



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Vice President Activities Report September 2019

Officer Networking Event

We held an Officer Networking Event for our Volunteer Officers in The Platform, on the Friday before Freshers Week started, to share ideas, best practise and get excited for the year ahead. We played Human Bingo and ate pizza which was so much fun. I have also met with Harry (Sports Officer) and Rhys (Societies Officer) to discuss plans and expectations for the year. They have both come up with some fantastic plans which I am excited to help and guide them on throughout the year.

Freshers Week 2019

I spent the first weekend of freshers between Gateway and Courts Accommodation helping new students with their parents move in. The day was so busy but it was equally as rewarding. The Students' Union Team worked extremely hard alongside the University Accommodation team to make the process as smooth and as welcoming as possible. This made me very nostalgic as it was three years ago since I had moved into Courts and I wanted to do my time at university all over again.

Over the first three days we had the Freshers Fayre, the Societies Fayre and the Sports Fayre respectively. During the Freshers Fayre on the Monday, the Activities Team and I were promoting getting involved in a sport or society. Over the two sport and societies fayres we had just under 10,000 registers of interest to an activity with over 8,000 through the door which is fantastic. I spent the two days with my brilliant committees who did a brilliant job promoting themselves and getting new members involved. The two weeks which followed were packed with multiple trials and taster sessions so a big thank you so much to everyone who invited me along.

The Student Leaders and I attending the Welcome Reception for Student Intake in the Minerva Building which was hosted by Mary Stuart. This was a great opportunity to meet new students and make them feel like part of the Lincoln Community. I presented in over ten Welcome Talks for a number of first and second year lectures, these were so fulfilling to be able to show off what we offer at our Union.

Freshers' Week consisted of a whole range of events including, The Welcome Party, Club MTV, the Freshers' Open Air Cinema, a Comedy Central Night, a very busy Street Food Market, a Cocktail Night at The Swan, an Inflatable Rave and the Freshers' Ball to finish the week off. My highlights included hosting The Great Freshers' Quiz with the other Student Leaders where we gave away some fantastic prizes and witnessed the worlds greatest dance

off, unfortunately for some, myself and Georgia Petts took part in Quackeoke at The Swan on Wednesday night which was followed by the infamous Quack! Quack was definitely the best night of Freshers' Week from the unreal buzz at the event and throwing out the Quack Ducks.

Lincoln Sports Board

I attended my first Lincoln Sports Board. This meeting is vital in the progress of our sports and societies. The Physio sessions which Cassie has been working so hard to achieve has been approved which is fantastic news. The Physio Sessions will start on the 14th of October at a cost of only £5.

Monthly Overview

At the beginning of September, our Lincoln Students' Union staff team had an away day to Loughborough's Students' Union where we had a tour, shared best practise and had a breadth of discussion regarding the future of Student Unions.

Our Tower Bar Manager and I met with all of the respective sport teams and societies regarding Tower Bar Sponsorship for this upcoming year. Everyone was so engaged so I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the activities who took the time to sign with us as it will be so exciting to see our sports and societies in Tower Bar over the next year!

Our term has officially started with Rhino as our new kit provider. At the start of September I joined Kieron, the General Manager, to sit down with as many teams as we could to get the design and order process completed ready for the new season. I am so impressed with the quality of the designs and the kit which has already arrived! We spoke about my KPI's and expectations of them for the year so I am hoping that we get the experience and quality we need, following the issues which arose last year.

Myself and Emma are well underway into planning our Take A Stand – Lincoln Together Inclusivity Campaign for this year. I believe that inclusivity is such an important trait for our Union to have and we want to break down as many barriers to sport and activities as possible. I know a huge portion of our activities have already shown an invested interest in being involved which is fantastic and there is plenty more in preparation so thank you!

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