

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Union President

Name: Beth Elder

Period Covered by Report: July 2023

Introduction

Haigh gach duine,

As President of the Students' Union, I co-ordinate the activity and campaigns of the Students' Union and act as chief spokesperson on behalf of the Union. I work to ensure the Union priorities are enacted and chair several Committees of the Students' Union, such as the Executive Management Committee and Standing Committee.

My areas of focus for the year are co-ordinating the Union Priorities (Housing, Cost of Living, Sustainability, Voter Registration/Student Manifesto, Mental Health, and Student Voice), as well as developing Student Community and Democracy, International Student Supports, and Political Lobbying.

Project Progress

The majority of the month of July was spent on developmental training, as well as training the new officers as they began their new roles. This included a weeklong training residential with the Union of Students in Ireland (SUT) in Kerry on 17th – 21st July, as well as some day-to-day training.

There were several graduation processions that had to be attended during the month of July.

Other work that was carried out during July included:

- Collaboration with People and Planet for Fossil Free Careers Policy.
- Planning for Belfast Pride.
- Planning for Freshers' Fortnight.
- One-to-one support sessions with each of the officers.
- Meetings with Union Bar staff regarding increased pricing.
- Plan of Work planning and drafting.

Key Events / Meetings

Date	Details of Activity (and outcomes for students)
5 th July	Student Officer Catch-Up
7 th July	Student Officer training day
10 th July	Culture Survey Catchup
17 th -12 st July	Students Union Training with the Union of Students in Ireland
24 th July	Strategy 2030, Education Strang Meeting

25 th July	Fossil Free Careers Meeting
25 th July	Freshers Planning Session
26 th July	Freshers Pic-Nic
26 th July	Executive Management Committee
31 st July	Meeting regarding Union Bar price increase