



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President International Report

Get involved

In the last month, I've been invited to the College of Science leadership meeting, sharing my experience as an international student, and also to discuss with the leadership team how to support international students on a college level. As well as this, I've been invited to a weekend residential with 25 LIBS international students in Walesby, it was a great experience to talk to students and build friendships with them and to take part in different Team Building activities. I also took part in the election voter rally and other society events and a quiz to increase my GOATing hours.

I have also been spending time on university attendance panels as well as taking part in different events e.g. Fairtrade Latte Competition.

Trips to Oxford and plans

On the 2nd March, we organised the 5th international students' trip for this academic year to Oxford, there were 62 international students involved on the day. The next trip will be on the 30th March and we are taking students to Cambridge. The engagement is great so far for signing up to the Cambridge trip. We were also working with I LOVE TOUR last month to organise and promote a 3 day trip to Scotland for international students over the Easter holidays. Unfortunately over the past month we only had 10 students sign up, so the trip will not go ahead, however I will start planning new activities for international students over the next month.

Engage Study group students

In the last month, I have been working closely with the Student Voice department and delivering the Study Group Buddy scheme to International Study Group students. As all of the study group classes are based in the Village Hall, the University and the SU are working together to better engage these students and improve their university experience. After the Pop up fayre in Village Hall, we had 8

students show interest in becoming a part of this scheme. Our marketing team is currently working on communications with undergraduate students who have previously studied in the Study Group to promote this scheme.

As this term will end soon and many students will go back home in April, we asked these 8 students if they are happy to be a "Buddy" if they successful pass their international year one.

International buddy scheme

The International buddy scheme currently has 8 local students who have been through the training and on the waiting list, as it is nearly the end of the second semester, we found it hard to see international students signing up to the scheme as they are already familiar with the campus and Lincoln life. If this scheme carries on next year, I will brief the next VPI so they can better develop the international buddy scheme especially in Welcome Week in September.

International Quiz

On 22nd February, I organised the second quiz for international students of the academic year in the Swan, students could potentially win free tickets to the oxford trip. The quiz was well attended with 8 teams and 48 students, and students expressed that they wish the quiz event could carry on in the future.