



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

### **Vice President – Welfare and Community report**

#### **Introduction**

I have been working with Campaigns Network Officers and Project Leads to plan events and campaigns ahead of the main assessment period. I have also been working on my manifesto points as well as Suggestion's that have been voted on by students. The month you will have seen I have met my election promise to ensure that SU venues offer free sanitary products to those who needs them. I have also been working closely on the Dementia signage suggestion. I have also been meeting students regarding a wide range of issues from anti-social behaviour to student carers.

#### **Executive**

We have continuing been working closely to plan a large campaign in the summer months focussing on academic misconduct awareness and wellbeing during exams. You will have seen us out and about for SHAG day this day was to help student learn more about sexual health advice and guidance. Following a meeting with the health centre and staff from Dixon Street the on campus health centre will trial a sexual health screening service for six weeks details will follow.

#### **Campaigns network**

I have been meeting with Officers and their committees as well as student led projects who have some fantastic events and campaigns in the works. A massive well done to all the projects who were involved in the Oxjamnesty gig it was a brilliant event.

Unfortunately the LGBT+ officer has stood down I am very sad to see them go and I wanted to note that Matthew has worked incredibly hard and has been invaluable to both myself and the wider LGBT+ community. Due to this the groups Deputy Emily has taken over as acting LGBT+ officer and has been grated full voting powers in the campaigns network and will hand over to the officer elect at the normal handover date. I will be supporting this group more closely as a result of this and I hope to ensure limited disruption during this period.

#### **Projects scrutiny groups**

I have continued to sit on MHT group this project is proving to be a slight inconvenience to students but largely issues are being dealt with promptly by the contractors.

### **On campus health centre**

The Health Centre was inspected by the care quality commission I was interviewed as part of the inspection I will be communicating with the health centre and also the student body once the report is made public.

### **Regulation 7 Direction on Letting Boards**

I am pleased to say my work in collaboration with the West End Residents Association have secured a recommendation from the City Councils Policy Scrutiny Committee to propose a full ban on letting boards in the west end, Monks Rd and Sincil Bank area. This has been voted on by the Executive Committee of the City Council and passed onto the secretary of state. I will be lobbying the minister to support a complete ban.

### **Make a difference week**

Our make a difference week is going brilliantly at the time of writing, apart from having to reschedule some events due to snow student have made a huge impact in the community and we aim to run this again next year. Thank you to everyone who has given their time to some of the fantastic opportunities.

### **Ops Plan Update**

### **Objectives**

#### **Establish a credible Lincoln wide landlord/letting agency rating system by June 2018**

I have been working with the advice centre and the university accommodation office in launching a virtual award which will allow the union to display the differing categories on our websites, so our members can look for the best provider based on student feedback. I have also proposed policy at ASM to ensure this will continue in future years.

#### **Mental health training for personal tutors and PG supervisors**

We are currently awaiting the training provider to train staff to deliver the course internally. Some staff have conducted training via the University HR department.

#### **Student union to explore becoming a hate crime and incident reporting centre**

I am working with head of student services on a project which will set up a hate crime reporting centre on campus and has a budget of £10,000 to combat hate crime this was the result of a HEFCE bid of £5000 and the university matching it with another £5000. I am working closely with this project to ensure students will have a central reporting system which can be accessed online, and that resource is put into combatting hate on campus. We have met and created a group to collaborate work across the intuition. This project will run from December 17 to December 18.

We have created a semi-formal advisory group to help bring together partners across the university to help shape the project and our work in the future.

**Offer reduced cost sanitary products compared to supermarket prices.**

The university campus shop now only sells sanitary products at cost price and we now have free sanitary product packs available through the advice centre. We now offer free sanitary products across Su venues during daytime hours.

**Increase student voter registration & Implement Automatic voter registration.**

Currently this objective is on hold until more information about how the new data protection act will affect this and how other universities have implemented automatic voter registration have adapted to meet the demands of the new act.

**Increase liberation representation by ensuring all liberation officer posts are filled.**

Liberation representation is improving and liberation officer posts remain filled. I am now working to ensure candidates for each position run in the elections.