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My campaigns, policy and other work



My Officer update

Quick update on how I'm doing:

I have been planning out my year and my campaigns to finalize everything I want to do and start getting the ball rolling. Discussions and meetings with university staff for campaign planning and SU involvement within sub committees.

- *Freshers preparation has been exciting and hectic, but there are some amazing events and activities being held which I cannot wait to be part of!*

PROJECT PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Working on

Over the summer, I have began project I have been planning my first ever campaigns and mapping out my goals for this year. Here's what I have so far. for the following campaigns:

Survivor Support: break the silence/ non-recent abuse survivors (MAIN CAMPAIGN)

Aim: to implement resources around campuses to provide support to those pursuing their future at university, while also breaking down barriers from stigma to open up healthy conversations on the topic.

Actions to take forward:

- Collaborating with ARU counselling and wellbeing services to make use of their "wellbeing wall" with posters and pamphlets for survivors (personal therapy techniques etc from NAPAC who are happy to send me posters and they offer booklets ready to download).
- Create a "safe space" poetry night which allows survivors (and non survivors!) to express their feelings or their story in a safe environment through creative expression. ****please let me know if you want to jump in!****
- Survivor map on both campuses – anonymous tokens in a box to say you are a survivor, or know of one/ are supporting one, which then will be placed (out of view) onto the map so students may see they are not alone, should not be ashamed, will always be believed here.
- Care Leavers project with student services (I have had one conversation with Andrea Cheshire on this project they wish to begin which ties in well)
- Link to NAPAC: <https://napac.org.uk/resources/>

**** Question to Exec**:** would anyone like to be updated more regularly and support this campaign throughout the year – if so I can email you and get your thoughts on other ideas**

ARU Sustainability: climate change and the world

Aim: To improve sustainability across campuses and minimize environmental impact

Aim 2: To address the need for ARU to take a serious stance on climate change

Actions to take forward:

- Collaborating with SU to integrate the sustainability movement into Freshers – first impressions really matter to students and we want to be part of the climate strikes but not negatively impact the student experience during welcome week.
- Fraser and I have spoken to Victoria Tate about potential actions and we started making connections with other Sus taking a stance on climate change.

**** Question to Exec: **** does anyone have anymore ideas or suggestions? How could we get more student involvement?*

Other relevant updates

- *Travelled to Leeds to attend my first NUS training at Lead and Change*
- *Sat on my first interview panel for a new SU member of the team, very interesting and valuable experience.*

Officer visibility

- *Made a trailer for Lead and Change and uploaded to FB but will try get it onto youtube.*
- *Using all social media accounts for different content, trying to keep people updated and being honest about how I feel adjusting to this position.*
- *I have taken on the SU snapchat so please encourage people to follow/ add the account and feel free to do the same.*

All things FSE

Over the summer, I have been working with the faculty on the following:

- *SSLC actions and recommendations.*
 - *Review and adjust feedback from students and staff access to this.*
 - *Implement welcome week email/feedback etiquette for students.*
 - *New and improved personal tutor system with emphasis on staff redirecting students to the correct services and providing academic support during difficult periods.*
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