

KATELYN 4 PRESIDENT

END UNPAID PLACEMENTS

INSTATE CAMPUS PSYCHIATRIST

CHEAPER PINTS AND FOOD ACROSS CAMPUS

LATER BUS TIMES

FREE & FREQUENT GIGS ON CAMPUS

IMPROVE 310 SERVICE

TACKLE LIMERICK DERELECTION

STUDENT REP ON CITY COUNCIL TO TACKLE CAR PARK

RENTERS RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

RENT FREEZE ON UL CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

HSE SELF STRIP DRUG TESTING

END ASSAULT ON CAMPUS

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KATELYN 4 HOUSING

As your president **I will get students represented on Limerick council.** We have no voice at the table right now whether it's about the **implication of car parks, the issue of dereliction in Limerick or student renters** we need systemic reform and having direct representation on the council will assist. There are 411 properties on the derelict site register in Limerick, **I will work with the council to get these properties on the market for students.**

As your president I will ensure UL uses some of their many properties specifically for commuter students. **I will lobby for subsidised hotel rates and transportation for commuters** coming from a certain distance. UL has a responsibility to ensure students are able to attend classes they've paid for, however incoming student numbers increase year on year while the housing crisis deepens, and we are no closer to seeing them build a new car park. This would be my interim solution as your president.

Scrap the landlord list – as your president I would strive to **create a landlord rating system that is affiliated with the University of Limerick.** It would require a UL ID to access and be a platform to advertise and rate properties and their owners. It would create incentives for landlords to have a lease and be registered with the RTB in order to be rewarded and recognised by the university. Additionally I will work with the council to hold these landlords accountable. I will help students feel safe defending themselves against greedy landlords who let them live in mouldy subpar houses.

As your president I will have a **Renters Rights Campaign**, continuing the free legal aid started by ULSL which will include a rep from CATU (Community Tenants Action Union) to **strengthen student relations with unions.** This campaign will include regular workshops to answer general and specific queries and offer 1 on 1 appointments to make sure students are informed by experts in the field to avoid intimidation from spineless landlords.



kateLyn 4 craic agus ceol

Pub culture is a quintessential part of the college experience, building community through music, playing cards, & watching matches. However, we are losing this as the cost-of-living increases and **the prices of pints and food on campus are no longer subsidised as they should be.** I want to lower UL profits and put money back into student resources that are becoming scarcer every year UL takes in more students while failing to make adequate adjustments to the facilities available. Additionally, I will ensure events during RAG are capped so students can afford courtyard gigs.

ULSL has done great work in the face of the spiking epidemic, providing **anti spiking strips.** I will uphold the standard to ensure pub **staff are trained in the student assault procedures** to ensure everyone can enjoy the craic agus ceol. As your president I will follow the drug harm reduction approach in relation to drug use among students. I will lobby to get **HSE drug testing in the form of self test strips available the way condoms and lube are in the SL building.** Start low go slow!

Ireland's nightlife is one of the worst in Europe while Limerick's is one of the worst in Ireland. It's more important now than ever to keep nightlife alive. **I will lobby for bus times to match the club closure times to ensure everyone can safely get home for 65 cent or less.** Having to account for a €20 taxi from town after a night out is unacceptable. Bus Éireann is a public entity that your tax money funds. From sitting on student council the last few years, I have seen the council block planning permission for increased car parks, therefore I want to keep the pressure on **regular, reliable later bus times.** I will lobby for **Bus Eireann to purchase the lease for the 310 bus,** This is possible as the lease is up this year.

Student gigs are so important to showcase talent. They create a thriving subculture within the university that promotes the creativity of UL students. In addition to these gigs like Techno Tuesday, as your president **I will strive to have more free daytime gigs and events for commuter students who are limited by the constraints of a bus timetable,** along with adding more non-alcoholic options on draught for commuter students and those who don't drink. Part of this initiative will include **removing the fee for the pool tables in stables** and adding board games/ playing cards on deposit.

As your president I will strive to **make Stables a late bar on popular student nights** so people can go out without facing a minimum €20 taxi charge. There are demands from students for flexible working hours and I will see that this is implemented on a trial run basis.



KATELYN 4 STUDENT SPACES

I will make it a priority to have **multiple microwaves, kettles and vending machines** in areas such as the library that do not have food options after the cafe closes. Students facing the cost-of-living crisis should have the option of bringing food from home. In addition I want the new student centre to have a pantry of nonperishables that is available at any time for students to take and give when they are in need. The union should hold the university accountable in their role in ensuring students are not going to class hungry.

I will add **storage places similar to the main building lockers** in the new student centre for commuters and students who need to drop belongings for the day.

UL is regarded as Ireland's gym campus, however many students cannot avail of it as the membership fee must be paid by semester or daily. This is not realistic for many students. **I will lobby to ensure students have the option of paying monthly.** In addition, I will lobby to **replace broken and old equipment.** This will be followed by reviewing the layout, for example, the strength and conditioning section upstairs is isolated and there is not a lot of space in the main area for certain activities.

As your president I will work with the counselling services to **instate a psychiatrist** to ensure students can access diagnoses, avoiding the private medical sector fees.

As your president I will work with the union to **rally for funding for a social transition fund** for our queer and transgender students. This is a fund available in many other universities advocating for queer peoples' right of recognition.

UL is a sanctuary college meaning we are committed to **equal access to education regardless of your refugee status.** Whether a student is from Cork or Palestine I will ensure that socio-economic backgrounds are not a barrier, and continue the work of the union's solidarity with the Palestinian resistance.

katelyn 4 BORRADH na gaeilge

As your president I will ensure that in conjunction with GAA that Gaeilge is a priority for the union. We will embrace the resurgence young people have for their native language. Cearta daonna iad cearta teanga. I will do this through **increasing scholarships for Irish speakers** - this is done by other universities. Additionally, I would lobby for more parts of campus accommodation to be reserved for Gaelgoiri.

I would also hold **Seomra na Gaeilge**, which is an initiative used in other colleges to encourage the use of Irish in everyday life through different activities. It will be similar to the Zen Zone in that it will be non-committal and open to everybody regardless of your level of Irish, just to **practise those focail!**



KATELYN 4 FINANCE

As your president I will liaise with the academic officer and the WRC to **tackle and eradicate unpaid placements for all students.**

As your president I will work with the Academic Officer to lobby the university to **abolish repeat fees** as many other universities have done this or capped them. I will also lobby the government to allow students to **work more out of term time and leave their SUSI unaffected, ensuring paid placements don't lower the SUSI rate.**

I will work with the welfare officer to lobby the university to **eradicate the €30 campus doctor charge** for those with a medical card and lower it for all students as many other universities do. In addition I will lobby the university to help provide students with **referrals for dental care.**

Commuter hub – this is a fantastic initiative, I want to review the way in which funding is allocated by using some of it for **food vouchers.** This would make the **commuter hub more flexible and more diverse** as you would not be constrained to the times and food options chosen by the union, you could use your voucher elsewhere for money off (subsidised the way it should be). The commuter hub has received increased funding each year of its operation, I want to use it to **eradicate student hunger** on campus.

I will work with the student advice and advocacy team to lobby the university to **offer the Student Assistance Fund once per semester** as opposed to once per academic year.

KATELYN 4 SUSTAINABILITY

The campus is regarded as a smoke free campus, however students smoke whether the university recognises it or not. As your president I will ensure there are adequate **bins for the disposal of cigarettes.** Additionally, I will ensure there are **bins specifically for disposable vapes.**

I will work with the on-campus restaurants to implement 2Good2Go on campus. This will **offer students discounted food and lower food wastage on campus.**