

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President International Report

International Students 18/19 Accommodation issues

Last month, we had feedbacks from international students about that the Pavilion (On campus accommodation) has stopped providing rebooking system for international students. After giving feedbacks from students to the Residential Services manager, he has guaranteed that there will be 120 studios in Pavilions for international students to rebook before June 2018, also after having a discussion with Deputy Vice Chancellor, Toby Wilkinson, he said there will be accommodation advice from international office to new international students during summer.

Update: SUggestion on lower accommodation cost for summer PEASS international students

With a Suggestion from an international student about lower the accommodation cost for pre- English international students, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Toby Wilkinson has agreed that from this year and in the future, summer Pre-English session international students will be charged as normal price for staying in the Court during their study instead of £150 rent per week.

UKCISA conference

On 12th April, Jenny (Head of student voice and insight) and I went to London for UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) conference, we delivered a presentation based on International Research Project findings and recommendations as well as action plans that we currently doing for international students in Lincoln, the presentation was well received by colleagues from different universities and SUs, and the international officer from NUS showed a very positive commend on the presentation.

International students Trip

There still will be trips going on in the academic year include summer holidays for master and Erasmus international students as well as pre-English session students who will stay in Lincoln during summer.

I have organised another international students' trip on the 28th April to Cambridge. We had 50 attendances on the day, and all tickets were sold out 2 days before the trip day.

There were 6 trips have been organised from October 2017 – April 2018, so my KPI for international students' trips is achieved.

You are not alone campaign

On 23rd April, we brought out a big world map to campus for students and ask students to use water paint to put their finger print on the map to show where they come from. Over 5 hours, we have collected 601 finger prints on the map. This not only showing the diversity of our university, but also raised the awareness to all students that although we come from different countries, but we are a whole community, no one is alone.

International friend

So far we had 53 students signed up for International friend volunteer scheme for this year, 32 of them actually took the volunteering in different activities. International friends were very supportive on "Less stress more success campaign" day as well as "You are not alone campaign" day, they were all trying to engage more international students and encourage students to take part in different activities.