

Isabelle Janssen

For Vice President / Treasurer



Hi! I'm Isabelle Janssen and I'm running to be our next JCR Vice President / Treasurer. I am currently a first year BESS student. I'm half Dutch and half American, yet I also have a third passport and have lived in Ireland for almost 5 years. I'm super interested in the world of business and finance, and I have a particular love for economics. I would love to have the opportunity to welcome next year's cohort to the safe and exciting environment that is Halls!

Why Me?

I'm a well-organised person with strong communication & interpersonal skills, and several key qualifications that make me perfect for this role. I feel that I can interface well with all Halls members due to my unique international background; my time as a Third Culture Kid growing up allows me to work well with people of all backgrounds and experiences - I understand being in a new country, but I have also lived in Ireland long enough to understand it well. The best of both worlds!

Most importantly, I am a multifaceted person uniquely qualified for this two-pronged role...

Experience & Qualifications

LEADERSHIP

In 2022, I was a winner for an annual national leadership competition run by Rotary International. This experience gave me the opportunity to learn about different styles of leadership, and how to apply them. This would serve me well both as Vice President and as Treasurer working within the JCR team, or if I would have to step in for the President.

SECRETARY & CHAIR

In secondary school, I served as the Secretary and later Chair of my school's student council, which was similar in size to the JCR. During my tenure as Chair, I secured a budget from the administration, and oversaw the execution of this budget, particularly for large events. This taught me to estimate costs, deal with unforeseen problems, and work in a team. In addition, I led fundraising efforts for charities totalling €15,000.

CULTURE DAY COMMITTEE

Also during my time as a 5th and 6th year student in secondary school, I sat on the planning committee for our annual Culture Day celebration. This taught me the ins and outs of managing large events, and what exactly goes into it regarding logistics and expenditure. It also bolstered my leadership and team-working qualities.

FINANCIAL EXPERTISE

I was the recipient of the Trinity College Dublin award in 2022 in the Young Economist of the Year competition. I investigated the relationship between government regulation and environmentally-sustainable behaviours. This gave me experience in realising cause and effect, and further cemented my financial expertise.

My Main Mission

My main goal for this role is to ensure the smooth delivery of the JCR budget, and management of JCR cashflow. I will make sure we have sufficient funds to have all the pizza we need! Additionally, I will work in my role to support the Chair and the rest of the JCR board, working as a cohesive team. All of this will aid in the ultimate mission to make Halls the best place possible for incoming students.

My Role-Specific Aims

1. Introduce classes, events, and social media posts by the JCR to increase **financial literacy** among students, including taxes, budgeting, and investing.
2. Provide one-to-one **counselling and advice sessions** with students regarding their personal finances, similar to mental health supports from Welfare.
3. Continue to finance and provide good value for money for **JCR nights out**.
4. Use my experience to **fundraise to help accomplish my goals** for the JCR, and other agreed-upon programmes.
5. Provide **education and support** to incoming students about everything from how to deal with Revenue without screaming, to being aware of drink spiking, to knowing which cleaning products not to mix if you don't want to create some serious problems
6. Work with the relevant officer to **secure funding and support** to enhance facilities in Halls, such as computer infrastructure and the gym

General Goals for the JCR

1. Provide **political education and encourage political involvement for young people** who may not have learned about it before at school. Young people can change the world; we just need to know how to make our voices heard, and the impacts of different political choices and institutions.
2. Provide **free period products** across Halls and help to advocate for a similar policy in College and in other institutions
3. Improve **supports for those with health conditions** - notify and train flatmates about important health indicators including allergies or diabetes: what they can do to help, preventative measures, and plans of action in case of emergency
4. Provide further **general healthcare** help: CPR, defibrillators, etc
5. Provide **more events** that are not going out
6. Interface with more **societies for activities**, like book clubs, language classes, etc. specific to Halls.
7. Teach residents **more skills** they want or need through the JCR and workshops; musical, coding, academic writing, mending, etc
8. Introduce **speaker events** at Halls, with guests from both from within College and outside
9. Provide **general life skills lessons**, such as cleaning, mending, and cooking, to ensure everyone has the chance to lead a healthy life and not get off on the wrong foot with their flatmates