



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

March has absolutely flown by, as there's been so much going on in the Students' Union this month! It's been absolutely incredible as so much important work is being done across the Union. Here's what I've been up to.

Campaigns Network

March has been a big month for the Campaigns Network. I chaired our monthly meeting as usual, and held one-to-one meetings with every single Officer and Project Lead. We also held focus groups this month, one with Student-Led Project Leads and the other with Officers, to gain in-depth feedback on their experience, thoughts and feelings on being part of the Campaigns Network this year. I'm looking to use this feedback to improve the Network for next year.

There have been some amazing campaigns and events coming out of the Network this month, including the Women's Campaign Group's Women's History Month. Go to www.lincolnsu.com/whm2019 to see their 'Liberation Library' and 'Women Power Wednesday' spotlights, as well as the calendar of events. They've also been screening the film of their #ReclaimTheNight march on the side of the NDH Building every Wednesday night this month, which has been incredible to see. Our new Environmental Campaign Group has launched its first campaign this month; Environmental Week, an incredible week of environmentalism themed lectures, activities and more. It's been a pleasure supporting the Officers in delivering on such amazing campaigns.

Community

This month we also held our annual Make a Difference Week. Students got involved in 12 different one-off community volunteering opportunities from helping out at the Lincoln Community Larder (local food bank), to litter picking at the Carholme clean-up! Thank you to everyone who took part by giving back to our community and driving change.

As usual, I also met with the Viking House reps this month. I continue to gather their feedback and represent it to the University.

Other

In March, the other Student Leaders and I celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight by getting involved with a latte art competition with the sustainability team at the University. I also sat on numerous Attendance Panels and Fitness to Practice Panels this month, attended Hubs and Offer Holder days.

Environment

In March I began work on a joint project with the NUS Sustainability team and the University Estates team, which I hope will culminate in an on campus event in the next month or so, focusing on the new Environmental Act. As part of this I went to NUS Sustainability's Briefing at the WWF Living Planet Centre in Woking and networked with other sabbatical officers undertaking this project on their campuses. This month has also been big in terms of recycling. After conducting some research into attitudes towards recycling in student accommodation, I am now working with the University Estates team on how this could be facilitated across all accommodation as students have shown a strong desire for it. I have also been investigating the possibility of another recycling project facilitated in SU reception. We are also looking to hold an on campus campaign getting students involved with a mass 'switch off' event very soon.

Give Blood

I met with NHS Blood and Transplant again this month, this time for a venue assessment visit. They assessed the Engine Shed as a possible donation venue, and we are now following the next steps to make this happen. This is incredibly exciting as I have been trying to get to this point in the process since I came into role in the summer. I really hope to achieve donation sessions at the Engine Shed before my time as VPW&C comes to a close!