

Volunteer Officer Report November 2018

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What has been worked on in the past month?

In the last month I have attended a number of different meetings in my role as School Rep for Pharmacy. We had our first Rep Forum and also SSLC and Subject Committee for the School. Different issues were raised in these by reps and they all participated extremely well.

I have also attended a couple of Senior Rep Group meetings and we had our first College of Science Academic Board this month.

I worked with our School admin team and also other reps in the School from the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association (BPSA) in order to arrange transport for 50+ students to attend a conference at the University of Nottingham one weekend which was really beneficial for our learning and development and we were all very grateful the School were able to fund this coach for us.

I have also been working closely with the Pharmacy Society to help organise and promote events, including a charity bake sale and our Christmas meal which is happening in December. We also have arrangements in place for our End of Year Ball and have a Mental Health Awareness session being run next week by Pharmacist Support, which again is really useful to the development of students' knowledge and professionalism,

We have also had our rep training for the School of Pharmacy, which was a really good opportunity for me to meet newly elected reps, as there are quite a few who have not been reps before. They all seem really enthusiastic and engaged so I'm really excited to work with everyone throughout the next month!

Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins

Year 3 MPharm reps were able to get an extra calculations session added on before they had their calculations test as they felt they were not prepared enough for this.

Year 4 MPharm students had our Oriel pre-registration results, which is the jobs we will be going into from July/August time and it seems that everyone has done exceptionally well, so staff deserve to be congratulated on preparing students so well for the assessments and interviews for this!

Reps have so far been fully engaged and disseminating out information to their peers as I have been asking them to which has been really helpful for me.

I was really pleased with how many reps turned up to our rep training session and how engaged and motivated they all appeared to be. Whilst I was only there for 15 minutes due to a lecture, I got really good vibes from this and am looking forward to working with everyone over the next year.

Plans for next month In the next month

I have the next MPharm SSLC and Subject Committees, as well as the next College of Science Education & Student Committee coming up. We also have a couple of school-specific events coming up.

We have our School of Pharmacy all-school meeting coming up on the 17th December,

where students and staff from the whole school are invited to get together for a sort-of round up of the semester and to see what everyone is up to, the research going on and activities for students to get involved in. I have been working with our student engagement champion and other reps to help contribute to this.

We are also in the planning stages for our School Action Day in January, which again we are helping to plan towards as reps and topics for this will be discussed in upcoming meetings. I will also be discussing with reps the possibility of someone taking over my role from next year as nominations open so soon after Christmas!