

VOTE #1

WELFARE

JOSH MURRAY

**REFUND 2020/21
TUITION FEES**

**INCREASE MENTAL
HEALTH FUNDING**

**FIGHT DODGY
LANDLORDS & FEES**



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MY NAME IS JOSH MURRAY, I'M A FINAL YEAR POLITICS STUDENT. I WORKED DURING THE PANDEMIC AS A CARE WORKER IN A CARE HOME, WHERE I SPENT MY TIME UNIONISING THE WORKERS IN THE CARE HOME TO FIGHT FOR A PROPER LIVING WAGE FOR MY FELLOW KEY WORKERS - RISKING MY OWN JOB TO ACHIEVE THIS. I HAD TO LIVE ALONE TO ISOLATE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS JOB DURING THE PANDEMIC, NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE FAMILY OR FRIENDS, AND THEN HAD TO WITNESS AS STUDENTS WERE SCAPEGOATED AND BLAMED FOR A SECOND WAVE DESPITE THE FACT THAT MANY OF US WERE WORKING AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS ON THE FRONTLINE ON MINIMUM WAGE.

I KNOW THE POWER OF A UNION AND I WILL DEDICATE MYSELF FULLY TO BE A VOICE FOR YOU TO TACKLE THIS PANDEMIC, OVERHAUL OUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND TAKE ON THE DODGY AND CORRUPT LANDLORDS AND LETTING AGENCIES. THIS IS WHAT I WILL OFFER AS YOUR WELFARE OFFICER. CARE WORKERS NEED MORE THAN CLAPS, AND STUDENTS NEED MORE THAN £500. PLEASE VOTE JOSH MURRAY #1 FOR WELFARE AT WWW.QUBSU.ORG ON MONDAY 1ST TO THURSDAY 4TH MARCH.



**COMBAT
COVID**

Same-day testing on campus or delivered to your house

Campaign to increase the £500 student disruption payment and for it to be extended to all students studying here, to refund 2020/21's tuition fees.

Free masks and hand sanitizer to all of our students

Increasing accessibility to the student hardship grant

Scrap 40% cap on resits during this pandemic

Lateral flow testing for placement students so that they are delivered multiple tests that can be self administered quickly.

Free food packages for students

Scrap late penalties for exams for the duration of the pandemic



PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Introducing drop-in counselling services, online and offline when possible.

Introduce a student buddy scheme to combat loneliness during the pandemic.

Introduce on-site counselling services at all QUB accommodation sites.

Lobby the university and our politicians for a massive increase in funding for mental health services

Establish specialised support groups to help students with specific mental illnesses such as addiction or grief therapy.

Provision of drug testing kits as a form of harm reduction.



HOUSING

A ban on evictions until at least 2022, nobody should be forced out of their house during a pandemic.

The ability to opt out early of housing contracts, in the event where a student has to move home

Freeze rent in both private and University accommodation and fight strongly against any attempts to increase rent.

Crack down on dodgy letting agency practices such as refusal to return deposit and charging illegal letting fees.

Ensure the reimbursement of all illegal charges to which current and past students have been subjected.

Fight for more enforcement of penalties against landlords who neglect to fix issues with a property such as mould or faulty appliances.



WORKERS WELFARE

A £10.50 per hour living wage for our placement students.

Campaign in solidarity with the Trade Union movement for a £2000 payment for all NHS staff.

Ban zero hour contracts and provide job security for our SU staff

Fight to extend the furlough scheme until the end of the pandemic.

Introduce a trade union workshop, showing our students how to unionise their workplace and fight for a better deal in their day-to-day lives.

Workshops on gender equality and race equality in the workplace, as well as ensuring total transparency and equality for the staff of our SU.

Campaign for fair tips policies in the hospitality sector.

SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



Fight for the full implementation of free, accessible abortion services in the North.

Anonymous sexual health testing delivered free of charge to your door.

Deliveries of period products and other healthcare products free of charge to your door

Anonymous deliveries of contraceptives free of charge to your door.

Provide bystander intervention training to all student representatives.

Lobby to provide mandatory consent educational classes to students.

Provide accessible information on the effects of various contraceptive methods, such as hormonal and non-hormonal.



FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY

Stand up for Acht na Gaeilge and continue to support student-led campaigns on the representation, rights and visibility of Gaeilgeoirí on campus and across wider society.

Campaign for Queen's to implement BDS policy across campus.

Fight against the disastrous 'welfare reform' which led to University Credit and PIP and have devastated the lives of many working class students.

Campaign to have "gay conversion therapies" banned across Ireland.