

# ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY REP (CAMBRIDGE) REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	09/12/15
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**Summary:** This paper provides an update on the priority campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member

#### Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

My priority campaign this year was to gain fairer vegan options on campus. The objective of this was to provide vegan options at every food access point in the university, every day. I have also added to this that this campaign will also promote a more sustainable way of eating for our students and therefore has a greener impact

#### Progress on priority campaign(s)

- Met with SU President Sammi to talk about current vegan options on campus and talked about setting up a meeting with the restaurant team to talk about their shopping and ingredients to see which, if any, could be used to create a vegan option for each area of food (cold food, hot meals, soup etc).
- Took part in helping to run Green Week and lead two of the days on Cambridge Campus while Sammi was in Chelmsford. This enabled me to talk about students about veganism, vegan options on campus and I got a great feedback from students who said they would eat more vegan/vegetarian options if there was an equal amount of options there, i.e. if there were a variety of vegan/vegetarian options rather than having so many meat options as opposed to one or two vegan ones.
- Green Mondays helped people to take a pledge to eat vegan/vegetarian on Mondays. This gave me an idea of how many students just passing through the university are either following a vegan/vegetarian lifestyle or are interested in it.

Setting up an online questionnaire to send out to students via email/SU website to gain an idea of what percentage of our students require a meat-free alternative when eating on campus.

### An update on engagement with coach and mentor/mentee(s)

I have met with my mentor (SU President Sammi) before Green Week to talk about vegan options on campus. We spoke about the launch of Green Mondays which has been implemented in the university which is ground-breaking as we are the first UK university to do so. This helped me start to talk to people about reasons why eating Green is better for you and the environment and on the launch day, I helped Sammi run the Fairtrade Food stall in the Helmore street to get people talking about eating more sustainably. We plan to meet again when Sammi is back to get a meeting set up with the restaurant team.

## Further support required from the Executive Committee/Students' Union

It'd be great to have some help with the questionnaire and getting it communicated to students via the SU social media and/or emails. I know Sophie is really great at quizzes and communicating those to students to it would be great to have some help in doing this as I'm not sure of the most appropriate way of doing this.