

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Union President

Name: Beth Elder

Period Covered by Report: September 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

September was a busy month with minimal project progression due to students returning to campus and the planning and organising that went into implementing Freshers Fortnight. Week commencing 18th September until 28th September consisted of a packed freshers schedule. The main aim of September was to drive up engagement with democratic structures within the Union including course, school and faculty representatives and SU Councillors. Additionally, time was spent laying the groundwork with key stakeholders for upcoming campaigns including Cost of Living and Sustainability.

Key Events / Meetings

Date	Details of Activity (and outcomes for students)
4 th Sept	Commercial Services Forum
5 th Sept	Meeting with the Pro Vice Chancellor for Education and Students
6 th Sept	Residential Assistants Induction to the SU
6 th Sept	Executive Management Committee
7 th Sept	Disability and Wellbeing Information Session
12 th Sept	Meeting with the Vice Chancellor
13 th Sept	Strategy 2030 ESS Steering Group
18 th Sept	Official Opening Planning Meeting
18 th Sept	FRESHERS: Giant games with your student officers
18 th Sept	Meeting with Education Student Services
19 th Sept	Senate away day
20 th Sept	Meeting about Welcome Weeks

20 th Sept	Executive Management Committee
21 st Sept	Meeting with Associate Pro Vice Chancellor for Strategic Projects
21 st Sept	FRESHERS: RAG Pub Crawl
22 nd Sept	FRESHERS: Big Brunch
25 th Sept	Fitness to practice panel
25 th Sept	Meeting to discuss student input into Strategy 2030
25 th Sept	FRESHERS: The SU Mixer
26 th Sept	FRESHERS: Create and Chat
26 th – 28 th Sept	FRESHERS: Freshers Fair
29 th Sept	Meeting with Acting Director of Civic Engagement