

University of Lincoln Students' Union

Vice President Campaigns and Environment Report June 2020

Hello, my name is Bailey and I am the new VP Campaigns and Environment. I have just finished my geography degree and was the 2019/20 Environmental Officer in the Campaigns Network. As a new student leader, I have already learnt so much about the inner workings of students' unions in the space of just a few weeks. I have felt really welcomed into the union by the staff and am very much looking forward to working within the new Sabbatical team this year.

Handover week:

During handover week we heard from all the outgoing student leaders who gave us some practical advice regarding campaigns and the logistics of being a Sabbatical Officer as well as words of encouragement for the year ahead. We also (virtually) met the senior management who will be supporting us and learned about their roles. In my opinion, the most important thing I learnt during handover week was how all the roles within the Students' Union fit together and support each other to run smoothly and effectively represent students. From learning about the history of the Students' Union and the current state of the union, I got a massive sense of how students really are at the heart of the organisation.

Training:

I have really enjoyed learning about the different aspects to the union during training and the part that I play in the running of them, for example being a trustee and a representative. I really value learning about how the other team members work and what drives them through strength finder tests so that we can become a really effective team. The operational training is really useful too, as fresh graduates we have lots to learn from the staff team here such as organisational skills and meeting etiquette.

What I'm looking forward to:

I have some rough plans of how I would like to change the culture of the campaigns network as well as campus-wide campaigns that I would like to run to raise awareness of the challenges faced by different groups of students. There are also some environmental projects that I am excited about, including one regarding recycling issues and another aiding students to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. Additionally, improving student interaction with the SU will be a priority of mine with the goal of hosting a green-themed vlog series for students to follow online. The planning stages are very exciting however I am also really motivated to get started and to engage with students when they return in October.