



## **Item for Agreement of Class Rep Council**

### **ITEM NO. 2325-17 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **Background**

Council notes that it would be in the best interest of students, especially those currently living in the local areas surrounding DCU, for the SU and university at large to play a greater more proactive role in the local community on their behalf. Students living in accommodation are often marginalised and treated as though they are not truly part of the local community, hence leaving their voices unheard on matters affecting local communities. Council proposes that the SU take a more active role in activism and local issues in the communities surrounding the DCU campuses and student accommodation.

#### **Action**

Council requests that DCUSU takes on a greater role within the surrounding communities on behalf of students living there. Council proposes that this is done via engagement with and membership of relevant community groups, such as tenant's unions for example, as well as having a presence at local demonstrations and protests that align with the SU's values. In doing so DCUSU be showing that DCU is in fact a part of the local community and foster greater relations between DCU and the wider community, providing students with a greater community and

resources, as opposed to the current circumstances in which DCU and its student accommodation largely exists as an island cut off from the wider local community.

### **Mandate**

Council proposes that this engagement be carried out by the Vice President for Community and Citizenship and/or the Student Union President as it is most fitting of their mandates; it is also noted that university upper management will also have a role to play in this proposal and that DCUSU will need to receive their backing before attempting to represent students on behalf of DCU in wider local community.