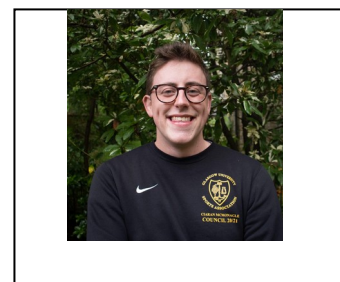


GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2021/22

Position		Travel Convenor
Nominee:	Name:	Ciaran McMonagle
	Club:	Sailing
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	Club:	Hockey
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	Club:	Sailing



If re-elected to the role of Travel Convenor I hope to continue the work of ensuring the GUSA buses are well maintained and our drivers are well supported. The drivers portal introduced this year has had a huge effect on how our drivers use the GUSA buses: I hope, if elected, to make sure our drivers are comfortable using it and aren't making mistakes. I would do this by making and promoting simple walk through videos explaining each part of the portal and offering individual help and training – online and hopefully in person eventually – if needed. I also plan to set up a survey during the year to ask what drivers would like to see in the portal and how or if they think it could be improved.

In the past few years we've struggled to keep up a cleaning rota for the GUSA buses; it's really important that we keep the buses well maintained so I plan to get one organised early so that it is set up for when clubs return to sport.

Taster sessions during the upcoming Freshers week will be incredibly important for our clubs; GUSA buses and a well arranged plan for transport during the week will help to allow all of our clubs to have brilliant sessions that attract loads of new members. Having learned from organising travel for the taster sessions that were able to go ahead this year I plan to ensure that every club that requires transport to provide their session is contacted well in advance of Freshers week and the plan for travel is organised far in advance and is well distributed to clubs and freshers.

Alongside these aims, I hope to use my place on GUSA council to advocate for a focus on sustainability. This year I was a part of launching the GUSAxSRC Sustainability Challenge. I was really proud to see the great initiatives that clubs came up with to promote and improve their sustainability over the course of the challenge. If elected I hope to expand the challenge bringing in new clubs and societies.

We're living through a climate emergency; as individual athletes and people taking part in sport it may feel that there is little we can do to reduce our impact on the environment. However, as clubs and collectively as GUSA our actions can have profound consequences. During conversations with the GUSA council and others over the course of setting up and running the Sustainability Challenge I was struck by how wide ranging our opportunities are to improve our sustainability in the coming years. Due to this, if elected I will propose transitioning this role to be "Travel and Sustainability Convenor"; I believe that there is much that we can do to improve our sustainability and that enshrining it within one of our Council positions is the best way to do that. I think that Travel is the most natural role for this new responsibility to fit within for a number of reasons, first and foremost: university policies on sustainability in transport and the use of electric vehicles will likely mean we need to reimagine what we offer in terms of travel. Secondly, as we move further into using the portal the day-to-day responsibilities of the Travel convenor are shrinking leaving space within the role for a wider focus.