

University of Lincoln Students' Union Volunteer Officer Report

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In the past month my committee and myself have been working on the events for our Never Ok campaign, including again the Reclaim the night March and the art exhibition which will be against violence, harassment and abuse in all forms.

We have been collecting art from women, men including victims of the above, who want their work to be featured in the exhibition.

We also gained funding and the items needed for the events, allowing us to further plan for these events.

Continuing from this, I have been contacted regarding my own experiences with sexual abuse and the campaign we will be running by a small-scale magazine from another university, which I feel links with the work we will be doing within the relaunching of the Never Ok campaign and is allowing my work and the work of my committee to be more widely spread.

In addition to the above events, we have been given permission to run an event for female artists including singers and poets at a local coffee shop, which would like to run before the year ends to empower local women trying to make it in a difficult industry.

However, we have faced several setbacks for these events, which have meant that we are now reconsidering when this campaign will run (this is something in the next couple of weeks we are working to confirm).

We want these events to be the best they possibly can and so feel that postponing was the best thing to do in this situation. Therefore, over the next month we will be working hard on continuing to plan these events, setting final dates and spreading the important message across campus.

We will also be looking at raising awareness of women's history month.