

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President International Report

Christmas Social

On the 18th December, we organised a networking event for international students and meet up event for international buddies, we prepared some craft materials for students to design Christmas cards. The event was held in the Swan and we prepared free hot drinks for students who attended as well.

International buddy scheme

There are more international students signing up for the scheme compare to my last report, in December we trained 4 local buddies and there are 31 students are being paired up in total, 6 new students signed up during Christmas time and waiting to be paired. From the feedback, suggestion, photos that I received so far, buddies are enjoying the activities and they already became good friend between each other. I have been working with the Advice centre to make improvement on the buddy scheme and create more opportunities to bring buddies together.

<u>ISA</u>

In the last month, I have been meeting with ISA and helping them organise the International students' showcase which will happen on the 5th February in the Engine shed.

Postcard campaign

In the first week of December, we did a postcard campaign for international students, as we understand that not all of the international students can fly back to their own country and spend the Christmas holidays with their family due to various reasons. We prepared 200 postcards for students to write their messages, and we

helped them to post back for free. We posted around 60 cards for students in total, and some students collected the cards to keep themselves. I have heard from students that some of their family already received the cards overseas.

Trips to Manchester and London

The international students trips are happening every month, we went to Manchester in November, and we took students to London during the Christmas holidays.

We had 88 students singed up to Manchester, student had fun in the Christmas market. We did not sell out the London trip during Christmas holiday, but there were 27 signed up for the day.

Event planning

After I came back from Christmas holiday, I have been planning on the international students' refreshers event and lunar New Year celebrations as well as other event will happen in this semester, the welcome social will be on the 25th January and the Lunar New Year celebration will be in the first week of February.