



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

Once again, this month has been really busy! November has been jam packed with Campaigns Network campaigns and events, as well as developments with my own goals for the year,

Campaigns Network

Within the Campaigns Network this month we have had another round of nominations and elections, and so have new committee members as well as a brand new Mature Students Officer! We have also had our monthly meeting, where lots of funding applications were recommended to Exec for approval, as well as our one to one '50/50' catch ups (they're half way between CN meetings, hence the name 50/50). This month also saw Lincoln's first big RAG Week, through which just under £3k was raised for RAG's chosen charities. The RAG Officer Emma has been absolutely incredible, and the other Student Leaders and I really enjoyed getting involved throughout the week (Especially through events such as 'Sponge a Sabb' and 'Chilli Challenge'). This month, our LGBT+ Campaign Group also held a service for Trans Day of Remembrance, which I was honoured to attend. It was an incredibly moving event.

Housing

This month we have begun promoting the annual Housing Fayre which will be held on the 6th December in the Engine Shed. I also met with Loc8me (the student letting agency) regarding their recent bad press and how to improve.

Campaigns

November saw not only Campaigns Network Campaign, but also the BUCS This Girl Can campaign! Cassie took the lead on this campaign about female empowerment through sport, which I did my best to support throughout the week.

Community

As always, I attended the Sincil Bank Residents meeting and Carholme Community Forum this month. Both had some very positive feedback about students living out in the community (noise has been much less of an issue this year). I also attended Karen Lee's Community Engagement Event on Policing at the Showroom. This was a great opportunity to hear from members of the City Council, Police and local charities about what's being done in the city to tackle the issues of homelessness and 'Spice' dealing. The other Student Leaders and I attended the city's Remembrance Day Service for the first time this year. It

was a beautiful service, and an honour to represent our membership when laying a wreath at the war memorial. I also went to visit BGU in November to meet their Welfare team. I hope that this will lead to our SUs working together on city-wide issues in the future!

Environment

This month I have been continuing to work towards our Green Impact submission, and I also sat on the University's 'UN Sustainable Development Goals ranking submission' working group, alongside the ECO Society President George. It's great to have student representation at this level!

Street harassment and sexual misconduct in the city

This month a Facebook group called 'Lincoln Girl Gang Chat' was set up, with the purpose of helping women in the city share stories of sexual harassment and arrange groups to walk home in late at night (for safety). This group now has over 2.6k members, showing how prevalent this issue is at the moment. Through this group, I have been signposting to services/support and the university's reporting system, and working with the Women's Officer Alexandra on a Reclaim the Night march which is to take place on November 30th. I also raised this issue at the Carholme Community Forum, which has led to me working with city/county councillors and local police on how we can tackle the issue (potentially campaigning for improved street lighting). I am also going to be supporting the university's upcoming consent campaign in December. This month we also had the SU's first ever self defence class (after an SUGgestion from last year), which was a big success. Members of the FB group were in attendance which's great to see.

Other

This month I also attended a university Open day to talk to prospective students about Lincoln and the Students' Union. We also had a Board of Trustees meeting this month where we had very useful thematic discussions on the current student climate. I am continuing to work towards getting blood donation on campus, with an accompanying donation recruitment campaign.

A also sat on the Patient Participation Group at the University Health Centre in November, which was great as I was able to offer a student perspective to discussions.

Thanks for an amazing November, roll on December!