



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Vice President Education Report June 2019

This month for me has really solidified why I wanted this role to begin with. Seeing students return to campus and have people feeding into the plans I have for the year, actually seeing if they will work and are wanted, has been so eye opening and so rewarding.

An Update from me:

The union went away to Loughborough for the day and myself and the other student leaders spent our day with Loughborough's sabbatical team. The day was useful to see how another union ran their 'day to day business' but also because I got to talk with their Education Officer about her plans and my own for the year and see if there was anything we could help each other with.

I helped run the Senior Rep training on Wednesday the 11th which was great as I got to meet all of the elected school reps and college officers, I was able to tell them about my plans for the year and get their opinions on anything they could help with. We completed the training for the day and then the reps split into groups to go on a treasure hunt around Lincoln and they did not disappoint, coming back with some charity shop gems, begrudging the team a little less for making them walk up Steep Hill.

On Friday the 13th myself, Abi and Emma held the first Volunteer Officer joint event which aimed to create a space where all of the volunteer officers throughout the Lincoln students' community could meet each other, discuss plans for the years and begin to make networks that will help them out throughout the year. We had a good turnout of students from all three areas of campaigns, academic representation and sports and societies. We had pizza, human bingo and a generally informal atmosphere which allowed everyone to meet each other and mix up the groups. The event was a success in terms of allowing all of the officers to mingle and get to know each other, but also in allowing all of the student leaders to meet officers from different remits who we wouldn't necessarily interact with without the event.

Welcome week/freshers:

Welcome week has gone great, myself and the other sabbaticals have had the opportunity to meet so many students new and returning. We all delivered welcome talks and returned

talks to thousands of students throughout the week letting them know about the SU, what services we provide, who they can contact for information and introducing them to the student leader team so our faces become a little more familiar.

Myself and Cassie met with the Medical School to deliver a welcome talk and also carry out their course and school rep elections. They had questions about societies, how being a rep works and about the Lincoln community in general. It was great to meet such a different school to what we have had before and meet students who are the first wave in Lincolns new programme offering.

Move in weekend holds some of my favourite memories from welcome week, it was one of the first times campus felt alive with students again and also gave us the first opportunity to properly meet the students we would be representing this year.

For the last week I have been helping Liz and Beth with electing course reps across the colleges and we have had someone stand up and nominate themselves in each election we have been in so far. This is great because it means we have the means for a strong team, that will be able to represent students from all programmes and levels.

Move in weekend sparked the beginning of freshers for all of us in the SU and the beginning of one of the most hectic weeks of my life! We had an event almost every night and something on throughout the day every day. The weeks social events kicked off with the Freshers Welcome Party which was also my first time on the stage for a night out, and then we had the Big Freshers Quiz which was so much fun to do and it was great to be able to give out loads of prizes to students. Wednesday was the busiest day I had a full day of welcome talks and meetings followed by the Open Air Theatre, my first ever Quackeoke and of course the first Quack of the year! The week finished off with the Inflatable Rave and the Freshers Ball. Whilst it was a busy fast paced week it was great to get to spend time talking to students and getting to know everyone.

I want to thank everyone at the SU for helping me during freshers week, whether that be with snacks, tips on the best blister plasters or for not judging my repeat visits to the dressing room for a quick nap and breather. I also want to thank every student that sat through one of my talks and even more so to those who laughed at my terrible jokes.

Plans for next month:

Next up for me is PG Week starting on the 7th of October which will hopefully give me the chance to make some networks in the postgraduate community so I can help represent them and their needs throughout the year with informed opinions on how their university experiences are going. I am starting to attend more university committees and meetings with academic staff which will help me see how things at the university work and how I can best help influence change and support students. This is also the case for the first rep forums in which I am working on setting agendas and talking points to make them as effective as they possibly can be, and setting up meetings with all of the reps in each of the colleges to set a plan for the year and see what they want to achieve from representation.