Declan Hegarty

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Educational Qualifications

2018/2019 MA Public Affairs and Political Communication (Anticipated

2.1} Technological University Dublin formerly DIT

<u>Subjects:</u> Public affairs writing, Speech writing, Political communication and political marketing, strategy in a corporate environment, Ethics and political process, research techniques and political structures.

Emphasis throughout the course would be on the relationships and communication between organizations and Irish and European Government and regulatory bodies.

Strategic Project: Local Authority Housing survey

- Developed a survey on behalf of Marc MacSharry, TD and member of Public accounts Committee in response to the nation's housing crisis
- The survey was distributed to the Directors of Housing and Economic development for each local authority
- Results were brought to the attention of the government and minister for housing.

2014/2017 BA {Hons} Psychology: University College Dublin

<u>Subjects:</u> Neuroscience, Psychopharmacology, Cognitive Science, Psychoanalysis, Counselling, Freudian studies, Psychoanalytic theory

Thesis: To investigate the relationship between Depression, Self-esteem and body image in adolescent males.

2009 leaving Certificate, St. Eunans college Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Employment History and Work Experience

Sep 18/Present, Internship Programme, Dail Eireann, Houses of the Oireachtas.

- Worked in The Fianna Fail Office of Marc MacSharry TD. Leinster House.
- Carried out duties in conjunction with an elected member of parliament in developing political strategy and micromanaging his constituency
- Provided Briefing notes, Speech writing and other office support for inclusion in committee work programs and daily Dail Business
- Participated in the preparation of political marketing materials as per instructed by the TD.
- Submit an occasion, parliamentary questions to ministers and to monitor and process responses.

2014/2018, Senior Bar Staff, Searsons of Baggot St, Dublin

- Four years' experience in a fast paced and dynamic work environment
- Searsons of Baggot street is an industry recognized leader in bars, restaurants and hospitality and an award-winning venue
- Led by example along with colleagues and formed strong binds with stakeholders, clients and local businesses.
- Carried out numerous on the job training routines, including but not limited to: Shadowing, observing and hands on liner training.
- National hospitality awards pub of the year {2017} Gastropub of the year {2017}
- Dubin Pub of the year and best sporting bar {2018}

Achievements and interests

Professional membership: Active membership of the public relations institute of Ireland, Horse racing Ireland and the psychological society of Ireland.

Reading: Consult newspapers to keep up to date with current affairs and increase business knowledge. Monitor the public affairs Ireland and public relations websites to keep abreast of the developments in the industry.

Sport: Have a great interest in a variety of sports. Particularly interested in GAA and Horse racing.

Travel: Organized, planned and financed own travel to the united states and Asia. Thoroughly enjoy meeting people of different nationalities and adapting to new surroundings.

Skills Profile

Teamwork: Can work independently or as part of a team. Able to motivate others, employ tact and seamlessly build relationships, developed through work experience and through participation in case studies.

Communication: Effective communicator developed through writing assignments and delivery presentations and speeches. Can write in a variety of formats, e.g. Business correspondence, Blogs, Speechwriting, press releases etc.

Referees

Professional and academic references available on request.