

# AODHÁN PEELO

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Highly motivated final year student with excellent communication, teamwork and analytical skills, as well as extensive experience in leadership and organisational positions. Seeking work experience in a challenging and client-focused legal role.

## EDUCATION

### University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4.

(2013 - 2018)

- BCL Law & Philosophy. First class honours achieved thus far. GPA: 3.68.
- Sabbatical year taken 2016/17 in order to take up role as Auditor (President) of the UCD Law Society.
- Recipient of scholarship to attend the Fordham University summer programme 2017, studying human rights and alternative dispute resolution. Achieved a first class honours result.

### Castleknock Community College, Diswellstown Road.

(2007 - 2013)

- Recipient of the College Academic Excellence Award 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Kialo Inc.

(July 2017 – Present)

#### Researcher & Editor (Part Time)

- Kialo is an online tool for reasoned and researched discussion.
- Researching and writing arguments on a range of topics, supported by academic literature.
- Evaluating and editing the input of newer contributors. This requires proof reading submissions, analysing arguments made, suggesting improvements in phrasing and substance, and verifying sources used.
- Responsible for guaranteeing excellent argumentation and research across the platform.
- Expanding the discussion forum as a tool of interest to Universities.

### University College Dublin

(September 2017 – Present)

#### Head Debate Coach (Part Time)

- Training and developing competitive debaters in the college. To do this I have prepared a year-long syllabus for training, and development goals for each society.
- Giving weekly training sessions in which I deliver informative presentations on a range of topics, analyse speeches, and provide detailed feedback to speakers.
- Overseeing the provision of Novice training, and cooperation between the two debating societies on a range of events.

### Boojum Mespil Road

(April 2017 – August 2017)

#### Front of House Staff (Full Time)

- Served clients, prepared food, manned the till, stocked fridges and storage, and cleaned the restaurant and facilities.
- Worked effectively as part of a team to ensure that all tasks were completed, and excellent customer service was provided at all times.

### UCD Law Society

(March 2016 – March 2017)

#### Auditor (Sabbatical Role as President)

- Managed a society of 4,500 members, over half of whom come from faculties outside of law.
- The Society's annual turnover exceeded €140,000. Membership increased by over 30% during my term, and I negotiated an increase of 15% in sponsorship from multiple leading corporate sponsors.
- Coordinated the committee of 30 volunteer students. Oversaw the planning of each event. I was responsible for foreseeing and addressing organisational challenges.
- My session hosted three times more careers and social events than before, and introduced five new activities. We also sent teams to International Moot Court competitions for the first time in five years and significantly increased the societies debating success.

## **FCR Media**

**(October 2014 – January 2016)**

### **Telesales Representative (Part Time)**

- FCR Media is a digital marketing company which specialises in Search Engine Optimisation, and Google Ad Word services.
- Responsible for sourcing new customers, and advising potential clients. I was promoted to the telesales team after consistently reaching sales targets while maintaining customer satisfaction.
- Selected to join the team that launched the online product “Snap-Sync” into the Irish market, each sale valued at over €600.
- Responsible for advising clients on new and existing products and conducting sales. Customers expected an outstanding level of knowledge and expertise, but moreover, they required a service unique to their needs.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTS**

### **Debating**

- As well as winning five international intervarsity competitions, my achievements include:
  - Quarter-finalist of the World University Debating Championship 2017.
  - Winner of the Irish and International Mace Competitions 2016.
  - Finalist of the European University Debating championships 2015.
  - Runner up in the Irish Times Debating Competition 2014.
- I have convened (organised) multiple national and international debating competitions for both school and university participants. The largest catered to over 300 participants.
- Debating has taught me to work with teammates to develop constructive solutions when approaching intellectual challenges.

### **Moot Court**

- UCD Law Society Moot Court Convenor 2015.
- Winner of the Vivian Lavan Moot Court competition, quarter-finalist of the Cecil Lavery Moot Court Competition 2014.
- Recipient of the UCD Law Society Moot Court Novice Gold Medal 2014.
- Currently competing in the Semi-Finals of the Cecil Lavery Moot Court competition.
- Moot Court has taught me to research effectively, to construct arguments, and to prepare documents in support of a specific position.

### **Scouting**

**(2002- 2017)**

- I have been a Patrol Leader, Chair of the Patrol Leaders Council and Secretary of the Venture Crew.
- Until this year I volunteered as an adult leader. I worked with youth members to plan weekly meetings as well as camps, hikes and trips. I was also active as a Rover Scout.

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

### **World Schools Debate Championship**

**(December 2017 – Present)**

- I have recently been selected to coach the national debate team. I am responsible for selecting, preparing and accompanying the team of five students to the World Schools Debate Championship in Zagreb.

### **Localise Youth Volunteering**

**(2010 – 2013)**

- Localise is a national organisation promoting local engagement in community projects.
- Organised Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Halloween parties in coordination with Special Olympics Ireland and Respect, designed for members of the community with Down Syndrome.
- Visited St. Marys Hospital retirement home regularly to perform for and spend time with the residents.
- Ran multiple fundraising events for local charities.

## **REFERENCES**

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