



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

### **Vice President – Welfare and Community report**

#### **Introduction**

Coming back from Christmas I have been working with Campaigns Network Officers and Project Leads to help identify and encourage students to run in the upcoming elections. I have also been working on my manifesto points as well as Suggestion's that have been voted on by students. I am pleased to say the SU will hopefully be able to provide mental health first aid by the end of the academic year.

#### **Executive**

We have been working closely to plan a large campaign in the summer months focussing on academic misconduct awareness and wellbeing during exams. We have decided not to continue with the Drink and Drown campaign but are looking to pick this up at a later date.

#### **Campaigns network**

I have been meeting with Officers and their committees as well as student led projects who have some fantastic events and campaigns in the works. Kayleigh and I will be running a campaign training session to help map out more campaigns for the rest of the semester.

#### **LGBT+**

LGBT+ Officer Matthew and the groups committee are planning;

- A weekend away at Brighton with possible collaboration with Sussex Uni potentially in March
- Working with LEAP to raise awareness of LGBT+ Homelessness with a proposed sleep out.
- HIV testing with information evening bringing in Terrence Higgins Trust and Positive Health Lincs as well as a campaign to rise that this is not an issue solely effecting the LGBT+ Community.
- Rainbow run (Colour Run) to coincide with LGBT+ History Month

## **BAME**

BAME Officer Allie has launched her first campaign called Stop and Search Know Your Rights. This is an educational campaign designed to inform BAME students of their right when being stopped by police.

## **Women's**

Michaela is planning a reclaim the night march.

## **Mature**

Heather is going to continue with her Goating coffee sessions to gain feedback from mature students.

## **Disabled**

I have met with Reza and spoke with him regarding a hidden disability campaign which will use cardboard cut-outs with the disability in UV pen which will only be unmasked with a UV light.

## **RAG**

Ben (Community Officer and RAG Secretary) is working on a plan for a Community Football match as well as future fundraising events.

## **Student Led Projects**

I am immensely proud of the hard work that the various projects are putting into events. We are now working towards a Student Led Project Jamboree to help the groups fundraise together.

## **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**

The Health Centre as well as the CCG came along to refreshers fayre and met with students about how to access health care services across the city. The Health Centre also collected some responses on how they are perceived by students this will help us formulate an in-depth survey later in the

year. The Health Centres phone lines experiences difficulties at the end of term I am pleased to say the practice will be installing a new more efficient system to cope with the increase of the student body.

### **Regulation 7 Direction on Letting Boards**

I am pleased to say my work in collaboration with the West End Residents Association have secured a recommendation from the City Councils Policy Scrutiny Committee to propose a full ban on letting boards in the west end, Monks Rd and Sincil Bank area. This will be voted on by the Executive Committee of the City Council towards the end of February. I will be lobbying the committee members to support a complete ban. More information can be found in Annex A

### **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.

#### **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. I will going forward look to build a register of those who are able to deliver this training across the institution and how this training will be rolled out based on the availability and number of qualified trainers.

#### **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 semi-formal group to collaborate work across the intuition. This project will run from December 17 to December 18.

#### **Offer reduced cost sanitary products compared to supermarket prices.**

The university campus show now only sells sanitary products at cost price and we now have free sanitary product packs available through the advice centre. Shortly the students union will offer free sanitary products across its 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.