



## **JCR Election 2024**

### **Manifesto For Role of Tech Officer**

My name is Finian Grace and I'm from Toomevara, Co. Tipperary. I'm 19 and I am currently studying Global Business and am hoping to run as JCR Tech Officer for the academic year of 2024/2025 as I believe that I have ample experience to fit the role. I've lived in Trinity Hall for the past year and I have seen the importance of this role, although we are the generation overflowing with tech there are still people who need help with technology, which is why I want to run as Tech Officer, to help as many people with technology as possible. I also want to give back to the JCR who has helped me through this first year of Trinity.

### **Do I have the Experience?**

**-Of course**

#### **-Basically Linus Tech Tips**

I have build/upgraded/maintained many computers over the years. My love for tech started when I was younger and wanted to play modded games, but after trying everything I simply couldn't mod minecraft on PS4. Then after complaining to my parents they finally at 15 gave me money to buy a PC, I researched EVERYTHING and assembled and set it up myself. From there it spiraled and I was eventually building computers for my entire family and then my friends audio-visual company.

#### **-Audio/Visual**

My friend would always be used as free labour by his father (still is) to set up the basic tech stuff at gigs or shows and in order to hang out with him I too became free labour and we did loads of gigs/shows setting up the mic, dacs, speakers etc

#### **-General Interest**

My free time especially at home and during COVID was watching and learning tons of videos, articles, even newspapers on technology and progress going down deep rabbit holes on the most random of sub-topics (got in on bitcoin at like 10000 but the

parents only put in a tenner☐) (Also not a crypto bro). More recently it has been into space technology and VR/AR.

## What would I do?

- Like literally all Tech Officers before me I would assist in the start of year “how to connect to the wifi” disaster (there are still people not connected). Still will be the same as always with live and virtual demonstrations, hopefully an email and instagram post too. Getting new students familiar to Blackboard is a big thing for me as its actually quite good, just can be slow and quite frustrating, it also just being a big change from secondary school and will need explaining from a student usage point of view.

- I would also like to offer advice on effective/efficient setups with stuff like 2nd or 3rd monitors and especially peripherals like keyboards and mice (i went down this rabbit hole). This also lines up with my aim of general technology education.

- General Education. Too many people don't know basic tech things or locations of computer rooms/ printers, not to get started on actually using the things. As Tech Officer I would want to do weekly even multiple times a week a instagram post or email (not multiple emails) on basic to important tech tips, what is the tip, how to do it, why its important, and its background/history. These posts would also include course related things like how to use powerpoint, word and excel (i'm not that good at excel)

-Internet Education similar to above only on internet related stuff like cookies and information collection, advertising and GDPR. and too my people have no idea about information collecting and profiling on social media and it infuriates me, I would like to hopefully educate people on the matter.

-One-to-One office hours are something I'm keen on, a dedicated time hopefully every weekday at least where I can assist Halls residence with any random strange issue their having or just for advice on what laptop to buy or pc part to pick etc.

-Gaming nights. As stated before my interest in tech started and has continued from wanting to play games on PC. Gaming nights, whether LAN, CO-OP or general/ private online matches would be something I would love to do especially in FPS, party, Strategy or comically bad games as I have literally 1000s of hours on Steam alone (help).

- A rent tech scheme Would also be something I would look into. In this people could rent things like monitors or projectors even for their own use.

- I would love to educate people on my absolute favourite rabbit hole topic of internet misinformation spreading and spawning (its class/terrifying) . I understand that this is a long one but it's something I'd love to talk about in either a full event or in the weekly email.