



# EXPERIENCE OFFICER (CAMBRIDGESHIRE) REPORT

<b>For the attention of:</b>	Executive Committee	<b>Taking place on:</b>	05/02/16
<b>Name:</b>	Sarah Haider	<b>Action:</b>	To note

**Summary:** *This paper provides an update on the priority campaign(s) of the Executive Committee member*

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

Cambridge Social and Activity Space  
Creative Minds  
Distance Learner Pack  
Global Week  
Open Mics  
Fairer rent – linked to “Where my rent went” Policy

## Progress on priority campaign(s)

### “Cambridge Activity and Social Space”

I am continuing to fight the battle for activity space for the Cambridge campus, I have exhausted options directly on campus and am now thinking outside the box for space nearby/within walking distance with storage space. I aim to have this by the end of my term in office. I have directly sought space for clubs for this semester – which has not been an easy task but I am confident that clubs will be better placed this semester. Thanks to the introduction of 2 new staff members in the Student Opportunities team, we have the much needed support to enable us to support clubs and societies better although we ask that you are patient with us as the new members of the team are fully trained up.

### "Creative Minds"

Waiting for MSL website provider which have sent an Update that it should be completed by 12<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a trial with a handful of students for the launch ready in March 2016. A staff member is currently being recruited to get the project kicked off.

### “Inclusivity fund”

The criteria has been drafted and the page created in the website. All managers have been asked to promote this in their communication online and to students. If you have a disability, are a parent or have caring responsibilities, and have a suggestion, comment or complaint about anything regarding this fund then please do not hesitate to contact me as your involvement is crucial for this to work and benefit as many students as possible.

### “Distance Learner Packs”

These are packs to let our a Distance learners know how they can engage with the Union, they include a letter, post it notes, highlighters and a teabag. They are nearly all packed, I am waiting on postcards and these will hopefully be with our students by TW2/3. Will present a sample at the next meeting.

### “Global Week”

It's being promoted, the marketing and promotional material is ordered.

Still building the activity calendar! But it's looking to be a fantastic event!

### "Student led arts week"

This is Ongoing and will be dependent on creative minds but it should be a week of promoting our students artistic and creative talents wishing the ARU community.

### "Fairer rent"

Also known as the *Where my rent went* campaign is now focusing in on creating a renters guide, and knowing your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. I organised a meeting with Residential Services where I have fed back students comments on housing and accommodation and informed them of the next steps of the campaign. They are in support of our campaign to work with the council to ensure extra fees are all fair and legal within th Provate Rented Sector.

### "Open mic nights"

Finally Has branding!

Three more planned for this semester

The next one is on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb in a Global Week and it is aimed towards interdisciplinary art forms.

### "Skills"

Workshops are planned for semester 2 GIAG scheme

Skills icons are complete and on the website, check out the volunteering section on the website!

Committee training will be accredited in April – ongoing (part of the clubs and societies conference)

### "Increase range of clubs and Socs"

Always ongoing

Info graphic was sent to all course leaders. 9 departmental societies have been created since.

Re introduction talks about setting up societies and getting involved with the SU are happening this month.

Offering volunteering projects start up too.

This is part of the Activities Review and the Student engagement strategy outlined in my one page plan.

### "Engagement strategy"

The aim is for students to Understand what the Officers do and engage with the SU.

Watching BUCS fixtures, attending training and meeting in EO challenge week.

The breakfast club is no longer happening but have created 'Laid back lattes with Haider' they will be once a week feedback sessions.

### "Student activities review"

This is an ongoing 20 page document I am implementing. By June I want to write my vision into this document including ideas from Wright State University.

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

Supporting Greg with Societies Event in 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Supporting Stewart with Club Presidents meeting.

Further support required from the Executive Committee/Students' Union

N/A