



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

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Training

As a team we had a lot of training activities and exercises to work on our skills as a team through various means. We were part of the first ever SURvival which was held in Theddlethorpe in which we were given a lot of different team building activities to test us on how we can handle stress during busy times and how we can make the best use of the resources that are available to us. We also had our last training session with Jonathon Day on how to be an effective trustee and how we can bring valuable information in the board of trustee meetings. We also had our board of trustees residential in which we were given an opportunity to talk to the external and student trustees in an informal setting. We had training on how to chair meetings and what type of chairing method suits us individually.

International Arrivals

I have been part of the international arrival again this month. The arrivals took place on the 3rd of August in which I was available for students at the airport to guide them to the coaches to Lincoln. After they reached Lincoln, I guided them to their apartments, answer any queries that they have and give them a hand to help them with their luggage. I also answered various queries about supermarkets which are available close to them and what sort of items will be available in the markets. It was an amazing experience meeting all the new students.

NE Networking event

The North east networking event organised by Leeds students' union was a great way to meet sabbatical officers from around the region and to see how they are looking at the matters that are arising. It was very pleasing to see that all the international matters are now being carefully investigated by different unions and how they were impressed by our students' union having a full time international sabbatical officer and they could feel the need for it too.

B-Global Inter-Cultural Transition Program

I have been working closely with Caroline Lowish (Lecturer in Lincoln International Business School and Lead for the Intercultural Transition Programme) and leading with her on the new Intercultural transition Program which is to help students to transition better to the culture here. We have completed the phase 1 of the Program which is to create the WeChat Group and inviting the members to join, after this phase we will be inviting the students to join the WeChat group and do an introduction session with them. I have previously been a part of the B-Global team as a student mentor for the other students twice, the experience from those times will help me in creating a wholistic experience for all international students joining in this time.

Clearing Advisor

I volunteered to be a part of clearing and helping students to help them with their queries on the phone. This involved letting them know if they have enough qualifications to be a part of our university by checking their UCAS points and advising them what courses might interest them. It was a great experience and helped me overcome my fear of attending phone calls. After the clearing day we had an open house for clearing over the weekend which was an amazing time again in helping students to understand the services the SU provides and how we can enhance their student experience during their time in Lincoln.