

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
Meeting with Dr. David Kellermann	The officer team and I met with Dr. David Kellermann, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney. We discussed how he has developed an innovative approach to using a range of Microsoft tools to enhance learning and teaching within a Teams environment. This conversation inspired us to explore ways to better meet the needs of both students and staff in lecture recording and attendance.
ElevateNI 2025 Diversity and Inclusion Panel	I participated in the ElevateNI Student Conference 2025 as a panelist on the Equality and Inclusion Panel. During the discussion, I explored the meaning of diversity and inclusion and shared insights on how we can better support EDI in universities and workplaces for both staff and students. The conversation was truly inspiring and motivating—it was great to hear diverse perspectives on contributing to EDI efforts.
MET SU training	The officer team and I attended the NUS-USI training for Belfast MET Students' Union officers. We presented our achievements and shared our experiences on how we achieved success.
Drinking Awareness Fair	I attended the Pre-St. Patrick's Drinking Awareness Fair in the foyer alongside Welfare Student Officer Jess. I joined her stall to help raise awareness about responsible drinking and educate students on the UK

	government's recommended alcohol unit guidelines. The event had a great turnout and received positive feedback.
Big Spring Clean 2025	The officer team participated in The Big Clean in the Hollyland area, organized by the Sustainability Team and SU Volunteers. We took part in a litter pick on the streets, which was a great opportunity to engage with the local community.
QUB DEIB Forum Invitation - Supporting International Chinese Students at Queen's	I joined a discussion on how to better support Chinese students. I shared my perspective and the challenges students face based on my experience as both a Chinese student and a student officer. During the discussion, we identified key challenges, including language barriers, ethnic clustering, digital adaptation, and employment. From student feedback, we also recognized academic development and financial barriers as significant concerns.
SistersINSPIRE event 2025	I attended the event to deliver a speech on their journey in female leadership and participated in a panel discussion aimed at inspiring schoolgirls regarding their future career paths, education, and leadership.