



## ACTIVITIES OFFICER (E) REPORT

<b>For the attention of:</b>	Executive Committee	<b>Taking place on:</b>	30/11/16
<b>Name:</b>	Precious Nwanze	<b>Action:</b>	To note

**Summary:** *This paper provides an update on the work of the Executive Committee member*

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

1. Extra-curricular Activities
2. Global Unity
3. Employability Skills
4. Mental Health Campaign

### Progress on priority campaign(s)

1. Extra-curricular Activities is being achieved and is still on-going.

I have organised trips to London, Harry Potter Studio, and Fright Night at Thorpe Park etc.

- A. **GIAG trips** has being successful so far with amazing feedback from our student all GIAG trips got responses ranging from 9-infinity out of 10, keeping our record lowest score at 8/10 (On-going project).
- B. **Clubs and Societies Forum** this is a social avenue where clubs and Societies comes together to network and learn how to be effective members from other societies.

2. Global Unity the aim is for all students at Anglia Ruskin University to feel part of a truly diverse community that celebrates different cultures and embraces opportunities to network and get involved. It has being achieved and still on-going.

I recently organised a Black History Month celebration, which brought together a number of societies, students, and SU & University staff. It was a fantastic event and great to see our students collaborating and being proud of their culture. And recently we have created a new International Society in both Cambridge and Chelmsford. If you would like to join.

- A. **Black History Month** Celebration was a tremendous impact on the Student Union because it provided a platform for learning about “Black History” and created a strong relationship between the University staff and the Student Union as well as networking with other students who the SU have never had contact with, this also brought together a number of societies, students, SU & University staff. It was a fantastic event and great to see our students collaborating and being proud of their culture. (Completed project).
- B. **Created International Society**, the International Society is open to all students regardless of where they are from. It's an opportunity to make new friends from

different countries and cultures or meet new friends who share similar interests. The society will be organising a lot of different fun activities, to make sure that all students will have the chance taking part in University life apart from academics, also enjoy the fun time while building social network at the same time! The society have a few plans at the moment, by collaborating with different societies; bringing the society to join and collaborate with universities in London and etc., bringing out different events; planning a few fun field trips; being active in Global weeks!

- C. **Inter-faith week** educating and showcasing faith and belief through our religious societies here on campus (On-going project)

### 3. Employability Skills is being achieved and on-going

- A. I did induction talk for LAIBS, FMS, FST, and ALSS where I promoted the important of getting involve with extra-curricular activities and the usefulness of having employability skills
- B. During clubs and societies forum I promoted the ILM certificate which I have achieved through my employability skills informing them it is achievable.
- C. The number of students who now volunteer for SU has increased tremendously because I promote the SU volunteering scheme and the important of logging in hours generated through volunteering.
- D. I attend different employability programs such as LAIBS internship award night and socials.

### 4. Mental Health Campaign is being achieved and still an on-going project

**Mental health campaign** which is our officers team manifesto called “Let’s be honest” which was launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, with a focus on the “be a friend” part of it, with our students who volunteered to lead the project, it was a campaign led by students for students (On-going project)

But personally, I tailored the “be a friend” to the iBuddy scheme sponsored by ARU International Office and LAIBS Student Engagement and Placements team are in partnership in making this a huge success.

Personally, I have got involved with the iBuddy scheme based on my experiences as an International Student from the LAIBS faculty and currently as the Activities Officer for the Students’ Union. The primary aim of the iBuddy scheme is to help new students feel settled, welcome and be part of the Anglia Ruskin Community. Although there is a focus on International students, but all students are welcome.

I believe that many new students as possible receive a conducive environment for learning, catching up with their studies and helping them to stop feeling home sick is achievable.

I believe with all SU available resources, we can help students achieve their academic and career goals, make the journey less stressful and help them have some fun, it is achievable (Project Completed).