



# Submission to President's Award for Engagement 2021

***Dr Dave Robbins, School of Communications***



## Journalism

- Established and led a student-staff initiative to provide a submission to the Government's Commission on the Future of Media, giving voice to the students and educators in Ireland's foremost journalism programmes
- Continued engagement in journalism, with op-eds in the Irish Times, Irish Independent, Sunday Independent and Sunday Business Post
- Media outreach, being interviewed by An Taisce, various climate podcasts, and the Sunday Business Post
- New Centre for Climate & Society aims to provide journalism content on environmental issues



## Community

- Founder of community garden in local area
- Founder member of local GIY chapter
- Member local energy co-op
- Member, local allotment group



## Academic

- Leadership role in setting up the Centre for Climate & Society and the MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media & Society, which are both focused on how societies can better respond to the challenges of climate change
- They both emphasise perspectives from the humanities and social sciences
- Lead editor of *Ireland and the Climate Crisis* (2020), which analyses Ireland's response to climate change across a range of societal arenas

## Sustainability

- Independent chair, BAI sustainability network
- First broadcasting sector in the world to produce a sustainability roadmap for the broadcasting industry
- Leading biodiversity initiative at local level (Pollinator Project)



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 Photo 3 – students raising hands by Edwin Andrade on Unsplash  
 Photo 4 – community by Shane Rounce on Unsplash