

## Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

### Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Equality and Diversity

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Introduction:

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
Race Equality Week Catch-Up	Meet with Lauren from REC to discuss the plan for Race Equality Week on 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> February. The initial plan is to set up stalls around campus to have some interactive activities for students to learn more about the relevant topics,
Pre-Chinese-New-Year Workshop	I co-organized the Pre-CNY workshops with the Language Centre. In this workshop, students were able to try out Chinese paper cutting, calligraphy, and drawing the snake. This event has a great turnout and help students learn more about the traditional culture.
Refreshers Fair	The officer team and I joined the refreshers fair. We promoted the coming election for all club and society stalls and encouraged committees to nominate themselves.
NNECL Celebration Event	I joined the event to celebrate that Queen's has successfully been awarded the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (NNECL) Quality Mark as the students' union has been supporting the application of NNECL.
Russell Group Students' Union Conference	The officer team and I joined the two-day Russell Group Students' Union conference. The section includes the UK Universities head policies, students' manifesto and various priority groups. We gave the other unions a tour at Queen's campus. It was also a great opportunity to have networking with other student officers from other unions.

STAND Festival	The officer team and I host a stall at STAND Festival. To fit the sustainability theme, we have a stall to promote the newly opened swap shop. We attracted a great turnout, and students showed their interest in using the swap shop.
Workshop: Ending Violence Against Women & Girls	I attended the workshop hosted by White Ribbon NI. In this workshop, we discuss the current issues women and girls face by living in NI and we learn the data collected by the PSNI regarding the violence against women and girls. We identified the main factors that affect women and girls in disclosing violence and we had bystander training on how we respond when we in those situations.
CNY Events	I co-organized the series of CNY events including the CNY Launch event and, the CNY Cultural Fair. The CNY launch event and fair had a great turnout, I invited student societies to join the fair to present their traditions during the CNY period. Students joined different small activities and tried our traditional dumplings at the fair. We received a really positive feedback. The officer team and I joined the CNY Gala hosted by the Chinese student society, we invited the Ulster University Students' Union to join us for the festival celebration and had a great networking time with them.
Meeting with EDI PVC	I had a meeting with Peter Robertson who was new to the post of Associate EDI Pro Vice-Chancellor. I introduced the priorities that I am currently working on this year. We decided to arrange a regular meeting between us every month to better catch up on the policies and work regarding EDI on the campus.
Students' Union Student Council	I attended the Students' Union Student Council. In this Council we discussed on our students' union 2025 strategic plan and gathered student council's ideas on current draft plan. We have also working on the new club and societies and approve them.
SU Election Rundown	The officer team and I attended the election rundown and present to students who interested in running any current role. We answered their questions regarding to how the student officers job look like.