



Kevin McStravock For President

Hi, how's it going? My name is Kevin McStravock and I'm the current President of the Students' Union. I'm running for re-election because, quite simply, I don't think my job here is done yet. See what I've got planned below:

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

- I successfully negotiated an additional **250k** in block grant funding from the university. This has allowed us to introduce new services such as Volunteering and Advice which will be established in the next academic year.
- I've been the officer lead in the implementation of a **Staff-Student Partnership Agreement**. This will help to improve the academic representation structures within the university and strengthen the impact of the student voice at all levels.
- I successfully secured a grant for the Union allowing us to train the student officers to deliver **PIPS Suicide Awareness** training. We continue to provide these vital workshops

WHAT WILL I DO NEXT YEAR?



Reduce barriers to engagement

UUSU has taken huge strides in improving awareness of who we are amongst the student body. However, there's always room for improvement. Many students still don't know what UUSU can do for them. We need to take a more proactive approach to interacting with our members.

This year, I have worked with PR & Communications in the university to increase both internal and external exposure of our work. I helped to enhance the UUSU brand through driving forward Welcome Week.

Next year, I will ensure more interaction with the wider student body through on campus events and improvements to our online presence. I'll also explore ways of reducing barriers for participation amongst specific groups such as part-time students, postgrads, distance learners and student parents.

As President, I sit on a variety of university committees where I lobby for change on a range of issues. However, change should not only be within the reach of the elected officers.. We need to empower students to make change at all levels.

This year, I have chaired a working group tasked with creating a Staff-Student Partnership Agreement which aims to create a willingness to change within the university and to foster a sense of partnership between staff and students.

Next year, I want to be there to ensure that the university makes good upon its' promises. Students must be empowered to provide feedback and oversee change within their course, campus or across the university. I aim to ensure that change is within the reach of every student.



Make change more accessible

There's still a feeling of inequality amongst the student body when it comes to facilities. It's imperative that all students have access to high quality, inclusive social space especially given the uncertainty of the move-in date for the new Belfast campus.

This year, I've led successful lobbying efforts for an inclusive multi-faith space and better SU area on the Belfast campus, started discussions on future development of the Magee SU space and secured additional society space on the Coleraine campus. The additional block grant funding also allowed us to invest in Jordanstown SU

Next year, I'll continue to lobby the university for better facilities - involving the wider student body in the design of any new spaces agreed. I'll ensure the university formalizes its' commitment to improving facilities in Magee.



Secure better facilities

As a Students' Union, we need to ensure that we're lobbying for change, not only within the institution but within wider society.

This year, I've lobbied elected representatives on a range of issues such as higher education funding and mental health, represented students at a local and European level and attended numerous rallies.

Next year, I'll continue to amplify the voice of students ensuring the issues I raise reflect those faced by our students. I'll also ensure that our democratic structures allow our members to influence our work.



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