



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President Activities Report

This month I have been extremely busy outside the office due to attending three different conferences, all in different parts of the country. However, when I have been in office I have been going to training sessions, attending sponsorship meetings and filming.

### **NUS 2018 Conference**

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> July to the 5<sup>th</sup> July I attended with my fellow sabbatical officers NUS 'SU18' in Birmingham. Here we enjoyed our days attending different workshops welcoming us to NUS, learning what movements and campaigns we should look out for and get involved in as a Students' Union, but also basic skills to perform at our very best as an officer. This was a great chance to see what NUS have done and are going to be focusing on this year, also networking with different officers from around the country from the same position as me (VPA), to Welfare and Community. It was extremely impressive to see how many officers and Students' Unions are a part of NUS.

### **BUCS Conference**

Starting the 10<sup>th</sup> July to the 13<sup>th</sup> July I had the privilege of attending BUCS conference in Bristol with two members of the activities team. These three days were packed full of different variations of learning. I enjoyed workshops on topics like women in sport, the elite, social sport, mental health and creating a fan base. Not only were there workshops, but also incredible talks from key speakers such as Olympic gold medallist for rowing, Dame Katherine Grainger and Olympic gold medallists for hockey, Kate and Helen Richardson-Walsh who I was also lucky enough to meet and talk to. All three are very inspiring women. This conference was also a great time to meet other Sabbatical officers also passionate about sport through their job roles. This conference was a great experience to share with the rest of the Student Leader team.

### NUS Lead and Change Conference/ Course

The final conference I had the pleasure of going to this month was from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> July down in Hatfield, Hertfordshire for NUS' Lead and Change. I attended this with your Vice President Education, Tommy George. At the conference I attended talks about NUS' campaigns for the year and its development so far, also workshop classes within our own tutor groups. I was placed into a tutor group with another ten activities officers from around the country. This varied from London based to Wales based Sabbatical Officers. This was a great opportunity to talk about each other's plans for the year and work out the struggles together to ensure that we can make positive changes to the student experience. Also as we were all first year officers, we learnt together more specific skills for our Sabbatical roles and Trustee role. I have made friends through this group who I will keep in contact with throughout the year to share ideas and support each other and their Students' Unions.

### When in office

Away from conferences I have been taking part in training, working on teamwork within the role. I have been meeting with various sports and societies to talk about their plans for the year ahead, meeting the new summer school international students with our Vice President International, Sophia and Vice President Welfare and Community, Grace, and finally reviewing items for the year ahead such as sponsorship agreements, 'I Love Tour' and 'We Are Lincoln Lounge' plans. I have also been finalising my operational plans so everyone will be able to see them very soon, seeing what I will be doing this year. Finally I have been getting in contact with Academic Societies and discussing their plans for the year, so the VPE and I are ready to support and enhance our Academic Societies starting in September.

It's already starting to look like an amazing year ahead of us!