

Ryan Grunwell

Candidate for Hon. Debates Convener of the 334th Session

Pro-Debates Convener of the 333rd Session



I want to be your DC because I really, really like debating. But I'd also be the best person for the job because:

- ***I'm genuinely passionate about debating.*** This is why I spoke at every debating competition on the Irish circuit this year, why I attended every drop-in debate this year and missed only one training session – because I was judging a debate.
- ***I'm invested in development.*** I've found facilitating people's development extremely fulfilling, whether in teaching taekwondo or volunteering at schools debating competitions. This is why I organized workshops aimed at freshers before and after Cork and Galway and why I had so much fun convening Lizzie's this year.
- ***I'm a hard worker.*** Across the past year, I've balanced working part-time, sitting Schols., debating and being on Council – which demonstrate I can effectively balance the DC responsibilities and manage my time accordingly.
- ***I fucking love spreadsheets.*** That part-time job? Ya boy was doing office admin work 15 hours a week, so I see myself being very comfortable with the significant admin aspect of DC.
- ***While I don't actually love spreadsheets, I do love the Phil.*** Throughout my time in the Phil, I've enjoyed some of my best college experiences and met some of my best friends. A lot of this fun has been from both the trips and the debating itself. So, I intend to bring chill vibes throughout the session and ensure debating remains a fun and inclusive way to get involved for everyone in the society.



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Adept at working with all levels of authority

Plans for 334th Session

- **Trinity IV & Open**
 - I intend to work closely with the Treasurer to pursue independent corporate sponsorship for the Open, Women's and the IV. I am committed to staying in Dublin all summer to follow this through. I intend to use this money to improve the quality of these competitions in three important ways:
 - a) Increased independent adjudicator funding, to attract the best judges from the international circuit;
 - b) Reduce registration fees for international teams, to attract the best quality teams from abroad;
 - c) Maybe even full burgers from Bóbós, am I fucking right lads?
- **Development**
 - **#1: Regular training** There's always a few older Phil people with great experience around Dublin, whether they're final years or recent graduates. I intend to hassle one/all of these people until we can get a regular coach to continue the great work Eoin has done this year. Beyond this, I intend to liaise with societies with well-established training programs (e.g. UCD, Oxbridge, Edinburgh) to assess what works for them and use their experiences to tailor a program for the Phil.
 - **#2: Inter-/Pro-Ams** I intend facilitate as many such teams as possible because of how beneficial they are, by a) making a spreadsheet with the names of every Inter/Am and ensuring everyone that wants to speak with a Pro will get the chance to across the year and b) enforcing Worlds & Euros Pro-Am requirements strictly and extending them to judges.
- **Pros**
 - I intend to restructure the work of the Pros to give them full control of our internal competitions
 - I intend to run at least three internals: **Lizzie's** (MT Reading Week), **Mahaffy's** (HT Reading Week) and **Clarkie's** – which I intend to revive as a a BP-style internal competition for freshers during HT with 5 in-rounds ran across several weekdays followed by a grand final.
- **Public Speaking**
 - Liaise with Sec. to formalise and continue the Inaugural Public Speaking Competition next year.
 - Run an Irish Times workshop at the beginning of the year following the email that goes out confirming teams.
- **Diversity/Equality**
 - I am committed to taking two female Pros in order to ensure that the Women's Open and the Women in Debating Workshop series run as successfully as this year.
 - I want to work with the Hist to ensure balanced gender representation on the Equity and CA teams for the IV and Open.
- **Clarity**
 - Post details of all debating competitions well in advance across all Phil facebook groups, a detailed master-post about upcoming competitions in the Phil Competitive Debating group and extra details for the Irish Mace and Irish Times to ensure freshers do not feel intimidated by these competitions specifically from the outset.