

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Accessible Education

Name: Mórrigan McEvoy

Period covered by report: July-October 2025

July

Campaign, Project or Activity	Action
Carers Awareness Training	Completed additional Carers Awareness Training through the QUB Widening Participation team via Nexus NI. This was important for competence in advocating for student carers at Queen's and learning about their experiences.
Pride Banner and Bracelet-Making and Pride March	Planned and delivered a free banner and bracelet-making session open to all students in advance of Belfast's Pride March. Participated in the march as a representative of the Students' Union Student Officer.
University College London Visit	Participated in a cross-university discussion with UCL comparing student experiences and institutional structures
Lead and Change	Attended multiple reflective sessions at Lead and Change and networked with a variety of other Student Officers, sharing ideas and plans for the year.

August

Universities UK (UUK) Meeting	Attended and participated in a discussion with the President and Vice President of UUK. Highlighted issues that international students face and the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
Carbon Literacy Certified	Received carbon literacy training certified by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. The training educational regarding the impact of carbon and how to implement sustainable practices into everyday life.

Race Equality Charter (REC) Draft Review	Attended and participated in regular meetings for REC, highlighting potential shortcomings with the draft paper before submission in the coming months.
Attended Students' Union Training Plus (SUT+)	Hosted in QSU, attended an AHEAD session on disability, learning more about the European Accessibility Act and the social and biological models of disability.
Attended Russell Group Students' Union (RGSU) Conference in London	Presented an overview of Queen's Students' Union to the other Russell Group SUs. Discussed the RGSU priorities for the year including finance and funding, international student advocacy and social justice with ethical investments. Participated in a planning session for tackling problems that international students face.
Monitoring and Interventions Subgroup: Far-Right Activity in Racist Incidents in NI meeting from the Equality Coalition	Gathered up-to-date knowledge on the race-motivated violence and happenings in Belfast.
Canvas Video	Participated in a video explaining how Canvas operates to students.
Discussion with Vice President Equality and Citizenship from Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn (AMLÉ) Neighbourhood Engagement	Met with Neighbourhood Engagement discussing their relationship with students in the surrounding areas such as the Holylands and student safety. Discussed plans to build an island-wide disability network with an emphasis on strengthening the relationship between Queen's and Ulster relating to understanding the needs of and current support gaps for students with accessibility requirements.
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September

Meeting with Academic Services	The entire Student Officer team met with Academic Services to talk about key
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	priorities for the year and identify synergies.
Residential Life Team Presentation and Tour	Met with the incoming Residential Life Assistants and gave them a tour of the Students' Union building, answering any questions that they had.
GIFT City Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Task and Finish Group	Attended and fed the student voice into the GIFT City Task and Finish EDI workstream, focusing on how Indian cultures and attitudes differ from those in Belfast and how this can influence the student experience.
Established a recurring liaison the with Diversity and Inclusion Unit	Met with key members of staff in Diversity and Inclusion and set up regular meetings to talk about priorities for the year- notably, in establishing a Student Carer's Passport.
Northern Ireland Higher Education Collaboration day with Ulster University Student officers	Networked and compared and contrasted QUB and Ulster including fair allocation of resources between institutions, financial sustainability and student support.
Commercial Services Forum	Attended Commercial Services Forum discussing topics such as Mandela Hall bookings.
Individual meetings with Association Chairs for Ethnically diverse, international and disabled students	Discussed key priorities and projects for the year and emphasised the importance of student engagement.
Pizza and Paint	Organised and held two Pizza and Paint events during Freshers, both of which were booked out.
Liaising with African and Caribbean Society for Black History Month	Discussed plans for a collaboration with the Students' Union and their planned events.
Introduction with Deans in each Faculty	Met with the deans from AHSS, EPS and MHLS to discuss key priorities for the year and outline synergies.
Attended the CEARTA Irish Language March in Dublin	Along with the other Student Officers, Ulster University Student Officers and AMLÉ, attended the march for Irish Language in Dublin.
Universal Design for Learning Working Group	With Student Officer Postgraduate Education, set up a working group with Centre for Educational Development (CED) to focus on adjustable study spaces, autism accreditation and disseminate a universal design for

	learning approach to teaching for all lecturers.
Meeting with Head of Careers on an Ethical Careers Policy on Fossil Fuels	Met with the Head of Careers at Queen's to discussing implementing an ethical careers policy for fossil fuels at Queen's.

October

Association Chair Strategy Lab	Attended the Association Chair Strategy Lab and focusing on important team values and implicit biases to recognise when working with many different types of people.
QUB Sanctuary Global Languages Event	Attended the QUB Sanctuary Global Languages event at which students and staff had the opportunity to learn the basic phrases in up to 16 global languages. Recorded a piece to camera about the importance of celebrating the diverse cultures we have in Belfast.
SU Management Board (SUMB)	Attended SUMB and delivered a walkthrough of Pillar 2 of the SU Annual Delivery Plan 2025-26: Supporting Our Community. This section focused on mental health and wellbeing initiatives, volunteering and student safety.
Minority Recognition Awards Northern Ireland (MRANI)	Attended the MRANI Awards Night in Titanic along with other QUB representatives.
Sustainability Committee Presentation on an Ethical Careers Policy	Designed and presented a PowerPoint presentation overview of an ethical careers policy for fossil fuels at Queen's. Discussed the basic definition of the policy, why it is necessary, potential concerns and benefits if implemented.
Diwali Celebration Video	Recorded a piece to camera about the importance of celebrating diverse cultural events and the specific ways that Queen's students can get involved in future cultural events.
Green Dot Training	Completed Train the Trainers Green Dot training and committed to delivering a training session every two months.

Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education (EAUC) Northern Ireland Roundtable	Discussed advancing sustainability in post-16 education. Highlighted the importance of ethical careers, disseminating sustainability competence to students and promoting the future of the job market for sustainable/green employment.
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