

# ARON CALVERT FOR COMMUNITIES OFFICER!



## Who am I

My name is Aron Calvert, and I am running for Communities Officer in the UL Student Union. I am a socialist and advocate for the equality and fair treatment of all on campus. As Communities Officer, I will be a voice for the marginalised and work to reignite the political spirit of the students and show them change is possible.

## What I Stand for

### Housing

Housing is a fundamental right for all students, not a privilege. I will:

1. **Campaign for Fair Rents:** I will push for rents to be capped at 30% of the minimum wage, ensuring that housing remains affordable for all students.

2. **Tenant Empowerment:** I will work towards establishing tenant unions on campus to combat exploitative landlords and unfair rental practices.
3. **Demand Accountability:** I will protest UL's inaction on housing issues and advocate for concrete solutions to ensure safe and affordable housing for all students.

## Palestine

We have to fight to end the Genocide in Gaza, I will:

1. **BDS Support:** I will actively participate in direct Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) actions to hold Israel accountable for its violations of Palestinian rights.
2. **Solidarity Protests:** I will organize regular solidarity protests for Palestine, amplifying the voices of those affected by this genocide.
3. **End University Complicity:** I will pressure UL to sever ties with complicit Israeli universities and uphold principles of justice and human rights.

## LGBTQIA+ Rights

We have to fight queerphobia wherever it arises. I will:

1. **Social transition fund:** secure funding for a Social Transition Fund which seeks to help trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming students purchase items for social transition which they may not otherwise be able to afford.
2. **Stop Deadnaming students:** I will actively campaign to change the system in UL which currently stops students from using their preferred name.
3. **Queer voice:** I will work tirelessly to make this campus a safer and more welcoming place for the LGBTQIA+ community and ensure their voice is heard.

## Anti-Racism

I stand against all forms of racism and discrimination. I will:

1. **Active Engagement:** I will strive to ensure that the student union participates in anti-racist actions both on campus and across Ireland, advocating for inclusive and equitable communities.
2. **Educational Workshops:** I will organize workshops to educate students in combating the growing threat of the far-right and foster a culture of acceptance and understanding.
3. **Boycott Aramark:** Aramark is a company which exploits those in direct provision. These are some of the most vulnerable people on this island and as communities officer I will hold The union's feet to the fire in their boycott of all Aramark locations on campus.

## Fees

Education should never be a burden. I will:

1. **Fight for Free Education:** I believe we as students are owed free higher education, free for all students, and I will work tirelessly to build a campaign to try make this a reality
2. **End Repeat Fees:** I will push for an end to repeat fees, these fees unfairly burden students and hinder access to education. Enough is enough
3. **National Campaign:** I will collaborate with student and activist groups nationwide to pressure UL to join the national campaign to abolish fees and ensure that education is accessible to all.

As Communities Officer, I am committed to fighting and advocating for the diverse needs and concerns of all students. Together, let us build a more inclusive, equal community in UL. Vote for action. Vote for Aron Calvert.