

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Equality and Diversity

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As the Equality and Diversity Student Officer at the Students' Union, my role is to advocate for an inclusive and supportive environment where all students, regardless of background or identity, feel represented and valued. I work closely with various teams across the Queen's and Queen's Students' Union to make sure students' voice is heard. Through campaigns, events, and initiatives, I aim to foster a campus culture that celebrates equality and empowers students from all walks of life.

Activity	Description
Welcome Presentation	I presented the Welcome Presentation alongside other officers to various schools, introducing the different services offered by the Students' Union and promoting the Freshers' activities. This presentation was a key opportunity to engage new students and familiarize them with the resources available during their time at university.
Freshers' Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I participated in all three days of the Freshers' Fair at the Students' Union stall. During this time, I greeted new students, answered their questions about the Students' Union, and provided guidance on the services available to them. I collaborated with the Education Officers to actively recruit Student Association members and Student Reps during the fair, ensuring new students were aware of the opportunities to get involved and represent their peers.- I assisted with several events, including the Big Brunch, Big Night In, the ice-cream giveaway, and various mini-games. These events provided an excellent opportunity to engage with new students in a relaxed setting, allowing me to have personal conversations with them and gain a deeper understanding of their concerns and expectations.
Meeting with SU Advice	I had a team meeting with the SU Advice department. During this meeting, the Advice team introduced themselves and their roles within SU Advice. We discussed the common

	<p>issues students face and established a regular catch-up meeting to enhance collaboration. This will help us stay informed about the challenges students are encountering and ensure that we better represent their needs and voices in future discussions and initiatives.</p>
Race Equality Charter Meeting	<p>As a new member of the Race Equality Charter (REC) at Queen's, I attended my first meeting alongside other members. During the meeting, we discussed the upcoming Black History Month initiatives planned around campus. I took the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Equality and Diversity Student Officer at the Students' Union, sharing my goals for promoting inclusivity and diversity within the student community.</p>
Signposting Training	<p>I participated in signposting training focused on student mental health and wellbeing. This training was an invaluable opportunity for me to develop the skills needed to effectively direct students to the appropriate services when they seek support. Understanding how to guide students to the right resources is crucial in ensuring they receive the help they need.</p>
Media Training	<p>I completed media training, which provided me with advanced strategies for handling interviews and media engagements. I learned techniques for staying composed under pressure, delivering clear messages, and tailoring my responses to different audiences. This training will be particularly useful in my role as a student officer, where effective communication is essential.</p>
New Staff Welcome Event	<p>I attended the New Staff Welcome Event at Whitla Hall, where I was introduced to key members of the university community. During the event, I had productive conversations with representatives from various departments at Queen's, which helped me build connections and gain a deeper understanding of the work being done across the university.</p>
Celebrate the new landmark building of the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute	<p>I attended the celebration of the new landmark building for the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute. This event was a significant occasion, as it also offered insights into the importance and legacy of the Good Friday Agreement. I had the privilege of listening to</p>

	<p>an inspiring speech by Senator George Mitchell, which highlighted the role of peace-building and reconciliation in shaping a better future for Northern Ireland.</p>
<p>Sensory Pod Project</p>	<p>I completed a proposal to submit to the annual fund for securing support for the project. This marks an important step toward creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for students, those with sensory sensitivities.</p>