

My campaigns, policy and other work

My campaigns

Prayer Space in Chelmsford Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: to get an adequate prayer space in the Chelmsford campus, as the current one is too small and not appropriate given the growing student population who use it.

Aims and Objectives: to liaise with the university and chaplaincy to find and establish an alternative/additional space which is larger than the current one, and meets the needs of the diverse student population eg ablution facilities.

Updates and Wins: Sawyer's gym will be turned into this space and we are in conversation about the renovation plan proposed by estates (some changes need to be made) and finding a makeshift prayer space in the meantime as work will not be completed anytime soon.

Free Transport Campaign Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: Free transport to and from placement for HEMS students, given the CoL crisis and current travel provision not being fair for all courses (eg medics get reimbursed but nurses don't, etc).

Aims and Objectives: to encourage the university to somehow fund travel costs for students and remove barriers to attending placement for students.

Updates and Wins: Meetings with HoS (HEMS) and all are keen to support with this. Research into different courses and their structures, placement teams and contacts etc, as well as what funding they already get or are entitled to. Understanding of the practice hub and signposting/improving this and other placement services.

EDI Project

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: to implement EDI strategy and improve this for students and staff at ARU

Aims and Objectives: implement lectures/CPDs/educational sessions for students and staff, promote race equality advocates and foster a more inclusive and informed community at ARU.

Updates and Wins: Met with Jas Singha to discuss ideas for EDI and promoting race equality advocates. Project group has been relaunched.

Other relevant updates

Wider University Projects:

- Race equality advocates: promoting the positions for election
- CoL: £1 lunches in canteen, £20 Tesco vouchers from iCentre for students in hardship (Libby Holmer)

Wider Union Projects:

- Col: accommodation drop- ins
- Welcome stalls to promote SU
- Rep election stalls and promotion

Policies:

• N/A

Senate Committee

N/A

Non-Senate committee

SEC: discussion about CoL and tackling student loneliness and mental health

Students' Union Committees

• USU (not present at either meetings)

Working groups

• Sexual Respect Working Group (meetings cancelled thus far)