



University of Lincoln Students' Union Volunteer Officer Report

26 January 2017

Law School Rep

What has been worked on in the past month:

On 22 January, I met with several first-year students to explain how best to use assignment feedback and provide advice on how best to prepare for an assessed moot e.g. how to use the room booking system.

I also prepared 2 press releases in preparation for Young Carer Awareness Day. The article discussed the Barriers to education for Carers and how Carers can be supported to have their own lives.

On 23 January, I had a meeting with Antony Veluz, the Enterprise Network President (University of Lincoln) to discuss current social enterprises in the local area and how students can get involved. We discussed the opportunity for students to become Brand Ambassadors through Volunteering and expanding entrepreneurial opportunities. As a law graduate, it was a fantastic opportunity to find out about other career paths for those who do not wish to pursue a career in the legal profession.

On 24 January I met with the Trusts and Fundraiser Co-ordinator of Carers First to discuss the projects I have been undertaking at the University and potential future projects which I can apply for funding to host. We will be working towards an event during Carers week in June and providing additional materials to inform carers of support available.

25 January was YOUNG CARER AWARENESS DAY. Prior to this campaign, I had discussed with Cygnet PR about producing infographics raising awareness about this day. The group now have access to the social media and have been looking to refine social media to Lincolnshire and produce more posters / multimedia about the local events.

I was invited to speak at BBC Radio Lincolnshire about the project I have been a part of at the University of Lincoln. This was produced live and I will be receiving the clip of session in the near future.

I had also asked the Students Union to publicise the existence of this event on social media as a way of raising awareness and demonstrating support for Student Carers on Campus.

After extensive searching, and confirmation from a staff member on 27 January 2018 who had access to view all posts, it has been concluded that this was not produced. Although nothing more can be done in relation to promotion of this day, I will be considering producing resources online and in print to distribute around campus.

On Friday 26 January I attended a meeting with most of the course reps for Law and Law & Criminology. Initially as a catch up, course reps discussed deadlines, coping with stress and Christmas stories. This then developed into a semi-formal meeting where several issues were discussed

1. Criminal Moots
 - Students were really pleased with the use of Google docs as students felt more comfortable about highlighting if a student was not contributing
 - In future would like a Discussion Board organised so author can be distinguished easier
 - Following a discussion with myself in previous meetings, the use of Moot courts prior to the assessment has increased and students have found that incredibly helpful for familiarisation. They would like for this to be noted in Module Handbooks and lectures leading up to the assessed moot.
2. Elective event
 - The event is organised for **31 January 2018**
 - 2nd year course reps have agreed to attend and provide feedback on their elective choices and will also be bringing along friends from other modules.
 - 3rd years to be confirmed
3. Law School Newsletter
 - Those involved provided an update which was incredibly positive
 - Articles have been produced from various individuals, highlighting all of the successes within the law school.
 - Its production is eagerly anticipated by students!
4. Feedback from Criminology Assignment
 - Using words such as 'stupid' and 'daft' as criticism with evidence provided
 - Reference to sources used in other criminology lectures (that they did not have access to) and Criminal Law (which they have not yet studied)
 - Lack of additional support for referencing if needed specific advice

Successes from the past month:

- An awareness of Student Carers in Lincoln has been increased.
- By gaining an insight into Social Enterprises, I am able to inform students of new opportunities that are arising.
- Meeting with the course reps has enabled us to set an agenda for the semester.

Plans for next month:

- Review the Elective Event from feedback provided by students

- Assist with the production of the Newsletter in any way I can
- Address Criminology feedback with individual students and organise a meeting with academics.
- Provide lecture shout out to first years about booking the Moot Court in preparation
- Assisting the Law Society Academic Officer in promoting Student Mentors
- Continue project with Carers First and Students Union