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Manifesto Point	Updates	
<p>Objective 1: 60% of students will agree that campus is accessible for all.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>February has seen the successful implementation of “ReciteMe” being used on the SU website, which is an accessibility tool with numerous options to improve how people can engage with the website. I have been in communication with our marketing team and we are yet to fully agree a design for the accessible toilet signs, however this will be completed soon. Working in partnership with our Disabilities Officer, I have started writing our accessibility report, which will highlight the key issues on campus and suggest some recommendations to the university. As part of this work, I ran a successful Focus Group with students where we discussed some of the major issues on campus and how we could overcome these, and completed a “Accessibility Walk Around” with Zoe to work out the facilities and their upkeep. As part of this, Zoe & I observed some concerning facilities upkeep, and as a result I have escalated this to the university in order to ensure we keep student safe. Other progress this month includes more work on the Spoons Campaign, where Zoe & I have developed an operational plan for how we will show students the importance of hidden disability awareness, and I have had funding approved for more Sunflower Lanyards which means we will be able to offer the scheme permanently for students and staff at the Union have now also had training on how to support a student wearing a lanyard.</p>
<p>Objective 2: 85% of students will agree or strongly agree they are “satisfied with their life nowadays”.</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>February saw the first “PeerUp” student working group which went really well, and we discussed all the different aspects of the project particularly volunteer training and what we’d like the service to look like on a daily basis (i.e. service user experience). Now I’ve completed all this consultation, I am working with our Advice Team to draw up a proposal and look to how we can realistically run the scheme. Initial training for Look After Your Mate has been received very well, and I look forward to putting on more ad-hoc sessions during March for my Look After Your Mate Campaign, which I have been working closely with Marketing on this month. During February I have been working on a new proposal for how we can offer and support students to access inclusive sexual</p>

		<p>health protection, and I am very excited to see how this will evolve further. In addition, I have been working of my SUGgestions (Ask Angela & Student Bus Service) to ensure we are supporting students to stay safe in the city and look forward to progressing these further in March. February also saw a whole PG Forum dedicated to Wellbeing and Accessibility, which was brilliant to get real student feedback and now I am working with the university to implement their suggestions.</p>
<p>Objective 3: 40% of students will believe the SU are actively working to reduce the negative impact on the environment.</p>	<p>Progress this month: Plans for next month:</p>	<p>This month we had our second Union environmental champions meeting in which we discussed all the sustainability actions we have implemented over the past three months. This included points such as the use of biodegradable confetti at SU events; and reducing energy consumption with new LED lighting in the Engine Shed. Alongside the other student leaders, I have been working on our plan for Green Week in March and am excited to share this with everyone! Another item I've been working on this month is how the Environmental Officer and I can implement some of the feedback and suggestions we received at the previous Enviro-Fayre. At the beginning of this month I also worked with the marketing department to promote the VPCE role to ensure we gained nominations ahead of the election period.</p> <p>Next month, I will continue to work on my SUGgestions and continue looking at our Climate Emergency Response.</p>
<p>Objective 4: 85% of students will be satisfied with their accommodation in the Housing Survey.</p>	<p>Progress this month: Plans for next month:</p>	<p>This month has been incredibly important in regards to the housing accreditation system and after a very positive meeting with the University registrar, we have now clarified what will happen with the future of the scheme and how we can improve this to ensure students are protected from poor landlords. In addition this month I met with the founder of CribAdvisor and we discussed how the service protects Lincoln students and what involvement this could have with the new Union strategy which will address our concerns around housing. I have continued to work on the 'Move out May' plan and attended my first Sincil Bank board where I represented students living in the area to ensure community is a key component to living in the area.</p> <p>Next month, I will look to research more into different Unions' accreditation systems and start to see how we can implement this ready for the new year.</p>

<p>Objective 5: 85% of students will have heard of or used "Volunteering Opportunities"</p>	<p>Progress this month: Plans for next month:</p>	<p>During February, I have worked with the employability department to publicise our student volunteer stories for student volunteering week and have developed a new idea for how we can thank student volunteers who volunteer within the community rather than the SU. This idea will involve sending letters to student volunteers to thank them for their contribution to our community. In addition, I have also been working on our plans for make a difference week which are looking incredibly exciting and I look forward to the Brayford clean-up.</p> <p>Next month will be Make a Difference week, where I will actively be involved in various activities and will be encouraging students to do the same.</p>		
<p>Student Interactions</p>	<p>PG Rep Forum Enviro-Fayre Peace of Mind Pottery Painting Election Candidate BUCS Volleyball & Basketball Campaigns Network Social Meetings with CN Officers x 6 Numerous Attendance Panels PeerUp Working Group Womens History Month Meetings x 3 International Quiz LGBT+ Film Screening 8 out of 10 Swans SUGgestions Meeting x 2 Accessibility on Campus Focus Group & Walk Around International Party Campaigns Hub Candidate Question Time Cuddle a Fluffy</p>		<p>Committee & University Staff Interactions</p>	<p>CribAdvisor Meeting Fitness to Practice Panel Environment Estates One Community Meeting Head of Accommodation Introduction Housing Accreditation Meeting Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee Sincil Bank Neighbourhood Board</p>