

Vice President Welfare and Community July 2018 Report

Introduction

This month has been a really busy one! Leading on from last month, although campus has been quiet, I have been continuing with my student leader training sessions, as well as starting to piece together my plans for the year ahead. I've also been busy meeting people from the Union, University and the local community, making connections which will aid me in my work as Vice President, and starting to make way on my goals for the next few months. Once again, I'd like to thank everyone for all of the amazing support that I've received so far as Vice President Welfare and Community! It's been a phenomenal month and I can't wait to see what's next!

University Meetings

I met with the Student Wellbeing Team at the University to discuss plans for welcome week, as well as goals for the year and how we can work together. I attended lunch with the University Senior Leadership Team and discussed our aims for the year ahead. I also met with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Julian Free to begin our work together. I also sat on the Academic Offences Committee this month, and met with Tracey Turton, the Environment and Energy Projects Officer to discuss plans for the year, such as environmental campaigns, Go Green Week and how we can work together.

Campaigns

This month I met with the LGBT+ Officer, Sian, and some of the LGBT+ Committee for 2018/19 to discuss and make plans for Lincoln Pride in September, Transgender Day of Remembrance in November, and LGBT+ History Month in February. I have also been working with the LGBT+ Officer and Gender Rep on putting together a response to the government consultation on reform of the Gender Recognition Act 2004.

I have started to plan a mental health awareness campaign, sexual health awareness campaign, environmental campaign, give blood campaign, and a liberation focused campaign on what it means to be an ally, with the help of Students' Union staff and other Student Leaders. I have also started to plan Liberation Trips with the help of Students' Union staff and other Student Leaders, including a possible trip at the end of October for Black History Month.

Community

I met with the Community Collaboration Officer from the County Council to find out more about the Community Collaboration Fund. I also met with Lighthouse Property Services to discuss recent social media feedback from students. I attended Sincil Bank Resident's Meeting, and liaised with Pavilions about improving the signage around their recycling facilities as many students have been getting the bins confused. Pavilions have committed to improving this. I also met with Public Protection, Anti-Social Behaviour and Licensing Service Manager and representatives from Bishop Grosseteste University Students' Union about plans for Freshers' Week and how to maintain good relationships with the community.

Other

I have been attending Student Leader team training days, as well as other sessions on social media, disciplinary procedures, licensing, and PREVENT for example, and completing my E-Learning. I represented the Students' Union at an Open Day this month, as well as completed my Operational Plan for the year and an accompanying presentation. I have delivered this to the Student' Union Senior Management Team and the Executive Committee, and will soon do the same for all staff. I attended the National Union of Students (NUS) Students' Unions 2018 Convention, which was a great opportunity for networking and sharing best practice. Finally, I met with Students' Union staff to work on improving the quality of the free sanitary products which we provide in our venues, and improvements for the advice section of the Students' Union website.