

OFFICER REPORTS – Societies

**VPUD Officer Report**

**[March 2020] Societies**

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## **Summary**

Working to keep the engagement high and keep the momentum going through Second term. A lot of my time I’ve been focusing on the awards ceremonies and big events taking place later this year.

**Key Talking Points:**

-Promoting society awards – Competition

-Promoting elections both committees and main elections in person and encouraging students to run

-Decibel platform - offering alternative music - student demand - Negotiated and confirmed date for 13th March.

-MHFA Training for sports and societies completed. (*Need feedback to see if worth rolling out for the rest of the groups)*

 -Supporting and helping promote student events and SU events - benefiting student experience and trying to build a sense of community *(Sport teams, Event students, and not currently engaged students)*

-Writing the job descriptions for the new sabbatical roles, with the working group – Ensuring that union development still has an integral part in the new role and protect the students around events, sports and societies.

- Looking into other popular events such as Silent disco and Bonkerz Bingo etc.

- Exploring Societies Stash and hoodies. Working with Staff to come up with a concept then looking to bring to societies committee for approval.

- A day in the life of a sabb on Instagram – Encouraged participation in the upcoming elections and promote the SU in general.

-Drop ins in the learning hub – Speaking and engaging with students.

## **Report**

**Manifesto Pledges**

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| **1** | *Ensure that sports, societies and volunteering groups do not suffer from the funding cut.* - £300 budget sponsorship for sports awards from changemaker. |
| **2** | *Encourage and support students undertaking employment and work experience opportunities.* -MHFA Training for sports and socs completed. (*Need feedback to see if worth rolling out for the rest of the groups)* |
| **3** | *Launch at least 10 new Events that cater to the wide variety of Students.* -Helped students with their events both student groups and the wide variety of students on campus who the SU don’t currently engage. |
| **4** | *Raise awareness and challenge the stigma around mental health.*-Secured dates for Wellbeing campaigns with welfare officer – Looking at ‘*Have you got your mates back’* as an example of one of the campaigns we will be rolling out.  |
| **5** | *Create a ‘Buzz’ on campus through activities and events.*A day in the life of a sabb on Instagram – Encouraged participation in the upcoming elections and promote the SU in general.  |
| **6** | Encourage Participation and engagement in sports, societies and Volunteering. - Drop ins in the learning hub-Speaking and engaging with students  |
| **7** | Focus on entertainments, events, activities, sports and Societies. --Decibel platform - offering alternative music - student demand - Negotiated and confirmed date for 13th March. - Looking into other popular events such as Silent disco and Bonkerz Bingo etc  |

### **Other Activities**

*[Are there any other things you have done or been involved in during this reporting period that you would like to celebrate or are concerned about?]*

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### **Mandates**

### **Declarations**