

## **Kieran Minto Postgraduate education officer report: January**

Hi everyone, I'm your postgrad education officer for this year. I represent your academic interests, working closely with the undergrad education officer and the reps (Faculty, school and course). I sit on many committees alongside senior members of staff across the university in order to promote student voice.

This month mostly revolved around closing of work from before the winter break and planning for the new semester

### **Internal events:**

- Attended a "ClimateFRESK" workshop. Hosted within the school of Biology and attended by lectures, staff and students.
- Took part in the planning and attended the "weeks don't end", a day of activities hosted within the union on a Sunday.
- Publicised and presented an election info event for students, where officers, reps and association chas shared their experiences of the roles and suggested interested students put themselves forward.

### **Strategy 2030:**

- Continued to work alongside the undergrad education officer as a chair of the student voice strand of strategy 2030. We continued to progress our projects around the rep system, embedding student voice and empowering rep coordinators.

### **Meetings:**

- Helped organise and facilitate a Student Rep Review Workshop, where we met with student rep coordinators, to discuss their role, answer questions, share good practice and collect feedback.
- Attended several meetings around welcome week, where we as a union shaped up our idea of what welcome week should be. These ideas were then shaped into a more concrete plan by university staff.
- Attended DEs & Deans Forum, where myself and the undergrad education officer.
- Attended a trilateral meeting between the universities management team, representatives from the teaching/staff unions and representatives from the SU. Where we discussed "Queens as a civic university".
- Attended a lecture capture workshop, which discussed practical solutions, common concerns and general thoughts around lecture capture. This workshop was taken by an expert in lecture capture police and was attended by lectures, staff, management, union representatives and students.
- Continued to work and attend meeting around the "Student Partnership Model", how the university will be engaging students as paid co-creators going forward.

### **External events:**

- Attended USI council at Ulster university in Derry.
- Attended a protest against a senior member of the coca-cola corporation giving a talk at Queens business school.