



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

### President Report August 2019

This month's report will sadly be the shortest I have ever written due to being off the majority of the month. I have been off recovering from an ACL reconstruction surgery I have needed from a basketball injury just under two years ago. This was from playing an away game in the BUCS representing the SU/University. So some words of wisdom, give your heart and soul into playing your sport, but do look after yourself as injuries are rubbish.

However, for the short time I was in office this month I have gotten involved in many different activities. This includes visiting Leeds Students' Union for the North East Sabbatical networking event. This gave us the chance to meet all the North East Sabbaticals ranging from Sheffield to Newcastle; discussing key themes across the sector such as NUS, the environment, mental health and the Black attainment gap. This was a great event to share best practice and to start progressing on potential projects for the year ahead.

Following from the North East networking event, myself and the rest of the executive travelled to sunny Mablethorpe to take on the internal team challenge 'SURvival'. This challenge saw myself and the rest of the Sabbs have to live in a close proximity and take on daily challenges to test our SU knowledge, but also working as a team in different environments. I thoroughly enjoyed this as it gave me the chance to really get to know the rest of my new team, making sure we are strong ready for the new academic year.

From team training to WonkHE training. Myself and the rest of the sabbatical team were lucky enough to have a visit from WonkHE's Jim Dickinson; giving us training on some of HE's critical themes and topics. These topics looked at themes such as 'support for joint honours students', 'struggles of students transitioning from A level to university' and 'online education'. This was a fantastic training session, making the team think about what some of the tame, critical and wicked issues are hitting higher education today.

Finally, this month I had the incredible opportunity to see the new accommodation 'Valentine Court'. This accommodation is coming on very well with beautiful townhouses being finished to a very high quality.

The team and I will be very busy the next few weeks getting ready for everyone's favourite week...FRESHERS!! I look forward to seeing you all there! Let's make it the best one yet!

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