again ???

During my first year in office I learnt a lot around how the university functions when it comes to making their sustainability policies. This knowledge will help me PUSH to get more done from the start to make this university a more sustainable environment for all students.

Below you will see my manifesto. I am presenting it as a list of tasks I will work on rather than just empty promises.

For the points where I've used the word **push** or **lobby**, I'm going to do my absolute best to make them happen, but as some things are out of my hands, I can't fully promise. However where those words are not used **I will make sure those things will happen!!**

- Push to increase the amount of free reusable cups that students can access on campus
- Work with USI to increase climate action on a national scale
- Work on implementing sustainable reps into society committees on campus. Their job would be to evaluate the sustainability of the events being run, to make sure the most sustainable approach is always taken
- Continue the climate crew
- Work on increasing student opportunities to speak with staff about their issues with sustainable practices on campus
- More potlucks on campus to reduce food waste
- Work with VP for welfare and equality officer on continuing work on eco anxiety
- Work with VP for education officer on creating an e module for class reps on how to promote sustainability on campus
- Work with Leas Uachtarán don Ghaeilge to put together 2 sustainable Irish related events onto the campus within my year
- Continue the recycled runway
- Higher social media presence on my enviromolly4change account with monthly updates on what I have been up to as an officer
- Push for better cycle lanes and organise a consultation with the local city council so students can bring up their concerns

- Push to increase the biodiversity on campus by supporting the organic garden and looking into other ways to expand
- Push for free hi vis jackets for students
- Create more sustainability events on campus in general (watch this space)
- Create more events centered around sustainability in general (watch this space)
- Push for one poster SU election campaigns
- Work with the environmental society (and others) on campus to create a better connection between the SU and societies
- Push to continue to cut our plastic usage on campus
- Create and promote more accessible education on the climate crisis targeted at students on this campus by running free workshops! Students should feel confident in their education on the climate crisis' impact in Galway, and around the world.
- Lobby the city council to put a zebra crossing across the road from the cathedral to the University

Let's PUSH for a more sustainable campus together !!!