

Student Activities Officer

Report to Council

January & February 2020



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January and February Priorities:

- Led on the Green New Deal Referendum with the QUBSU Climate Action Group, resulting in a 93% 'YES' Vote, with a turnout of 1144. This involved working with the group to develop the Green New Deal, collecting student signatures to go to an all-student referendum, creating vote 'Yes' materials, canvassing for a Yes vote and creating a social media strategy – a massive thank you to the incredible student and staff activists involved in making this happen.
- Weeks-Don't-End – Sunday Brunch Club campaign – organised Sunday Brunch every Sunday 11am-1pm in the Lounge in the SU. These were not exclusive to, but aimed at International and GB students who are often left isolated on campus when most local students go home. I have engaged in meetings with International Students Officer & Queens International Student Society to expand this and hand it over for the academic year 2020/21.
- Student Engagement Campaign – continued rota for officers and other SU staff to be out all over campus each Tuesday from 12pm-3pm for January, promoting different SU and student initiatives, and collecting feedback from students.
- Continued Activities Officer Drop-In Sessions monthly which are open to any Club or Societies member, alternating between the PEC and SU – this has shown successful in helping students resolve internal issues.
- UCU Strikes – supporting UCU staff in their strike action and being present at the picket line as much as possible. Engaging with student groups to raise engagement with the strikes, organised sessions for the picket line including a fossil fuel divestment protest and a 'history of student activism' session. Alongside the team, held a UCU Strike Town Hall so students could chat directly to UCU leaders.
- Worked alongside NI Community of Refugees and Asylum Seekers (NICRAS) in developing a strategy for pathways into Higher Education for local asylum seekers
- Secured funding and developed planning for an 'Action Changes Things' Activism Conference which would have been held in May – conference was to highlight environmentalism and trade unionism to student attendees.
- Held Presidential Forum for our Clubs & Societies leaders, receiving incredible levels of feedback on support needed for Clubs/Socs going forward, funding issues & as well as acknowledging supportive relationships from our Club & Soc staff.
- Worked to increase engagement with the Student Leader Elections and met with numerous students on running for both full-time and part-time roles for 2020/21.
- Supported RAG executive through a successful RAG Week and continued to engage on this year's RAG Review.
- Worked to support Student Development initiatives; opening and assisting with Homework Clubs Induction Training, participating as SU Leader in Inspiring Leaders training, sat on SU Awards & RAG shortlisting panels, helped to deliver Refreshers Fair and promoted Dragons Den, Handy Helpers and other Enterprise and Volunteer SU initiatives.
- Worked to build relationship with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions to form a campaign for student's workers' rights on and off campus and engage them with upcoming conference.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meetings / Events</u>
6th January	International Students 'Meet the Services' Event
7 th January	RAG Review meeting – RAG President
8 th January	Blackwells – meeting to extend supplies for activities
9 th January	Student Development meeting Committee of Discipline VR Housing Event meeting
10 th January	An Cumann Gaelach meeting INTO students – SU Induction NICRAS meeting – pathways to HE for asylum seekers
12 th January	Sunday Brunch Club
14 th January	Student Voice meeting Climate Action Group Meeting SU Council
15 th January	Go Global Mini Fair – Careers EMC SU strategic plan meeting - Officers
16 th January	Petitioning for CAG referendum ICTU meeting International Buddy Scheme Training
17 th January	UG prospectus photoshoot International Students Officer – meeting Sustainability Lecturers – meeting
19 th January	Sunday Brunch Club
20 th January	VR Housing Event filming Petitioning for CAG referendum Action Changes Things Conference planning meeting
21 st January	SU Elections meeting Climate Action Group meeting
22 nd January	Marketing SLE video shoot International Buddy Scheme – Undergrad meet-up
23 rd January	SU Election meeting International Buddy Scheme – Postgrad meet-up PhD Event – Graduate School

24 th January	NUS-USI meeting – tuition fees Buddy Scheme Pub Crawl meeting
26 th January	Sunday Brunch Club
27 th January	Presidential Forum – Clubs & Socs leaders Run For Something – Graduate School
28 th January	Green New Deal Referendum – Day 1 Climate Action Group Meeting Refreshers Fair – Clubs & Socs
29 th January	Green New Deal Referendum – Day 2 Homework clubs induction training
30 th January	NUS-USI Accountability Surgery Buddy Scheme pub crawl
31 st January	USI Women Lead – Dublin
1 st February	USI Women Lead – Dublin
2 nd February	Sunday Brunch Club
3 rd February	Activities Officer Drop-In Session Committee meeting Officer team meeting
4 th February	Advice SU Meeting Action Changes Things – Venue check
5 th February	Inspiring Leaders – Hilton, Templepatrick LGBT+ History Month Launch
6 th February	NISPA Youth Committee Meeting – Climate Action Decolonise Network meeting
8 th February	Sunday Brunch Club
10 th February	Your Education Matters – workshop QUB 175 Challenge meeting – DARO
11 th February	Public Engagement Operational Group NUS-USI Meeting RAG Shortlisting Panel
12 th February	UCU & NUS-USI meeting EMC
13 th February	RAG Meeting – Vice President An Cumann Gaelach Meeting Environmental Manager – Meeting
14 th February	SU Shop – Biological Sciences opening
16 th February	Sunday Brunch Club
18 th February	Queens Sport Meeting SU Elections – Hustings

	SU Area Safety Committee
19 th February	QUB Challenge 175 Meeting – DARO RAG Drunk Lectures
20 th February	UCU Strikes – Picket Line SU Autonomy Meeting – Team RAG Fundraiser
22 nd February	Sunday Brunch Club
24 th February	SU Elections / UCU Strikes – Annual Leave
25 th February	SU Elections / UCU Strikes – Annual Leave
27 th February	SU Team Meeting SU Awards judging panel UCU Meeting Environmental Manager – meeting