

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Welfare and Community

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Introduction

As Student Officer Welfare and Community, my role is to represent the interests of students in all matters related to their welfare. This is a broad remit which includes improving issues related to housing, accommodation, student safety, physical health, sexual health, mental health, and wellbeing. I also represent students in relationships with local community groups and represent the Students' Union at key meetings.

My main priorities this year include, Drug and Alcohol Harm reduction initiatives, setting up a student Housing Co-Operative, improving access to sustainable transport, women's safety and Trans inclusion particularly in sport.

General meetings and activities

- Met with Glow NI to discuss their anti-spiking campaign
- Advised sustainability reps on proposed projects for the year
- Met with Stranmillis SU and St Marys SU to discuss the SU partnership agreement which will reduce grey area for Stranmillis and St Marys students who want to use QSU services.
- Met with Bath SU and swapped ideas and information on various initiatives
- Put out information on student housing auditor opportunities.

Drug and Alcohol Impact programme

- Liaising with accommodation, wellbeing, neighbourhood engagement and internal SU teams to work towards fulfilling criteria to be accredited as a harm reduction university.
- Planning the recruitment of students for the January audit
- Working with internal university services to work with the public health agency and get guidance on drug testing kits with aim to launch in new year
- Planning survey launch event with mocktails and harm reduction information.
- Gave out harm reduction information at the Volunteering and Wellbeing fair

Other projects

- Set up NUS-USI Transport Strategy group collaborating with national president and UUSU to discuss the gaps in the transport connections to universities, active travel infrastructure and how we can get students issues raised with Transport providers.
- Attended Project Pink and helped give our glowsticks to attendees