



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President Welfare and Community Report

This month has absolutely flown by, I can't believe I'm writing my Officer Report for April already! With only a matter of weeks left of the academic year, the team and I have been busy representing your interests and getting ready for upcoming campaigns and more.

This month brought with it our last Campaigns Network meeting of 2018/19. We approved the last few funding requests for the year, and reflected on how far the Network has come since our first meeting in October. We went from having two Officers in position and a few continuing Student-Led Projects (SLPs), to eight out of nine Officer roles filled (including the brand new Environmental Officer) and nine SLPs.

Looking to the future of the Network, this month we also facilitated handover from outgoing Officers and SLP Leads to those coming into the roles for next year. On the 5th of April, Union staff and I sat down for half hour handovers with each of our Campaign Groups and SLPs to look back at what worked well this year and start planning for the next. I have also been preparing a small end of year celebration for the Campaigns Network which is to take place on the 29th April.

This month I attended NUS National Conference after I was elected as one of the Students' Union's NUS Delegates in the February elections. The other delegates and I travelled to Glasgow on the 8th April for a week of NUS elections and voting on policy. The reforms to NUS were passed with significant amendments, so going forward ULSU will look to see how NUS recovers both in terms of financials and governance.

I attended local community meetings as usual this month, including the Sincil Bank Residents Meeting to represent the student body. I have also put together an article on the successes of Make A Difference Week and the upcoming Move Out May campaign to be included in the Sincil Bank newsletter and Carholme Parish Focus.

After continued dialogue, the Students' Union has now been created as a NHS blood donation venue. I am now waiting to hear from their planning team so as to start scheduling donation sessions. This is a massive step forward for both the SU as an organisation, but also me personally, as this is something I'm incredibly passionate about and something that I committed to in my election campaign. I am hopeful that this will become a big part of ULSU's civil and community engagement, and am so proud that we're now a donation venue!

It was an absolute privilege to be invited to attend the Psychology, Business, and History and Heritage Society Balls this month along with the other Student Leaders. We had an amazing time celebrating your society successes! The annual Societies Showcase was another highlight- a massive well done to everyone who took part!

This month I attended the University's Tackling Hate Crime Advisory Group meeting, and sat on numerous student Non-attendance Panels. The Students' Union also held a Board of Trustees Meeting which I attended, as well as its Finance and Risk Subcommittee.

April has also included a vast amount of planning. Alongside SU staff, I have been organising and preparing for an Environmental Act panel event, backed by NUS, The World Wildlife Fund and The Wildlife Trusts. This is to take place on the 16th May. I have also been working with University staff and George, our Environmental Officer, on an environmental Campus Switch Off campaign. The team and I have also been preparing for our upcoming Less Stress More Success campaign, and the SU Awards, and took a few days of annual leave over Easter.