



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Vice President Education Report July 2019

An update from me

There is more to cover this month in terms of meeting people and beginning to engage more heavily in planning for the year ahead, using the quieter summer months to gain a head start before students return to campus in September.

Training is coming to an end for all of us student leaders finishing off with some final sessions on delivering campaigns and engaging volunteers. These sessions will help us to make our campaigns as effective and widely received as possible, ensuring that they have the intended impact and that they actually benefit or help the students of Lincoln be that through inspiring change or raising awareness.

What I have been up to this month

Cassie and I went to London to attend the WonkHe conference which covered the Augar review, the different sides of the debate and whether or not the reviews proposed changes to the education system would be beneficial or not. One of the benefits of attending this conference was that we got to see a variety of people, from different sectors, discussing Further and Higher Education in terms of the current and proposed financial system.

On Friday the 5th and Saturday the 6th of July all the sabbatical officers attended and helped at the Open Days, greeting prospective students and delivering talks to them and their companions. It was a great experience to get to speak at the welcome talks, as it provided one of the first platforms since elections for most of us to talk to such large groups of people, which will help with preparations for September when the student leaders go and talk to new students in Freshers Week. The SU had a stand in INB which provided the ability to talk with these prospective students about what they wanted from their university experience as well as providing the opportunity to see what we could improve on and what we were already doing well from an outsider perspective.

This week I took a trip to the University Environment's allotments in which myself, Mohit and Emma helped look after the plots, harvesting the vegetables ready for collection by the Mint Lane Café.

Planning for the upcoming months

This month has been predominantly taken up by working on my KPIs and Ops plan for the year, this has included what I want to achieve, what resources I need to achieve this and what benefits or change will occur as a result of these plans. Alongside this we have also been looking more closely into what campaigns we want to put on as a sabbatical team and how we align our aims and motivations to make these campaigns as successful, educational and beneficial to Lincoln students as they can possibly be.

I have also been working on plans for PG Welcome Week with Cassie to make the event as inclusive and useful to all PG students. This is a project I am extremely excited about, one of my main aims when I ran for election was to enhance the postgraduate experience at Lincoln through supporting PG students with the SU. I believe welcome week is the first step on a long but great journey to having PG students happy and satisfied with their time at Lincoln.

Upcoming events

On Monday the 29th of July we will be going to Leeds NE networking event to meet with other sabbatical officers from the midlands and the north. This event will help make connections with other SUs that could be beneficial later in the year if we need help formulating any new plans that we are not well versed in, but also for helping us see where we can improve in terms of our environmental sustainability efforts and so on.

Something that is not necessarily vital to report on but is still vital in terms of ensuring a healthy relationship within the sabbatical team, which will help us work together more effectively and cohesively, is the continuous focus on team building and the strengthening of the bond with all of the student leaders.

As the month has gone on we have all settled into our roles a little more each week, it feels good to be getting to grips with my remit and feel confident about getting ready to support students when they return to campus.

I am excited to begin working on my plans for the year to enhance the student experience!