

Hello MCR-ers!



Let's hope this introduction isn't as cringe-worthy as I'm sure many of your first days at Cambridge were! My name is Niamh ("Neve" - don't ask about the spelling) and I am studying my Masters in Education. This year, I am running to be your Liaison Officer. Having only been a member of Downing College for a term I have been blown away by how welcoming everyone has been and how much I love it here (I spend far too much time in the MCR). I previously studied at Darwin for my PGCE having emigrated from

the Republic of Ireland. It was there that I began a chain reaction of running for class rep. Thus far I have been BA Third Year Maths Class Rep at Maynooth University, Secondary Maths Trainee Rep at the Faculty of Education and I am currently the Maths Education Student Rep also at the Faculty. Hopefully this is a good sign and I've attended more meetings than I'd care to admit. Representing my students has always been a pleasure though and I have assisted Maynooth University in their restructuring of the Arts Courses and the Faculty of Education with their rebranding of the PGCE in 2017. I've become quite fond of Cambridge and currently hold a permanent position in a school as a Maths teacher whilst furthering my own education. There's no denying that teaching takes a lot of patience but it's worth it because I get to work with people every day and no day is ever the same! It does sometimes feel like I'm living a double life, but it's so far been fantastic, and there are a lot of qualities I need for my job (organisation, managing people, welfare, reporting) that I'm sure will be to my benefit as your Liaison Officer. On top of all of my lovely credentials, it is worth adding that I make a mean Irish Coffee, something we all look for in a leader.

As your Liaison officer I will seek to:

- ✚ Have the MCR well-**organised** regarding the space, events and the committee
- ✚ Work with the **welfare** team to assist those who are new to Cambridge to settle in and deal with any homesickness they may have
- ✚ Effectively **communicate** with the college departments (accommodation and finance) with your issues and concerns
- ✚ Work with the international officer and social secretaries to organise more **cultural** and international events
- ✚ Assist the equal opportunities/**women's** officer in organising guest speakers
- ✚ Keep the MCR a welcoming and **safe** space

