

Volunteer Officer Report March 2019

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What has been worked on in the past month?

I have attended the psychology school action day. At this event, students were given the opportunity to provide feedback on how the school is run, allowing them to both praise the positives while also being able to offer constructive criticism on areas which may be improved. I mainly supported the table dedicated to offering feedback on the peer mentoring system ran in the school, in which it was largely praised, with the most consistent piece of feedback being received being that the most important factor to the success of the programme being continuance after the initial introduction period.

I have attended the college of social science academic affairs committee, in which school's plans regarding postgraduates and proposed changes to modules were discussed. While I supported the rationale for a change in a social and political science module, I raised concern over the weighting of the assessments, to which it has been decided to re-evaluate this to make it more fair to students.

I have filmed several videos for both the college of social science and students union. I participated in an interview video for a project ran within the college regarding the postgraduate student experience, in which I explained work that I have done over the year to support postgraduates and the differing experiences of postgraduate and undergraduate students. With student union bye-elections currently being in the nomination phase, I filmed a short video for the students union explaining my role as a college officer and why students should nominate themselves for the role - hopefully increasing the attraction to the role.

Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins

I have discussed the role of college officer with several students, who all seemed genuinely interested in putting themselves forward for the role. I feel confident that several students will put themselves forward for the role with good knowledge of what may be expected of them next year - and that whoever my successor may be will be very well suited for the role.

Plans for next month

Over the next month I plan to continue supporting the school reps within the college both with any plans for their schools and their own wellbeing, as coming to the end of the academic year is a very stressful time given upcoming assessments and exams.