

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report

Executive Committee

The committee attended NUS' flagship event, SU18, which was the first public event that the Student Leaders have attended as the newly established team. It was an opportunity to network with other officers across the country and get a feel for where Students' Unions are in terms of representation and activities they are undertaking. Unfortunately, having not been nominated for any awards, it was a good opportunity to celebrate those who had been recognised in the past academic year.

The committee has also been in additional training with external consultants, looking at building the team into an effective one. Through this we have been able to appropriately plan for the year ahead and ensure that our objectives are aligned to the Union strategy and the points that we ran on in our manifestos.

Visibility and Impact

I have been working closely with the Vice President Education looking at some of the inclusivity projects happening across the university. In that regard, I attended a meeting with the Vice Chancellor and colleagues from the Universities UK to discuss Lincoln's position with attainment gaps and the work that is being done to address the position, both from the university's perspective and from the Students' Union's perspective. As a follow up from this, myself and the Vice President Education have been invited to a roundtable series with the NUS Vice President Higher Education to further discuss these issues.

I have continued to plan for Black History Month, exploring where we can get support in regards to sponsorships. Thus far we have secured funds from a few sources to ensure that the month is successful in its operation. I am working on a programme of events that will hopefully incorporate panel talks and wider activities that students can get involved in. I have been in the process for creating my operational plan for the year, which will feature three key objectives:

- 1. Improving the culture of SUggestions
- 2. Establishing a strong Campaigns Network Officer team
- 3. Reinforcing students' influence in decision making within the Students' Union

This will be finalised towards the end of July and will set the basis on which the year ahead will be measured.

The following month will feature visits to another NUS event, Lead and Change, which will offer an opportunity to liaise with NUS officers and upskill further prior to the start of the academic year.

As the run down to the start of term begins we will be ensuring that all plans are in place for the return of students, particularly from the Student Leaders' perspectives.

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