



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President Welfare and Community Report

Conferences, training and residential

I attended 'NUS Lead and Change' Conference in Leeds with the other Student Leaders which was a great opportunity to meet and share ideas/best practice with other Officers from around the country. We also went away to our Board of Trustees residential, which was brilliant in that we were able to get to know each other better, as well as discuss the union's strategy. We also had the staff team away day this month, which was a great chance to bond as a team! The Student Leaders have also been continuing our training sessions this month, and now feel fully equipped for the year ahead!

Campaigns and liberation

I have been planning in collaboration with the University for 'Hate Crime Awareness Week', and am hoping to get students, the Campaigns Network, sports and societies involved. I have continued planning our first liberation trip to the 'Africa on the Square' event in London as a part of Black History Month. I attended a meeting with LGBT+ Campaign Group Secretary at the University about their plans for Lincoln Pride, and alongside Union staff I have been preparing a 'Let's Talk' liberation event for the beginning of term with a potential guest speaker, to get the word out about the Campaigns Network!

Meetings and other projects

I presented my Operational Plan to all union staff, and was overwhelmed by the positive responses, ideas and contributions that I have received since! I think that this is going to prove really useful going forward! I attended a 'University by numbers' session at the university with Cassie (Vice President Activities) to learn more about the demographics of the University's students, which will undoubtedly help us to represent them going forward. I also attended a 'Student Finance Support Panel Meeting' with Sophia (Vice President International) and learnt more about the hardship funding streams open to students. I met with Health Centre staff so as to see how we can better work together on campaigns throughout the coming year. I also had a meeting with the Equality Manager at the University to discuss the Gender Recognition Act consultation, and to learn more about the

Universities Transgender Policy Statement. Cassie and I also had an introductory meeting with Subash, the University's Multi-faith Chaplaincy Coordinator, to see how best we can work together. I also sat on the Union's 'Finance and Risk Subcommittee' this month.

I've been working on the second hand book buying/selling Suggestion, and how best to facilitate this. Currently, we are looking at holding an event at one of our venues where students can buy and sell their old books! The Student Leaders spent A Level results day celebrating and congratulating students coming to Lincoln in September on social media. I have also been working with Union staff on putting together a Bus Service Survey to gain students' feedback on Lincoln's bus service, so as to effectively respond to the government's consultation on the issue. I also met with Cassie and staff members from the Wellbeing Centre at the University to discuss how to make sports and societies more accessible for those students with Autism. As a part of this we are looking into providing a quiet, sensory hour at societies and sports fayres with neutral lighting and no music, to help make them more accessible.

It's been a fantastic month and I can't wait for Fresher's Week to arrive and students to return!