

# AODHÁN PEELO

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Highly motivated final year student with excellent communication, teamwork and analytic skills, as well as extensive experience in leadership and organisational roles. Seeking full time employment in a challenging and client focused legal role.

## EDUCATION

**University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4.** (2013 - 2018)

- BCL Law & Philosophy. 2.1 honours achieved each year thus far. GPA: 3.58.
- 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 ‘Human Rights and Resolving International Conflict: A Northern Ireland Perspective’.

**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)**

- 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 arguments, 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.
- Give weekly training sessions where I deliver informative presentations on a range of topics, analyse speeches, and provide detailed feedback. I have learned to quickly and effectively engage with analytical challenges, and succinctly communicate solutions to problems posed.
- Oversee 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 (Full Time)**

- Managed a society of 4,500 members, across all University faculties.
- Responsible for coordinating the committee of 30 volunteer students. This required overseeing the planning of each event, foreseeing difficulties and providing solutions before, and as, problems arose.
- The Society’s annual turnover exceeded €140,000. Membership increased by over 30%, and I negotiated an increase of 15% in sponsorship from multiple leading firms.
- Created numerous new events, hosting in total three times more careers and social events than before, and introducing five new activities. The society entered teams to International Moot Court competitions for the first time and significantly increased our debating success.

## **FCR Media**

**(October 2014 – January 2016)**

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

- Promoted from original position of Call Appointer 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**

- Debating has taught me to quickly and effectively engage with problems posed, and to express even complex ideas succinctly. As part of a team I have learned to find constructive solutions when posed with intellectual challenges.
- As well as winning five international intervarsity competitions, my achievements include:
  - Quarter-finalist of the World Universities Debate 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.
- Convened multiple national and international debating competitions for both school and University students. The largest catered to over 300 participants.

### **Moot Court & Negotiation**

- UCD Law Society Moot Court Convenor 2015.
- Winner of the Vivian Lavan Moot Court competition, Quarter-finalist of the Cecil Lavery Moot Court Competition and recipient of the UCD Law Society Moot Court Novice Gold Medal 2014.
- Currently competing in Quarter-finals of the Student Legal Service Negotiation Competition.
- My experience in both activities as taught me to research the law effectively and efficiently, to construct legal arguments, and to prepare usable synopses of case law in order to write memorials.

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

### **Scouting**

**(2002- Present)**

- I have been a Patrol Leader, Chair of the Patrol Leaders Counsel and Secretary of the Venture Crew.
- Currently volunteering as an adult leader. I work with youth members to plan weekly meetings as well as camps, hikes and trips.

### **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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