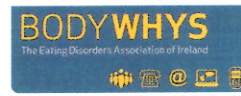


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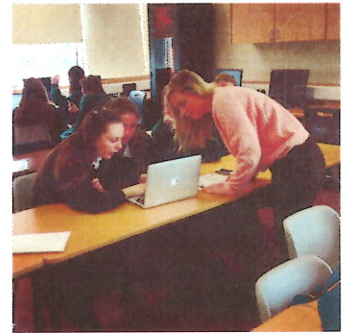
DCU Media Production Society

This year I was deputy events co-ordinator for DCU MPS. The main aim of our society is to educate students about every aspect of the media that we can by holding weekly workshops, providing outlets to create short films and video, allowing students the opportunity to have their own radio show and inviting guest speakers into the society that are relevant for our members. We had a highly successful year raising over €4,000 in our 24 hour charity broadcast, held 89 events for members over the year, brought over 100 members on trips in Ireland abroad and were awarded not only best society in DCU but the best society in Ireland at the BICs awards in Athlone. We celebrated MPS turning 30 years old too this year, making it the oldest college in DCU. I connected with DCU Alumni office to co-ordinate a special 'MPS 30' event in the Helix, where we invited back alumni of the society over the last 30 years and we launched a very social 30 years of MPS publication.



UniTY DCU Access

I have been involved in the UniTY program since the end of February 2015 as a mentor and tutor. UniTY is run by the Access program and it works with local schools in areas of high socio-economic disadvantage and aims to provide transformative educational opportunities for students.



I work with the students in the areas of video editing, storyboarding and camera work, visiting the schools assisting them with their video projects. The theme of their projects is 'inspiring stories in the community' and all videos will be showcased in DCU on the 13th of May at an awards ceremony for all five schools involved. I interact with the students to help them make their projects the best they can be and tell them about my experiences in DCU as a university student so they will strive to reach their highest academic goals in the future.

BodyWhys & DCU STYLE Collab

As sponsorship for DCU STYLE society this year, I wanted to connect with BodyWhys and promote a healthy body image. We had conducted an interview with them for our publication 'The Look', we had a BodyWhys walk in our show with a video we made ourselves to show statistics of eating disorders in the fashion industry, we invited them to have a stand before the show itself and we got the show as an official event on their national eating disorders awareness week.



Washington Ireland Program for Service and Learship (WIP) Class of 2015

This is a six month program identifies young people with a commitment to service and a track record of leadership, and builds their skills through work experience, educational opportunity, and hands-on citizenship both at home and in the Washington DC, where we spend 8 weeks. It brings together 30 university students from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to build the next generation of leaders that will achieve a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Northern Ireland and Ireland.



Headstarts- Enactus DCU (Art Class volunteer)

I am involved with HeadstARTS; an Enactus initiative that offers classes in art, dance, drama and music to adults and young people with intellectual disabilities. I help every Tuesday run the art classes in DCU for the service users and it has really shaped my university experience. I started volunteering last year and I continue to engage and create relationships with every service user in HeadstARTS that enters into DCU every week for this amazing initiative. 'Why blend in when you are born to stand out?'



DCU STYLE and Enable Ireland Pop-Up Charity Shop

We wanted to organise a completely new event, that I had never seen done before in DCU or any university across Ireland. I saw an opportunity for the society to create a partnership with Enable Ireland and to come and set up a 'Pop Up Charity Shop' in the college and to sell clothes! I made contact with their head office and they were delighted to get on board. I assembled a small team of first year students and I met with Enable Ireland several times in DCU and their head offices. I also met with the SU it became an official event on the SU's 'Motivation Week'. Enable Ireland managed to raise just over €400 over the 4 hour period that we were "open" for. We achieved to encourage students to buy from local charity shops, make students aware of the work Enable Ireland does and how they can volunteer with them in their community (with Enable Ireland volunteers at the event with leaflets and engaging with students) and to encourage student enterprise within the DCU community.

