



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

December has been an incredible month, with some absolutely amazing work from the whole SU team and the Campaigns Network!

Campaigns Network

This month saw our incredible Student Led Projects (SLPs) getting in the festive spirit, raising money and awareness like there was no tomorrow! Our Coppafeel Student Led Project raised £603.15 and tonnes of awareness on campus through their #12DaysofTitmas, and our Alzheimers SLP had their annual Elf Day Fundraiser which raised £81.34! Our Amnesty International SLP also held their very successful 'Write for Rights' campaign this month. The Women's Campaign Group also ran a campaign collecting sanitary products donations for those who are homeless in the local community. After a week of collections we delivered a car full of sanitary pads, tampons, tights, pants and other sanitary products to YMCA Lincolnshire. It was so incredible to see our university community coming together to support those less fortunate in our city.

December also saw elections for our brand new Environmental Campaign Group committee! The turnout for these elections absolutely blew me away, with six candidates running for the Officer position alone! The new Environmental Officer, George, and his committee will be having training in the New Year, and then the Campaign Group can start campaigning on campus and in the city!

This month I also had several meetings with the LGBT+ Campaign Group committee on what the future of student LGBT+ representation, community and campaigning could look like at Lincoln!

Housing Fayre

In December the SU hosted the annual Housing Fayre in the Engine Shed, to which University accredited letting agencies/landlords attended to advertise properties, and University and Union staff offered advice and support for the process of going into private renting. The event ran smoothly with great feedback from the attending agencies, landlords and students. I hope that the success of this year's Fayre will help foster closer working relationships between the Union and housing providers in the city to ensure the best experiences for our members.

Memorial hockey match

Following the sad news of the death of one of our members, this month also entailed ensuring that the Students' Union offered a support network for students who were

mourning the loss of one of their peers. I was honoured to attend the friendly hockey match in memorial of Grace Millane hosted by members of the Hockey Team. In this time of tragedy, it was beautiful to see the We Are Lincoln community coming together to support one another.

Street harassment

This month I continued representing on the issue of street harassment and sexual misconduct in the city to those in the local community. I had a meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector Claire Hime, who shared and took on board my concerns, and I look forward to working with her more in future.

Recycling

I spent December planning future projects to highlight recycling both within our venues, and in university accommodation. I raised this in a meeting with the University estates team, and I'm excited to continue working on improving the recycling provisions at Lincoln!

Attendance Panels/Fitness to Practice

A big part of my role is providing SU representation on attendance and 'fitness to practice' panels, of which I did a lot of this month. The other Student Leaders and I divide the panels between us.

National Student Survey (NSS) T-shirt workshop

I attended the NSS T-shirt workshop this month, where Creative Advertising students were tasked with designing a T-shirt graphic which would be created as a prize for third year students filling out the NSS next semester. As part of the panel, I helped shortlist some designs, which were then taken to the Vice Chancellor for the final decision. All of the different designs put forward for consideration were absolutely amazing, and all represented a different aspect of university life here at Lincoln. I'm hope that the winning design will encourage students to get involved with the NSS in the hope of winning an amazing tee!

Other events

In December I also got out and about talking to students before the holidays. I attended Vice President International Sophia's 'International Coffee and Craft' event in the Swan, and attended both the Manchester and London International Trips. It's been fantastic getting more involved with our international students, so I thank Sophia for putting on such amazing events which bring our community together!

I also took part in an interview on Siren FM about times of change, and talked about the transition to university and how the Students' Union can help support students through that change!

I also went along to the 'Science Societies Seasonal Shindig', a Christmassy event hosted by our amazing Science Societies! It was a fantastic evening and was so lovely to speak to students from a range of different societies at one event!

This month also saw the NUS CEO Peter Robinson visit Lincoln! The other Student Leaders and I spent the morning with Peter discussing NUS's current financial situation and the impact of NUS on a grass root level with our members.

This year has been an absolute blast and I can't wait to get cracking with an even more impactful 2019! Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our members!