

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Vice President Wellbeing and Community Report 2020

Introduction

Hello, my name is Lucy Krogdahl and I am your Vice President Wellbeing and Community 2020/2021. I have just finished studying Biomedical Science here at Lincoln, during this time I was also a member of student staff on The Barge and part of the Dance Society. I am really excited to take on this role and can't thank the students who voted me in enough, I will strive to represent you and your needs to the best of my abilities throughout my time in this role. Although this year has started in a less than conventional way due to the current global pandemic, I feel that as a team of sabbatical officers we can create an environment (whether virtual or on campus!) that students are happy with and feel their voices are being heard, this is something I think we have already begun to succeed in through our creative approach to meet the needs of students.

Training

As the new sabbatical officers on the 8th of June we began in depth training sessions to ensure we are fully equipped for the rest of the year. This included training on the SU, Bye-laws and finance as well as training on our specific roles and team building. Throughout this I have worked closely with James and Hannah and the other Saabs to create a positive environment and close-knit team. Although COVID-19 has meant we haven't been able to do many of the more fun training sessions we have planned it has still been a thoroughly enjoyable experience which has made me look forward to the coming year. I hope this training, with its adjustments will allow us to create a harmonious campus when students return in October, I know as a team we are looking forward to having you back.

Plans for the Year Ahead

I am excited to tackle the year, even more so since we began training! I feel this team will work hard to create a happy environment for students where they can feel safe and secure, even with the added difficulties of COVID-19. Personally, I want to work on areas of student wellbeing that can affect the overall university experience and ensure that the student experience is at the forefront of everything I do.

I hope to increase mental health provisions for students and provide a framework of support through the use of volunteers, wellbeing champions and the existing SU advice and University Wellbeing centres.

Housing can be a major issue for students, so I hope to increase awareness around the support students can receive and work to ensure students are clear on their rights as renters so they are able to identify if they are being misled.

To work to increase educational material and awareness of how to report wellbeing issues on the SU website about a variety of Health and Wellbeing problems that affect students, including social issues such as hate crime and sexual assault.

I am keen to improve sexual health provisions on campus, including the availability of protection, educational materials and eco-friendly sanitary products. Alongside this, I would love to work closely with LISH to ensure students are aware of how and where they are able to get STI check-ups.

Finally, I am striving to bring Lincoln University students into the wider Lincoln community through joint events in order to combat student loneliness and create a sense of unity with the residents of Lincoln.

Following this, I want student feedback to be at the forefront of everything I do and I am dedicated to ensuring students feel represented, so please do not hesitate to get in contact with me throughout the year with any feedback you may have.