

University of Lincoln Students' Union

Vice President Campaigns and Environment Report July 2020

Training:

Over the last month, all 5 Sabbatical officers have been meeting with staff from various departments of the University. It has been wonderful to meet with these staff members and introduce our key aims for the year and to figure out ways in which we can work together to ensure that student voices are heard and students are at the very forefront of both the University and Students' Union's goals. We have also been partaking in webinars which are open to all Students' Union staff across the country to learn more about issues which students face and how we can help. For example, I very much enjoyed a webinar concerning the climate change education in the curriculum and it has made me reflect on how we as an organisation can do more to make sure that Lincoln students have free access to educational resources concerning the climate change. Overall, the amount of training we are doing is decreasing as we are now stepping up more into our roles.

What I've been up to:

The most exciting things from the last month has been Volunteer Officer training and the first Campaigns Network meeting. Meeting all the Campaigns Network officers has been very exciting because they all have great ideas for the year and are super motivated and I have been able to discuss how I can help them to achieve these ideas. The first Campaigns Network meeting went really well and the officers were able to network with each other for the first time. In the last couple of weeks there have already been some Campaigns Network wins, for example the LGBT+ committee sent a fantastic letter to the government urging them to ban conversion therapy. We now have a full set of officers and I am very excited to see what they will achieve this year.

I have also been researching the recycling situations within 3rd party accommodation providers and trying to get to the bottom of those who do not provide recycling facilities to their tenants.

Over the last month I have rewritten the Green Impact section of the SU's website so that students can now find information on what we have done to be more sustainable as an organisation and how they can get involved with environmental projects on and off campus.

What I am looking forward to:

Over the next month, I am looking forward to completing and publishing my ops plans so that I have a more solidified plan for the year as well as being part of projects which welcome incoming students, for example the pen pal scheme which gives us a chance to speak directly to incoming international students.