

## Queen's Students' Union: Full-Time Student Officer Report

**Role:** Student Officer Welfare

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**Period Covered:** July 2023

### Introduction

As the Welfare Officer, my role is to represent the interests of students in all matters related to their welfare. This is a broad remit which includes improving issues related to housing, accommodation, student safety, physical health, sexual health, mental health, and wellbeing. To achieve this, I lobby relevant departments and people within the university and local government; engage with external and internal groups; and run student events throughout the year.

My main priorities this year include tackling issues relating to student housing, implementing comprehensive drug harm reduction mechanisms across Queen's, and fostering a consent culture across campus.

**NOTE:** From July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, I was working 4 days a week in order to complete my master's dissertation

### Training

- Completion of general officer training
- Completion of **SUT** (Students' Union Training). Week-long training held in Tralee organised by USI (Union of Student's in Ireland), connecting with student officers from across the island and being trained in topics including: consent, event organisation, boundaries, mental health, inclusion, drug and alcohol harm reduction

### Meetings

- Meeting with **SOS-UK** to discuss their **Drug and Alcohol Impact (DAI)** Programme. DAI is a programme that supports and guides students' unions and universities to work in partnership to deliver comprehensive drug and alcohol harm reduction initiatives.
- Meeting with **SU Advice** to discuss **Report and Support** and the university's sexual harassment policy
- Meeting with **SU Advice** to learn about **conduct regulations**
- Meeting with **SU Wellbeing Manager** to learn about the work conducted by their team
- Meeting with the Director of the Student's Union and the SU Operations and Events Manager to discuss the **Sexual Health Clinic** and **period product scheme**

### Events

- **Pride 2023** – co-organised a **banner making session** with the Student Officer Equality and Diversity; led students to the Pride Breakfast organised by NUS-USI

### Other

- Began planning for Freshers' events
- Took part in academic processions