

JCR Vice President & Treasurer



Lila McNamee

Why I Love Halls?

As an international student, the idea of Halls and living with new people was extremely daunting. The JCR made all the adjusting 100x easier. I have been so impressed by the events put on and how the JCR has brought so many people together. (My friends and I practically live at the pool table in Oldham!) The JCR is so special and I would love to have the chance to pay it forward and join the community that helped me make Dublin home.

Who Am I?

Hi! My name is Lila McNamee. I was born in China and raised in Los Angeles, USA. I am currently studying BESS and am super excited to run for the 2024-25 JCR Vice President/Treasurer.

Why VP/Treasurer?

As an engaged business student, my professional interests greatly align with the responsibilities that follow this role so while I am capable to do the work, I also want to do the work. Building strong social connections is crucial when being thrown into a new environment. I want to be that friendly face that can help others meet more friendly faces.

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Experience

Student Body President

- maintained strong relationships with administration and students, proposed and facilitated school policy changes, set agendas/led meetings, and ran all social media communications
- Relevance: communication skills with SU Administrator officer, general leadership abilities

Asian Affinity President

- coordinated lunches for meeting, planned bonding events, expanded the program 4x, invited guest lecturers, and created a mentorship program spanning grades 7-12th
- Relevance: event planning with focuses on bonding activities, mentorship skills

Fundraising Team Leader for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

- led a 9-member student team to raise over \$125,000 for medical research in 7 weeks, recruited business sponsorships, procured auction items, advised future fundraising teams
- Relevance: acquiring sponsorships for JCR/Welfare gear, handling financial transactions

Stage Manager for School Play

- followed production from start to finish: built/painted sets, attended auditions, rehearsals and production meetings, called all light cues/scene changes during show, managed crew
- Relevance: collaboration skills with fellow JCR, organisational/management skills

Plans for Next Year

Course Bonding Events

- During freshers week, organise mixers for overlapping courses (i.e PPES, BESS, etc.) for both academic and social integration. Work with the S2S office and bring S2S mentors to Halls to lead course mixers and serve as a point of contact for any course advice

Financial Support and Guidance

- During freshers week, work with the welfare team to produce a social media post focused on helping students budget ex. list of student discounts, shopping tips like Dunnes €5 off €25, transportation tips

Halls Marketplace

- To promote sustainability, instead of tossing used kitchen supplies at the end of the year, residents can donate their excess supplies for the next year of Halls residents.
- Host a Halls “canteen sale” (like a garage sale) at the end of the first term. Your trash could be another resident’s treasure. Why not take the opportunity to both recycle items and make some extra cash?

Halls Misconduct Fines

- Share a comprehensive list of prohibited activities and their corresponding fines to (1) be as transparent as possible (2) ensure fair and equal treatment from wardens (3) keeps residents more accountable

Moving Out of Halls

- Storage -- share information on affordable options for summer storage and moving advice
- 2nd Year Accommodation -- work with the accommodation office to provide resources to help students navigate Dublin’s housing crisis with an emphasis on affordable student housing

In addition to making plans for the future of Halls, I intend to seek out live feedback next year and make changes accordingly. Planning will only get us so far, and the ability to listen and adapt will be key.