

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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My campaigns, policy and other work



## My campaigns

RENT	In Progress
<p><i>We have taken the rent report to both Vicky Ford (Chelmsford MP) and Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge MP)</i></p> <p><i>We will now try and set up a working group with key staff within the university to act on the recommendations of the rent report</i></p>	

Men's Mental Health	In Progress
<p><i>I have had a meeting with James Mace who runs 'Walk and Talk 4 Men' We was discussing the logistics of having a similar set up on campus</i></p> <p><i>I have had a meeting with Lucas from the Cambridge counselling and wellbeing team and we will be looking to do a video Q&amp;A between myself and both the councillors which should hopefully be done around the time of International Men's Day!</i></p> <p><i>I will be having a meeting with Tom from the Chelmsford team to have a similar discussion</i></p> <p><i>We will also look to be using resources and guidance from campaigns such as CALM, Ladbible 'U ok M8' and Walk and Talk 4 Men</i></p>	

Sustainability	In Progress
<p><i>On the 9th October there was the 1st of a series of Sustainability workshops looking at sustainability in education which was hosted by the GSI. Dates of upcoming workshops are the 28th Oct, 30th Oct and 1st Nov. We will be looking to do some in Chelmsford</i></p> <p><i>The next piece of research is the Sustainability skills survey supported by NUS. The survey will be open from 21st October - 10th November</i></p>	

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*On November 4th I will be travelling up to Sheffield for the NUS Sustainability Summit*

*On the 29th November and 2nd November we are taking part in 2 Tree planting events. 1 on campus and 1 with the local council.*

*In April 2020, ARU and ARUSU will be hosting the responsible futures support day where other unions can come along to find out about the changes we have made, what can be done to become more sustainable and what they can get involved with.*

Paramedic support package

In Progress

*This issue was raised with Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge) and he was keen to act on it*

*We received a response from the College of Paramedics and unfortunately they are not in a position to provide any funding support for the campaign but have expressed interest in supporting in other ways.*

*This issue was then taken to the council of Deans and their response suggested that the exclusion of paramedic students from funding was a typo.*

*We received a response from the Department for Education stating that paramedic students have access to Student Finance England as the other courses do and because they were not part of the funding reform in 2017 they do not get the same access to the LSF and there are not any current plans to review this.*

*An open letter will be written, signed and then sent to Health Education England supporting the idea of providing funding for Paramedic students.*

Peterborough

In Progress

*As of September the advice team will be doing scheduled advice drop in sessions for students in Peterborough*

*I am currently working on getting a society space in Peterborough so societies have somewhere to store their equipment.*

*There is currently a calendar which staff have been able to sign up for days up in Peterborough so now we are able to have at least 1 SU member of staff in Peterborough per week*

*We will be replacing the outdated promo in Peterborough and putting in more updated information on how they can contact us and when we will be in Peterborough.*

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## Other relevant updates

### Open Library **(In Progress)**

*The trial for this is over so now we are going to be looking at the responses of the trial to determine the next steps of having food in the library*

### Athena Swan **(Complete)**

*HEMS faculty has a school specific Athena Swan group to prepare for our Athena Swan submission which has now been completed and sent to panel*

### International Nurses' Day! **(Not Started)**

*Just like last year i would like to hold some International Nurses' Day activities on all three campuses and work with the faculty as well*

### PhD and PG support **(In Progress)**

*At the moment some of the things i am working on with PGR students is free printing, Bitesize CPD for supervisors and supporting student lecturers to be able to separate being a student with being a lecturer.*

### Society of the Month **(In Progress)**

*October sees the first round of VOTM and SOTM for the academic year, once the first award of the year is given out i will handover this campaign to the activities team for them to take forward.*

## Policy updates

### Against NHS Cuts **(In Progress)**

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*Part of the team mental health campaign is to look at additional support during out of officer hours which will be to the benefit of placement students.*

*I have recently had a conversation with our Deputy Dean Catherine Lee and we are getting a group together to create a draft proposal to have a nursery on site to support those who need childcare support and will give our education students an opportunity to gain practise hours. We will be going through everyone to make sure that this gets done properly and to make sure the funding is available to us.*

#### Sustainability Awareness (In Progress)

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*I also plan on having sustainability added to the union strategy.*

#### Wheels in Motion (Complete)

*Following discussions asking about no access to parking on campus i found out the decision was influenced by limited spaces and prior policy agreements with the local council. The university has updated their travel page to include the links to the ARU student only lift sharing app.*

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*The discounts available to students are now accessible through the actual shop itself where discounts are between 10%-15% which are also promoted now on the website to the correct location instead of the app that no longer exists.*

Trans inclusion in Sport **(In Progress)**

*I have having a catch up with the BUCS Officers and am waiting to hear the statement from the BUCS CEO following recent interest from other SUs and NUS.*

*The NUS trans offer is setting up a group for Officers who have campaigns specifically around BUCS issues, i will be part of this group looking to lobby for changes in BUCS.*

#### **Action updates**

Exec action updates

*I have had my meeting with Chris about volunteering opportunities over the Christmas period and .....*