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Manifesto Point	Updates	
<p>Objective 1: 60% of students will agree that campus is accessible for all.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>March saw more work on the new Learning Support Plans, with Student Wellbeing collecting feedback from Rep Forum & PG Rep Forum, in order to help shape the new LSP structure. Additionally, lots of work this month has been clarifying the situation regarding Disabled Parking, which involved supporting a student in a dispute against the university. In addition, during March I finished writing the Accessibility Report, and with a couple of final touches it will be ready to present shortly. Sadly, the decision has been taken to postpone the Spoons Campaign until next year, however we are still representing students through this difficult period, including raising concerns about the lack of support for students with LSPs during Online Learning, to Education & Student Life Committee. In addition, I have secured our Disabilities Officer a place on a high-level university sub-committee where they will be able to represent students in discussions about web accessibility & online learning accessibility.</p> <p>In April I will begin to review what needs to be handed over to the new Student Leaders, and continue to make sure students, particularly with LSPs, are supported appropriately during this period of Online Learning and Online Assessment.</p>
<p>Objective 2: 85% of students will agree or strongly agree they are "satisfied with their life nowadays".</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>March has been a brilliant month for this KPI, with a very successful launch of the Look After Your Mate Campaign! The campaign included sessions of the LAYM training, which was very well received, as well as a leaflet drop in Courts & Valentine Court, and the implementation of the "KnowTheSigns" signs on campus. The signs were a particularly big hit and created lots of conversation both in person and on social media, as well as the</p>

		<p>creation of a Digital Student Life video about them! In addition, I worked with Peace of Mind Society & Student Wellbeing to put on the re-branded “Wellbeing Café” which was incredibly positive and well attended. In addition, this month I conducted research on the Big White Wall to ensure students are happy with its service provision, and actually knew what the software was used for.</p> <p>Over the next month, I will continue to work with the Student Support Centre on a drug awareness campaign which came from student feedback, and present the research I conducted to the university in order for them to understand whether Big White Wall is effective or not.</p>
<p>Objective 3: 40% of students will believe the SU are actively working to reduce the negative impact on the environment.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>During March I had a very positive meeting with the Estates Department & Accommodation Services team regarding recycling in private accommodations, and now understand the situation with the council and have identified how the SU could be involved in changing this. March also saw the joint Student Leader Campaign Green Week, which was really well received and saw lots of positive action and changes to more sustainable life choices (i.e. bamboo toothbrushes and reducing single use plastic). Sadly, the Climate Panel did not go quite to plan, however we turned it into a strategy discussion instead which proved to be very useful in the long term. In addition, sadly the Beach Clean-Up to Skegness that I helped organise has also had to be cancelled due to the current climate.</p> <p>Next month I will start to create a successful handover/transition for the new Environmental Officer & VPCE, as well as writing up all the feedback we have had so far to identify key themes for the strategy.</p>
<p>Objective 4: 85% of students will be satisfied with their</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>One of the largest pieces of feedback about living in the community I have received recently is the concerns over safety, particularly in the evenings walking home from</p>

<p>accommodation in the Housing Survey.</p>		<p>campus. Over the past few months, I have been working with a local councillor to produce a motion for turning streetlights on for longer, and I achieved a meeting with a stagecoach representative about getting a student bus service. After a successful Reclaim the Night march, we know have footage to use in a student facing video about what we're doing which is being released next week, and we are now planning how we will make the planned "Safety in the City" Town Hall in April, a virtual one! Also, in March I have been working with the Sincil Bank Community Team to create "welcome to the community packs" which will hopefully be given to every student moving into Sincil Bank from September. In addition, this month I have been working to lobby private PBSA in order to try and remove the last rent payment for students and created a petition which had an incredible 2819 signatures.</p> <p>Next month, I will look to research more into different Unions' accreditation systems and finish off the Safety in the City work I have been doing.</p>	
<p>Objective 5: 85% of students will have heard of or used "Volunteering Opportunities"</p>	<p>Progress this month: Plans for next month:</p>	<p>During March I spent lots of time preparing and promoting Make A Difference Week, which included completing a Radio interview for BBC Lincolnshire about MAD week which will help promotion of the positive impact we have on the Lincoln Community. However sadly MAD week has had to be cancelled, which is very disappointing but completely out of our control. I am still working with our Employability Department to confirm a list of community volunteers (there's loads!) in order for us to be able to thank them. In March I also took a lead on organising our Womens' History Month events, and supported our LGBT+ Officer with the History Month Closing Event.</p> <p>Next month I will look at how we can advertise online volunteering and celebrating some of our volunteers via social media.</p>	
<p>Student Interactions</p>	<p>Big White Wall Research</p>	<p>Committee & University</p>	<p>Drug Awareness Campaign Meeting</p>

	<p>LGBT+ History Closing Event Numerous Attendance Panels Wellbeing Café OfS Harassment & Sexual Misconduct Focus Group Hate Crime Reporting Working Group Bamboo Toothbrush Giveaway RAGs for RAG Rep Forum 8 out of 10 Swans Water Bottle Giveaway Strategy Workshop Reclaim the Night Craftivism Reclaim the Night Green Week Panel LGBT+ Pen Pal Scheme Campaigns Network Meeting Look After Your Mate Leaflet Drop LSFM Society Quiz Look After Your Mate Training RAG Officer Induction</p>	<p>Staff Interactions</p>	<p>Environment & Sustainability Committee Catch Up with Head of Student Services OfS Mental Health Steering Group Meeting with Sincil Bank Community Team DVC Mentor Meeting Stagecoach Meeting Recycling in Private Accommodations Education & Student Life Committee</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>March saw more work on the new Learning Support Plans Structure with Student Wellbeing, clarifying the situation regarding Disabled Parking, and finishing writing the Accessibility Report. Sadly, the Spoons Campaign has been postponed until next year, however I am still representing students through this difficult period, including raising concerns from students with LSPs about Online Learning to Education & Student Life Committee. I'm very glad that the Look After Your Mate Campaign has a such a great launch this month! The campaign included sessions of the LAYM training, a leaflet drop in Courts & Valentine Court, and the implementation of the "KnowTheSigns" signs on campus. The signs were a particularly big hit and created lots of conversation both in person and on social media, as well as the creation of a Digital Student Life video about them! In addition, I worked with Peace of Mind Society & Student Wellbeing to put on a "Wellbeing Café" and conducted research on the Big White Wall to ensure students are happy with its service provision. This month including the joint Student Leader</p>		

	<p>Campaign Green Week, with lots of positive action and changes to more sustainable life choices (i.e. bamboo toothbrushes and reducing single use plastic). In addition, I represented students at the Environment & Sustainability Committee, and met with Estates Department & Accommodation Services team regarding recycling in private accommodations. However sadly the Beach Clean-Up to Skegness had to be cancelled due to the current climate. This month I also achieved a meeting with a stagecoach representative about getting a student bus service, and after a successful Reclaim the Night march, a call to action video is being released next week, with work being done to make a "Safety in the City" Town Hall in April, a virtual one! I'm currently working with the Sincil Bank Community Team to create "welcome to the community packs", and have been working to lobby private PBSA in order to try and remove the last rent payment for students, and created a petition which had an incredible 2819 signatures. I had worked hard in preparation for Make a Difference Week including a Radio interview for BBC Lincolnshire, however this has sadly been cancelled.</p>
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