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I am a current law student studying BCL Law at the University College Dublin. I have studied French law for two years as well as common law. I can speak French, Irish, Yoruba and English. I am very passionate about human rights and the power of representation in the Irish legal system. I strive to uplift underrepresented communities and create bridges across different networks. I am hardworking individual and a team player.

Experience

Mentee, Freeths X YDWC

Mentorship

January 2023 – June 2023

During my mentorship in Freeths I uncovered:

- Knowledge of how a corporate firm function.
- Numerous law related internships and opportunities for underrepresented communities.
- The differences in the legal routes between Irish and English paths to become a solicitor or barrister.
- masters' programmes that align with my career goals and training contracts.

Mentee, UCD Career

Virtual Mentorship

January 2023– July 2023

During my mentorship in the UCD Career programme:

- I learned about Diplomacy and the fellowships available to students.
- I discovered different scholarships that the government gives to students to study abroad in the political field.
- My mentor demonstrated to me how to network to the best of my ability.
- My mentor exposed to me several international law-firms and competition law.

Work Shadow, Hudson and Browne Solicitors,

Quayside House, Prince's St, Tralee, Co. Kerry

January 2019

Under shadowing Donald J Browne I gained the skills of :

- Learning how to archive and present legal documents.
- Observing the procedures and formation of the criminal procedure in the circuit court and the district court in the local courthouse.
- Critically analysing the nature of the jurisprudence of criminal law in Ireland.

Competitions

- Winner of the A&L Goodbody Novice Mock Trial 2022
- Best Speaker in the Maidens group round Debate Competition.
- Best Delegate in Groningen Model United Nations 2022
- Semi-Finalist of Times Debate 2024

Communication qualifications

- Access Community Mentor Programme 2023
- Completion of Common Purpose Universitas 21 Global Citizen Programme 2022
- Completion of Tourism INsight Programme 2019

- Amnesty International Human Rights Academy: Deconstructing Israel's Apartheid Against Palestinians.

Leadership

General Secretary of University College Dublin African Society

(Active during 23/24)

In my role as a Secretary, I would make the minutes from the meetings and send out emails to the wider school community. We discuss ideas to promote the African culture in UCD and how to collaborate with different societies to expose opportunities for African students.

Junior Event Coordinator of UCD French Society

(Active during 22/23)

In my role as Junior E helped organised event to promote the French culture in UCD. I attended meeting with my committee to create ideas for fun events to host. My team and I acted resourceful in acquiring the items we would need to facilitate the French society event's in order for the events to be a success.

Special Event Officer of UCD Italian Society

(Active during 22/23)

In my role as a Special Events Officer, I would promote Italian culture through unique experiences. I would communicate with my committee members about diverse ways to highlight Italian culture in Dublin City.

Ordinary Committee Member of University College Dublin World Aid Society

(Active during 22/23)

In my role as an ordinary committee member of World Aid Society, I raised awareness about the endangered species of bees. We created charity games, bake sales, and sold flower seeds. I would be a member who had to be adaptable. I would help with a range of tasks from sending emails to helping our social media team.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Youth Ambassador, Diaspora Vote

As a Youth Ambassador for Diaspora Vote, a youth political group championing the voices of young People of Color (POC) European citizens, my role is multifaceted. I actively engage with the community to raise awareness about political participation, advocate for youth-friendly policies, and encourage voter registration to protect minorities rights. Through my advocacy and leadership, I strive to empower and mobilize our diverse youth community for meaningful political impact.

Community Officer, MUNers Across Borders

As a community officer in the youth-led NGO MUNers Across Borders, I would reach out to partner with suitable NGOs, youth-development institutions, student orgs., and UN youth offices. I would promote World Model UN Day in March, in hopes that it would be recognised by the United Nations.

E.L.S.A (European Law Student Association) Ireland, Director of Diversity & Inclusion

As the director of Diversity and Inclusion of ELSA, I would create campaigns directed to law students who are minorities in their college community. We would try to design activities, that incorporate educating those of lower economic status about their rights.

Inclusive Europe Research Project, Anti-Racism and Gender Inequality team member.

I am part of a research project conducted by the youth-led group, Inclusive Europe. As part of the research team, I am partaking on the 'Anti-Racism and Gender Inequality' team. My team is designated with the role of discussing and excavating; the effect of racism in the school, how colonial material is taught in school and intersectionality. Our project is being prepared for the European Parliament Elections in 2024.

