

Deputy President (Welfare) Report
A note by Charlotte Ivison

Projects

An amended Raising and Giving and Community Action Group Policy and a newly created New Projects Committee Standing Orders have been submitted to RWB. Heather and I have almost finished the content for the website, and once that's done we'll schedule an NPC and a meeting for eligible clubs and societies.

Elections

I've been contacting potentially interested groups to get interest and hopefully elect a S.H.A.G. Week Coordinator, LGBT Officer and Gender Equality Officer at the next RWB on the 18th.

Equal Opportunities Policy

As per the recommendation of last year's Council, I'm submitting the Equal Opportunities Policy to RWB for review.

Fairtrade Status

I've been talking to College and Fairtrade Soc about renewing our status. To do this, we need to fill out a form, and to do this we need to achieve five goals. These are:

- Instituting policy which encapsulates details the other goals
- Including Fairtrade products in all Union and College outlets, including both parties committing to source all their cotton from Fairtrade sources
- Using basic Fairtrade products in all external catering i.e. in meetings
- Conducting Fairtrade student events during the year
- Creating a steering group made up of students and members of Commercial Services and Catering staff from the College and the Union.

Most of these goals aren't proving difficult, although needing proof for the forms that these events have taken place may mean that we only submit the forms in March after Fairtrade Fortnight. Another issue is sourcing cotton doing so is likely to mean that the Union makes a loss on any cotton products in the shop. I would value Council's input on this.

ICU Campaigns Team

The first meeting of the Campaigns Team is planned for Thursday the 18th November.

Campaign Weeks

RAG Week was last week, and seemed to be successful – I helped out with publicity and was auctioned. I've been finalizing details for and publicizing Green week via various means. I've also been talking to people about plans for Study Skills Week (6th-10th December) and Positively Red Week (29th November-3rd December) which is mostly planned thanks to the hard work of Sexpression, a branch of Medsin.

Surveys

I've been looking at the Disabilities Survey for this year. Some students have proposed a larger welfare survey looking at a wider range of services, and we also have the PCT looking to do a Sexual Health Survey, so I'm looking at how this can be delivered most effectively.

Health Centre

I attended the Medical services committee in College and noticed that there is a lot of relevant health based info that isn't getting out to students because it doesn't have an appropriate channel – am working on this with the Health Centre.

Law and Order Committee

I attended an external Law and Order Committee for Knightsbridge where I learned that all commonly student affecting crimes in the area are 8-10% down on last year.

Advice Centre Stand

The stand in the JCR didn't go that well, mostly because students didn't know what it was so I'm looking at investing more in merchandise to raise awareness.