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Report Summary	<p>Lock down 2.0 as we all referred to this month has had everyone working from home with activities and events being held virtually. I have taken part in delivering of Morrison food boxes to Isolating students, making welfare calls to some of these students and sending follow up emails to those I couldn't get in touch with. This has helped me take some feedback from students who had concerns and needed some support. I spent the rest of time attending meetings, engaging with students on WhatsApp & We chat group, and took part in a cook along where I made egg stew and rice!</p> <p>If you are staying for Christmas I would like to know how best I can support you during the holiday period so do get in touch with me via international@lincolnsu.com</p>	
KPIs	Updates	
75% of students are aware of ISA	Progress this month:	<p>There has been an increase in interaction on the social media pages of ISA; the ISA officer and committee members have been encouraged to create content to support students during lock down and throughout the academic year. Students have been joining the Facebook group as well to keep up with activities happening and also be within a network where they can interact with other students.</p> <p>ISA now has a full committee as we had the Buddies lead role filled. ISA is in touch with other societies to discuss inclusivity for its members and how student engagement can be increased.</p> <p>ISA had its virtual quiz this month which had students being interactive as they shared feedback on some activities they would want to be supported with over Christmas. ISA members have also participated in virtual events held during the LIBS Global month which included a cook along, webinars and cultural exchange sessions.</p>
	Plans for next month:	<p>Staying in Lincoln for Christmas so I and some committee members can help support students during the holiday period to engage in activities and events to keep them occupied and less lonely. Work in partnership with LIBS and Multifaith chaplaincy to get students involved in the events they have planned as well for the Holiday period.</p> <p>I would also do follow ups on ISA student guide with Marketing to look into progress and when the this can be made available and accessible to students.</p>
20% Increase in unique membership of International students participating in memberships, sports, societies, academic societies and social sport	Progress this month:	<p>A lot of international student's showed interest in joining sports/societies but missed out on taster sessions due to arriving late or being in Isolation. Most International students also struggled with Enrolments and this may have shadowed their interest in signing up to societies in the early stages.</p> <p>Myself and the ISA officer had a meeting with James the Academic officer to come up with ideas of how students can be engaged in societies .ISA has gotten in touch with the sports officer and other societies as well to come up with plans on how to increase International student engagement in sports societies</p>
	Plans for next month:	<p>To encourage more students to acquire memberships and join societies which would enable them meet more students, make friends and engage in extracurricular activities giving that the academic year has been challenging.</p>
60% of Students are Aware of how to Report Hate crime	Progress this month:	<p>There isn't a lot to update on this as I was last informed by student support that no complaints have been recorded on Hate crime as at ending of October.</p> <p>An unconscious bias video which high lights micro aggressions has been created by student support which has been circulated via social media. Student life has also produced a video on Micro aggressions which has been circulated all around social media to raise awareness around this and get people informed. I have been focusing more on supporting and sign posting students this month and haven't had any student raise any hate crime concerns yet.</p>
	Plans for next month:	<p>As the year comes to an end I would do a follow up with student support to get an end of year report on recorded Hate crime to look at the statistics. Look after your mate training is available for students to participate in so I would be promoting this online and keep an eye on any reports r concerns that students may raise during the Christmas holidays.</p>
60% of Staff and Students are Aware of Cultural events within the Community	Progress this month:	<p>I have been involved with the EDI department of the University to work on a calendar that would high light and create awareness of cultural celebrations and this is almost in the last phase.</p> <p>Bailey and myself put together a list of faith and cultural events which we have liaised with ICT to put these up on the University desktops anytime a date of an event is due. This would help create awareness around students and staff since most use computers in the Library and around campus.</p>



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		I took part in a virtual Diwali event hosted the Multifaith chaplaincy with the wider Lincoln community where we lit candles to grace the occasion and the Lincoln mayor was attendee.
	Plans for next month:	To work with ISA committee members in collating information on international dates which can be added to the calendar so this can also be highlighted and celebrated given we have students of different nationalities.
75% students participating in the Buddy scheme are satisfied	Progress this month:	A survey was sent out to students on the Penpal scheme to get feedback on how we can work on improving this scheme for the next Cohort of students coming in February. I have also sent out links to this scheme to the International office to include it in their mailing lists of incoming prospective students.
	Plans for next month:	To keep promoting the Buddy schemes so more local students can sign up for this to make it easier to pair International students. I also intend to support the buddies lead come up with events that International buddies can be engaged with.
40% of the members of International Students Association actively use skills log	Progress this month:	Members of ISA have been referred to volunteering opportunities on the SU website to sign up for these as they have been asking for opportunities they can be involved in.
	Plans for next month:	Get more students involved in available opportunities including look after your mate training during the holiday season to while away time and make use of the skills log.

Student Interaction update:	ISA Virtual drop in, Themed Diwali Facebook live and other 2 weekly Facebook lives, Virtual open day, LIBS weekly coffee catch ups, LIBS Global month cook along, ISA Hub virtual quiz, Welfare calls to isolating students , Delivery of Morrison's food boxes to isolating students , Inclusivity discussion with James -Academic officer and Welcome to SU talk delivered to Study buddy group
Committee and University Staff updates:	Executive Committee ,Faith Advisory Committee ,Finance & Risk Sub-Committee, LIBS International committee, Decolonising the curriculum, Decolonising pedagogy , Joint Equality Diversity and Inclusion committee, Inclusion committee and ISA committee. Catch up with VC Mary the other student leaders and some DVC's. Monthly Catch ups : Julian , ICT, Student support services ,English Language Centre, Judy Turner, Mark P, Bame Working Group, and ISA officer. Mentor Meetings: James Brooks and Toby Wilkinson.
Any Other Business:	Wishing you all a Merry Christmas in Advance and remember your student leaders are here and always happy to help.



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