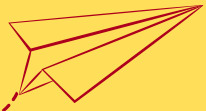


# ELENA BYRNE GARCIA

*for international officer*



## *About me*

Hey! My name is Elena, my pronouns are she/her. I am studying Clinical Speech and Language Studies. I am from Cork, but my mum is Spanish, so therefore I am fluent in two unique languages (Español and Corkonian)

Although I live in Ireland now, I also understand the struggle of moving and living apart from family. I feel I can give insight into Irish life/culture while also empathising through shared experience.

I hope to be the halls international officer so I can help/support people and help run some fun events while teaching and learning about other cultures.

I have always been surrounded by many different cultures, I attended an Educate Together School with people from all around the world where we held events showcasing other cultures.



## *My experience for the role*

### ☀️ COMMITTEES:

- ➔ Chairperson of Green Schools committee for 2 years.
- ➔ Chairperson of environmental sub-committee now in Halls.
- ➔ Member of Yellow committee (a multicultural committee).

### ☀️ SUPPORTING OTHERS:

- ➔ Training in Helping and supporting vulnerable adults through VDP
- ➔ Pink training - focused on supporting LGBTQIA+ people.
- ➔ Training in assisting people with disabilities through Surf2Heal.

### ☀️ REPRESENTING - ADDRESSING ISSUES

- ➔ Class Representative for Clinical Speech and Language Studies.
- ➔ IRFU Youth Council - attended meetings on behalf of women in Munster.

### ☀️ RUNNING EVENTS

- ➔ Helped organise events with Yellow committee (multicultural day and music events)
- ➔ Assisted in running a racism support group.
- ➔ Ran many events with Green schools committee.



# My Plans and Ideas



## EVENTS:

- ✦ Welcome to Dublin event - To advise all residents unfamiliar with the city to give tips on transport, the best clubs, Irish slang and more...
- ✦ Celebrate multicultural festivals for example Holi, Thanksgiving, Lunar New Year, Diwali. To make sure that people don't miss out on important celebrations for them and help others experience the events for the first time.
- ✦ Weekend events - Weekends can get lonely as lots of people go home and flats get emptied. I would love to hold an event, to bring people together and have a safe and fun place to come together and meet people.
  - ♥ **Dinner night** - where people could contribute by bringing a dish if they wanted to. Make it more fun by having different themes (Credit to Matilda who ran this every Sunday this year)
  - ♥ **Games night** - play some games, a fun way to break the ice and another way to appreciate other cultures as people can bring games from where they come from, for example I have a board game that is popular in Spain, Jungle Speed.
  - ♥ **International movie night** - A chill way to hang out and showcase films from other countries.
  - ♥ **Day trips** - A hike in Howth, swim at the forty foot or some popular tourist attractions around Dublin.



## COLLABORATE:

I would also love to collaborate with the other JCR members, to merge events like **country themed nights out**/music nights, international sports day and work with welfare to support the residents and host a **diversity training** to promote an positive environment.

Send out **surveys** to students to know what they actually want.

## INTERNATIONAL TRIP

I have travelled around Europe with my family and I went interrrailing last year, so I can give insight into many different cities and how to budget. I also have lots of travel videos saved on TikTok, so that basically makes me an expert.

