

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Students' Union President

Name: Amy Smith

Period covered by Report: December 2025 - January 2026

NOVEMBER

- Myself, SU Director and Student Officer Welfare and Community visited to 1 Rugby Road, which is the proposed site for the housing co-operative. Had numerous meetings with senior leadership around student safety that has led to night buses, panic buttons and safe spaces.
- Attended the Student Safety Roundtable that was organised as a result of safety concerns from our students. The PSNI, senior leaders of the university and professional services staff were present.
- Hosted Bath SU for a visit and shared similar experiences, ideas and challenges.
- Call with officers from Stranmillis and St Marys around a potential partnership between the students' unions.
- Met with NUS-USI, AMLÉ and Ulster Presidents to discuss international Student Visas and the flexibilities to travel through the entire island of Ireland, North and South.
- Attended the Student Success UK & IE 2025 Conference in Edinburgh alongside the PVC Education and Students.
- Met with Roisin O'Hare to discuss placement students and survey results for the school of pharmacy.
- Senate meeting took place discussing important topics like digital transformation and gift city.
- Took part in the white ribbon training as part of our priority of tackling violence against women and girls.

DECEMBER

- Working on all things student safety as the student and staff safety event was held in the foyer of the students' union. This event gathered numbers of students visiting stalls and speaking to staff members of departments across the university. The neighbourhood engagement team has got funding to link with the SOS bus to do drop offs to the Holylands 2 nights a week from Kremlin and Limelight.
- I presented the business case of our Housing Co-Operative project at the Planning, Finance and Resources committee. This now goes to senate later in January for the full approval to start the renovations for the project.
- Queen's Students' Union hosted the NUS Strategy Exchange conference where I presented with Professor Judy Williams on partnership between the university and the students' union and the benefits that this brings for the student movement.
- I had a call with the Dundalk Students' Union President Dundalk president chat about the upcoming partnership between the institutions.
- I have had numerous meetings with senior management like Ciaren Graham (Dean of Education in MHLS) around placement student support and including this in a student success framework.
- Attended and presented an award and SU Enterprise's 'What's The Big Idea?' awards.

- Attended the TedX talks in Riddell Hall alongside the other officers.
- Got to visit the new Global Institute for Education Excellence. This property is going to be key to the reforming and restructuring of the curriculum for high level tech system that will be used to train and try out new teaching.
- Took part in the final shortlisting for the staff excellence awards.
- Attended the Athena Swan Celebration, celebrating the 15 schools on achieving gold, silver and bronze awards.
- Attended and addressed at the Teaching awards celebrating achievements of staff across the university.