



## **University of Lincoln Students' Union Volunteer Officer Report**

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### **School of Psychology Rep – Nial Francis**

#### What has been worked on in the past month:

Over the last month I have been working with 3<sup>rd</sup> year students Maddi Pownall and Samuel Dobbs to organise the 3<sup>rd</sup> year leaver's ball (this year being labelled leaver's party). The school has agreed to fund the event and we have met with Matthew Newman to iron out details and discuss our ideas for it. The main piece of information to note is that rather than selling paper tickets we are hoping to sell tickets online through the school's website – as this is more accessible for students and easier to track when planning the event.

With the periodic annual review coming up in psychology, at rep tea, it was highlighted to reps as to what the review was and how it should be written and addressed. As such myself and some of the reps have started writing our pieces for the review and I have made sure that reps are aware that they can come to me with any questions and concerns they may have when writing this. At rep tea an issue was also discussed regarding issues that mature students face when attempting to collect enough SONA points to get participants for their dissertations in 3<sup>rd</sup> year, as many studies target students aged under 25. It was suggested that we look at lowering the number of points needed for mature students, an issue that will be raised in next term's subject committee meeting. A final concern raised in this meeting was that several second-year students were overwhelmed by the formatting of this year's dissertation fair, as the room provided felt too small to hold the whole of second year and all the academics for the event. We will be looking into improving the event for next year, potentially by offering timeslots that certain academics will be there to ensure that the room does not get overcrowded.

With this final week of term being the week that second year students have to sort out their supervisors for their dissertation projects, there was a lot of concern and confusion amongst students as to how the process works. I took it upon myself to address this, telling students to contact me with any concerns they may have, and I plan to raise these concerns in next term's subject committee meeting.

#### Successes from the past month:

A huge recent success has been the psychology academic society. In its first month it has held 3 events (1 welcome event, 1 tour of the city and 1 social event) and has gathered 28+ members – which is huge for its initial teething stage. The society has sorted out sponsorship from bierkeller and trebles is in talks with revolutions about a contract, hopefully these sponsorships will promote interest in other students to join.

#### Plans for next month:

Over the next week I will be working together with the course and postgraduate reps to fill out the periodic annual review, offering support wherever I can and taking lead in the project.

I have also been collecting several bits of student feedback to bring to subject committee which occurs at the beginning of next term.