

Derek Sheridan

Elected PMSS Nominee

First term

2024-2028



Skills and experience

Derek began working in what was then WRTC in 1995 and has had several positions in WIT and SETU since then. Currently he is Technical Officer in charge of the Reprographics Department, Waterford and part-time seconded to the TU project as a staff IR facilitator.

Derek has been involved in representing colleagues almost since the beginning of his time at WIT/SETU, as a Safety Representative and as a union activist. He is currently the convenor/head shop steward of SIPTU and serves on several committees including Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, both University and Waterford Campus Health and Safety Committees, the PMSS Design Board and was elected to Academic Council in 2024.

Derek also represents his union at a national level, as a member of the SIPTU Education Sector Committee. Derek is also a member of the SIPTU Technical Officers Group, the joint SIPTU/UNITE Technical Group and is on the staff-side team of the Professional, Management and Support Staff, Industrial Relations Forum in respect of the Technological Universities, at the Workplace Relations Commission

Derek has a long history of volunteerism, firstly as a Volunteer Officer and Instructor in Civil Defence since his teens and in latter years as the section leader for the cub section in his local scout group on the Copper Coast in Waterford