

Hello everybody,

My name is **Ingrid Domås** and I am currently a 2nd year Drama, Theatre and Performance studies student. This year I will be running for **Digby Stuart College President**.

The reason I want to run for this position is because I know I can do a smashing job representing the college and I know that this position will give me more opportunities when it comes to improving the college experience. This year I've been the international student officer, and I've enjoyed every minute of it, and I've learned so much about the University, the college and the students. Also during this period, I've also learned, through observation and experiences, how the relationship works between the union and the college, I therefore I know how to get things done. If I become the **Digby Stuart College President**, I know that I'll have a bigger chance of finishing what I have started this year and also attempt to carry on the current College President's, Harry Harris, legacy. I believe it's equally as important to try and finish what has already been thought of and planned as much as bringing new ideas and events to the college. Giving out promises is probably the worst thing to do in this kind of election, which is the reason why I'm not gonna do that. The only promise I'm giving you is that I will do a great job!! No, scratch that... **A FANTASTIC JOB!** From next year on the CP position is more focused on the academic side of the college which for me is a step in the right direction of making this college the best it can be.

Seeing as we're getting a new bar, hopefully in time for Freshers week, we as current students must join in the freshers to make the best out of this bar, to make it our own special place, just the way the Belfry has been for the past decade. During the beginning of next school year, the pieces of the puzzle will fall into their right places when the new bar is up and running and we can start making it our unique safe haven where we go to socialize and have a good time.

How can the student experience be improved during the students first year? This is a question that's been in my head for quite some time, and I think I've found a good solution. I've asked many of the freshers this year about what they've missed this year in the college and what they wish they were provided with when it comes to information etc. They all wished that information came out not just as a big bang during Freshers Week, but spread out through the first weeks. My conclusion; **The Freshers Survival Guide!** Seeing as new students are bombarded in the first week with info on this and info on that, I'm pretty sure they'd rather appreciate it more if a leaflet was given out post-freshers week in contrast to all the flyers etc which are filling up the top drawer on their desk or fills up their bin. This leaflet will contain all the do's and don'ts, who to approach regarding problems that might occur along the way, I.e. who to talk to if your loan's late and you're desperate for money to survive, who to talk to if you wanna change your course and who to approach when you wanna learn how to write a fantastic essay!

I also think it's important for all the flat reps for 2010 to engage even more than this year in the student college experience. I'd encourage all new flat reps for next year to really get to know their own college, in and out, to be able to help out new students as much as possible.

Allright, enough about the fresher's, what about the rest you say? Seeing Digby is undergoing big changes, we all need to keep up and try to adapt more than criticize the changes. We all need to make the best out of the time we've got left here and we need to acknowledge that this is a college which is adapting to the modern society more and more for each day that goes by. Instead of dwelling on the past, we need to appreciate all that's being done for us as students so that our student experience gets even **BETTER!** We need all students, on and off-campus to come along and keep the Digby spirit even though it seems a bit deflated right now. **WE CAN DO IT!!!**

These are a few of the things I want to see happen next year, and hopefully you want these changes too!

Peace Out

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