



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Vice President – Welfare and Community report

Introduction

This month I have been working with the Campaigns Network on their final events of the year and working with Officers to Launch their remaining campaigns. This Month saw the final campaigns network of the year. This was used to sum up the successes of the year and to offer feedback on the first year of the Network. This Month we saw over 200 people at our all student members meeting which I was pleased to pass a policy outlining the support the SU will offer for student carers I will now work towards creating a Student Carers Representative within the Campaigns Network.

Executive

This Month we launched the Less Stress More Success campaign which I hope everyone enjoyed. We have also seen the start of the Sexual Health Screening at the on Campus Health Centre.

Campaigns network

We have had our last meeting of the year as mentioned in my introduction. The Disabled Students Officer is planning on launching a Shine the Light Campaign working to help increase awareness of invisible disabilities. The BAME officer is also working to expand their Stop and Search Know Your Rights campaign. The Community officer is also planning to launch their Clear Out Your Cupboards campaign to encourage students leaving university accommodation to donate their remaining food to be collected and sent to local foodbanks.

Projects scrutiny groups

I have continued to sit on MHT group this project is proving to be a slight inconvenience to students but largely issues are being dealt with promptly by the contractors.

On campus health centre

I have continued to have my regular meeting with the Chief Operating Officer of the practice and have worked together to get a sexual health screening service at the practice. We have also discussed how the SU and the health centre will work in the future with the start of new staff at the service including additional Doctors and a new clinical lead.

Make a difference week

Our make a difference week finally finished this weekend as two events were rescheduled due to the beast from the east. Big thank you to all students who volunteered you all made a massive difference in the community.

Ops Plan Update

Objectives

Establish a credible Lincoln wide landlord/letting agency rating system by June 2018

I have been working with the advice centre and the university accommodation office in launching a virtual award which will allow the union to display the differing categories on our websites, so our members can look for the best provider based on student feedback. I have also proposed policy at ASM to ensure this will continue in future years.

We will be conducting the housing survey over the next few weeks giving you the opportunity to rate your accommodation and landlord.

Mental health training for personal tutors and PG supervisors

We are currently awaiting the training provider to train staff to deliver the course internally. Some staff have conducted training via the University HR department.

Student union to explore becoming a hate crime and incident reporting centre

I am working with head of student services on a project which will set up a hate crime reporting centre on campus and has a budget of £10,000 to combat hate crime this was the result of a HEFCE bid of £5000 and the university matching it with another £5000. I am working closely with this project to ensure students will have a central reporting system which can be accessed online, and that resource is put into combatting hate on campus. We have met and created a group to collaborate work across the intuition. This project will run from December 17 to December 18.

We have created a semi-formal advisory group to help bring together partners across the university to help shape the project and our work in the future.

Offer reduced cost sanitary products compared to supermarket prices.

The university campus shop now only sells sanitary products at cost price and we now have free sanitary product packs available through the advice centre. We now offer free sanitary products across Su venues during daytime hours.

Increase student voter registration & Implement Automatic voter registration.

Currently this objective is on hold until more information about how the new data protection act will affect this and how other universities have implemented automatic voter registration have adapted to meet the demands of the new act.

Increase liberation representation by ensuring all liberation officer posts are filled.

Liberation representation is improving and liberation officer posts remain filled. I am now working to ensure candidates for each position run in the elections.