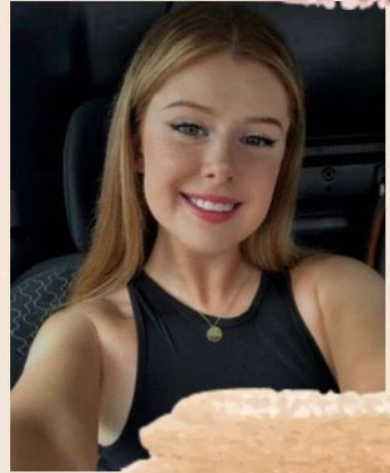


Leah Malone

FOR VICE PRESIDENT/ TREASURER

WHO AM I?

Hello! My name is Leah Malone and I am running to be next year's JCR Vice President/Treasurer. I study Business and German and come from a beautiful county called Kilkenny (woo). I love all things business and want to major in finance so I would love the chance to work as treasurer for the JCR next year. I have adored my time in halls this year, I never stop talking the outstanding sense of community that halls has. I want to nurture this environment by stepping up and taking action for students next year, and to be a welcoming face around halls!



WHY CHOOSE ME FOR THIS ROLE?

I truly care about this role. I want students to feel safe, welcome and supported from fresher's weekend through to final exam week. My aptitude for budgeting highly increased when I took a year out after my Leaving Certificate to work and save money. I know it can be hard to reach out but it is extremely important to me that students do not feel like they are a burden and can come to me whenever they need. The cost of living has recently soared, causing anxiety for many students, who might not know where to turn. As treasurer I will aim to inform students who might be struggling financially. I also acknowledge that handling the JCR budget in a way that puts students first is important and my previous experience shows that I have the ability to do so.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

GERMANIC SOCIETY EVENTS OFFICER

As the events officer for Germanic soc this year I have planned and carried out ticketed events and know how to use fixr. I also deal with money and budgeting in this role

LANGUAGE BALL 2023 COORDINATOR

Through being the events officer for Germanic soc I was grateful to receive the opportunity to plan a ball! Along with events officers from other language/culture based societies, we dealt with strict budgets, booking of venues and buses and ticket sales on fixr once again. This really helped me get an insight into how trinity's societies and budgets work.

SCHOOL BANK COMMITTEE MEMBER

In 2018 the AIB student bank scheme was introduced to our school and as a person (loser) who loves dealing with money I became a general committee member, opening student accounts for 120 students

DEBS ORGANIZER

As I did my leaving cert in 2021, my debs was cancelled. This left me and other debs committee members to reschedule and replan the whole debs, which happened in 2022 and ran very smoothly.



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VICE PRESIDENT / TREASURER MANIFESTO

WHAT WILL I DO?

As Vice President/ treasurer my main goal is to step up and be available throughout the year, to listen and to guide next years halls residents. I believe in a positive relationship between students, the JCR and senior management. I will commit to the JCR constitution and ensure to fill in for the President any time they are not present. I have many ideas on how to help students in their move to college, many of which are environmentally friendly. Helping students in a means that also helps save the environment is an objective of mine I feel truly passionate about. I will list below my plans to make next years Halls experience one to remember!

- Run Workshops at the beginning of the year, teaching students how to effectively budget in college, attended by members of the senior common room. Work with the publications officer to post about these over Instagram.

- I would like to work with fashion Soc to introduce a halls swap shop. People bring clothes they no longer wear and can take what they will wear from the donations! It's a brilliant environmentally friendly idea.

- Increasing the budget for JCR welfare events e.g welfare breakfast. The food pantry this year was a brilliant idea, I would like to hold one monthly

- I want to make the JCR committees jackets wearable day to day, while still having them be recognizable in an effort to utilize the budget correctly and reduce garment waste.

- Revising ticket costs for Jcr club nights and along with the Events officer and communications officer, sourcing meaningful sponsorships, and curating valuable club nights.

-Managing the JCR 2023/24 budget in a means that puts students first. Dedicating part of the budget towards consent programs. Ensuring the halls musical, international trip and hall ball all fall within the budget and run smoothly.

BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT

If the JCR and the wardens at trinity hall engage on a regular basis, students can be kept more informed about the higher management at halls. Policies will be clearer and there will be more transparency between halls residents and halls management.

HELPING STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

I will ensure that any struggling student will be more informed about ways in which they can get help and as Vice President I will guide them. An idea I have in mind is opening a link in the JCR Instagram bio in which students can anonymously report any issues they have with the running of halls. I would like to add a link to the JCR monthly email with an optional survey which asks students how their experience in halls is going and how it can be improved. This way students will have options to reach out anonymously and/or named, online, which can be much easier than approaching Someone in Person.

BOOST ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER TRINITY SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

With more help from external organizations, the JCR can plan events more efficiently and therefore announce events much earlier. With further notice of events, halls residents can budget and plan better. An example would be collaborating with Scéim, inviting them to co organize events like the Jersey Jig nights we have seen in halls.

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE AND INFORMED THROUGH FRESHERS WEEK AND BEYOND

I took the initiative to speak with the newly appointed 2023/24 Chairperson of students union Laszlo. I asked him how we could work together in the coming year. He believes in free drug testing, which as Vice President I will work with the welfare team to provide. I wish to make freshers week enjoyable and safe, with a focus on community building events. I would like to Organise a casual walking tour of Dublin every day of freshers week to help people find their feet (I still don't know my way around). I want an emphasis to be put on alcohol free activities, so that each student can join in on the fun, for example movie nights and sports days. I loved nothing more than a JCR Night out but it is important to balance the club nights with other evening and day time activities, so that every person from every culture can integrate themselves in halls!

I also have fun, don't worry. I want to make next years first years enjoy their time as much as they possibly can!!!
Thanks for reading!