

# NATHAN O'GARA

## Curriculum Vitae

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Final year law student looking for an opportunity to creatively apply skill in innovation to legal issues. Experienced in a wide range of legal areas, with strong leadership and organisational skills developed through involvement with college societies, community groups, and self-directed work.

## EDUCATION

### 2017 - PRESENT **Bachelor of Laws, Trinity College Dublin**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Overall Result: 2.1

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Overall Result: 2.1

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Overall Result: 1.1

Awarded the First Class book prize for honours in 2019/2020 examinations.

### 2011 - 2017 **Leaving Certificate, St. Dominic's College Cabra**

## EXPERIENCE

### AUTUMN 2020

#### **Legal Intern, Community Law & Mediation**

- Carried out in-depth research of law and policy in the areas of housing law, employment and equality law, and debt law.
- Worked remotely to identify legal issues in cases dealing with new Covid-19 emergency legislation and presented persuasive legal authority on these unprecedented issues.
- Contributed to the drafting of comprehensive and coherent responses to queries submitted to the legal advice clinic.

### 2018 - 2020

#### **Illustrations Editor, University Times**

- Organised the production of illustrations for the University Times print newspaper and website.
- Co-ordinated teams of artists to collaborate with writers on articles and supervised layout within the paper. Liaised with other section editors to ensure quality.
- Increased traffic on the paper's website and social media through monitoring reader engagement with visual elements.

### 2017 - PRESENT

#### **Illustrator, Freelance**

- Illustrator and designer for several author-hired projects and individual clients. Organisations worked with include Dublin City Council as part of the Dublin Canvas public art project.
- Managed own finances and promotion, which helped develop the strong work ethic required to maintain clients through reliability and professionalism.
- Negotiating pricing and schedules for projects involved understanding of effective communication and responsibility.

## ACTIVITIES

### 2019 - PRESENT

#### **Board Member**, Ireland Trans Support Alliance

- Facilitate in the operation of the charity, established to provide peer support to this marginalised and vulnerable group in society.
- Create and deliver workshops on legal gender recognition and the status of transgender rights internationally.

### 2018 - 2020

#### **Chairperson**, Trinity College LGBT Society

- Oversaw the general running of the society and organised three events a week for its 300+ student members.
- Responsible for representing the society in all dealings with college and external organisations.
- Worked alongside the Student Union to campaign for transgender healthcare policy reform, hate crime legislation, and against the MSM blood ban.

## OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Conversational Cantonese and Irish, and beginner Japanese.
- Proficient with MS Office applications and image editing softwares.
- Local environmental activism, volunteer with community clean-up groups.
- Chess and other problem-solving. Junior ICU champion.

## REFERENCES

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