



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President Welfare and Community Report June 2018

Thanks

I would like to thank all members of staff and students for the support which they have shown me since my start as Vice President of Welfare and Community. It has been fundamental in helping me to understand my role as both a Student Leader and a trustee, and teaching me the skills needed to have a great year in office. The warm welcome I've received has only developed my desire to achieve as much as possible this year for both our students and the union alike.

Handover

Starting on the 11th June, handover week was a great start to my time here at the Students' Union. I was able to have very useful one to one sessions with Connor, the outgoing Vice President Welfare and Community, and shadow him at the Students' Union Board of Trustees meeting on the 13th June. I also learnt a lot from the current Student Leader and Senior Management Team's (SMT's) presentations on '3 Dos and Do Nots', which I will definitely be taking forward going into the next year.

Training

Although campus has been relatively quiet recently as the majority of students have gone home for summer, I've been really busy with my Student Leader Induction. I have completed numerous training sessions with Students' Union staff members, which have helped me understand the complexities of my role, and taught me the skills needed to have an effective year. Cassie, the new Vice President Activities, and I have also attended 'Carousels' with all of the different departments within the Students' Union so as to get to know all members of staff. This has been a great opportunity to meet everyone and find out more about each department!

Residential

As a part of Student Leader induction, I also went on the training residential with the other Student Leaders and SMT. We went away to Cave Castle Hotel near Hull, and did lots of team building activities, got to know each other better, and started to formulate our plans for 2018/19. I think that this experience was a great chance for us to develop our strategy for the year together, and will really help us to work as a cohesive team going forward.

Meetings

I attended my first Carholme Community Forum on the 26th June, and met members from the local community.

I also took part in a 'Tackling Hate Crime Advisory Group' meeting at the University on the 27th, which I hope will lead to further progress and effective campaigns over the upcoming year.

On the 28th June, Lincoln Students' Union was visited by Simon Blake, the National Union of Students' (NUS) CEO. We were able to show him our Students' Union and discuss our relationship with NUS, ahead of the upcoming NUS SU 2018 Conference in Birmingham next week.

Excitingly, I was also able to attend the University Board of Governors away dinner with the other Student Leaders. This was an exciting opportunity for Cassie and I to meet Mary Stuart and the Deputy Vice Chancellors, as well as the other members of the board.

Small Projects

I have also been working on way to better advertise/display the free sanitary products which we provide in our venues, so as to make them more inviting to take.

I am also looking into using a different supplier based on student feedback.

I have also been working to connect with those already elected to be next year's Campaigns Network Officers, and making plans to meet with them before the start of the academic year, so as to start organising and supporting them in delivering the year's campaigns.

I took away from the Carholme Community Forum a copy of a local community publication called 'Parish Focus', and have worked on an article about my role in the Students' Union and our involvement in the local community to be included in August's issue. I hope that this will increase awareness in the Carholme area about what the Students' Union is, and that we want to have a positive relationship with local residents!

It's been an amazing first few weeks for me as the new Vice President Welfare and Community! Once again, I cannot stress enough how thankful I am to everyone for welcoming and supporting me in this exciting new position. I can't wait to go forward and achieve as much as possible with the other Student Leaders over the coming year!