

## Societies Officer Report

January 2018

After a long break its back to work and helping in the SU!

Societies have had a slow start back this term as I'm sure everyone is still recovering after their many holiday meals! The term, for me, started out with covering drop-ins which were fairly quiet only addressing a couple of problems to do with the dashboard site.

We Are Lincoln Lounge has begun again and we've been filming clips for that. As societies haven't begun any events yet our section was fairly quiet, but I expect that to pick up with the next episodes. Again, my goal for these next few months is to continue encouraging our societies to inform us of any successes or any events that they wish us to publicise as this is one of the reasons that the Lincoln Lounge was created.

We also held our refreshers fayre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January which although was fairly quiet gave me a chance to meet all of our new societies such as First Love, K-Wave, Fetish and a couple of others, getting to understand why they decided to set up a new society and what they plan to do. I made sure to encourage their attendance to our monthly hubs, which is especially important for new clubs so I can check in on their progress and make sure that they're not struggling with anything and are aware of all the opportunities we provide for them that help them to integrate with the other societies.

The planning for societies showcase is also underway! With Luke's help we have secured the Engine Shed and a date; 12<sup>th</sup> March. I have also decided along with Jess that I'd quite like to join the final of 8/10 Swans with the showcase, which is what happened last year. Based on feedback from societies members who attended last year's event, this wasn't received well but I think that's due to the lack of preparation of the showcase event as opposed to having the two events joined. As it stands the two events happen at the same time and I think it would be more enjoyable if they were combined. Despite multiple attempts in asking various non-performing societies to get involved, I have had no responses or ideas on how they would like to get involved, for this reason I have decided that I will only have the performing societies on stage and a few others who have either expressed interest or are particularly engaging with SU events that I believe would like to take part. All societies are welcome to attend but those that are not able to perform to showcase their society will have a separate section dedicated to them for their successes and achievements throughout the year. Further planning is yet to be made on food and decorations and such, and I am very open to suggestions and help from our societies.

Coming up I have the first societies hub of the term and year on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, where I hope to speak to individual groups about the showcase and check in on our new societies. Also something that I'd like to introduce more of in hubs is group events; I have had many societies recently join together in group activities which I think is amazing as this is exactly what I was hoping to achieve this year as societies officer! I'd like to promote these events at hubs to make sure that any societies that could attend are aware of them. This, along with attending individual society sessions and the showcase are my current tasks and goals for the next few months!