

Council report 8th February 2010.

It's been a busy couple of months since the last council meeting and thus there is a fair bit to report.

Firstly we have had a massive win; the council has agreed to stop charging our summer school students council tax! A massive thanks to Chris Marks, Gina Rayment and Jenni Shannon who wrote the Hullfire article.

We have finally had our condom dispensation training from corner house so we can now get lots of free condoms. Plans for SHAG week are well underway. Guinness rejected my application for the world record attempt for most people Chlamydia tested in one day so sadly it will be an unofficial world record attempt. However all the relevant services are very excited about the event. It will begin at 10:30pm on the 14th of April in Asylum in Hull and hopefully Mansion in Scarborough and finish at 10:30om on the 15th. I have set up a new volunteering project with Conifer House which is aimed at encouraging people to get tested on campus. Any new recruits will hopefully be helping out on the day. Conifer house has also tracked down a giant condom suit and I will be auditioning condom fairies shortly!

I have started working with compass which is a local drug dependency support group and we are looking to see how we can best get students to engage with their services.

I have also been speaking to student counselling and we are hoping to set up some self help groups around issues such as emotional eating, self confidence and drink related issues.

We ran the comfort zone during the exam period in conjunction with student support and some local mental health charities. A big thanks to everyone that helped out. We saw just under 30 people during that time. We are hoping to run it again in the next exam period but only at busy times as we didn't see enough people over the fortnight to justify 2 members of staff there all day.

I am holding a disabilities forum tomorrow at 3:30pm in meeting room 1 in Hull and in the board room in Scarborough. Hopefully this should be a really productive meeting.

We are currently applying for a breastfeeding friendly award.

We are currently trying to get some of the toilets in the union building labelled as gender neutral toilets but we are facing some opposition from the university. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

I have also spent a fair bit of time flyering for elections and talking to students who are interested in standing for my position. If you know of anyone interested send them in my direction. More than happy to talk about the role to them.

Planning for a big student money day is underway. Hopefully we will have a clothes swap event and a balloon launch amongst other things.

The council is working on a gender equality scheme and I have organised 2 focus groups for them on the 17th. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to attend and be involved in shaping council policy in this area let me know.

As a result of our own equal ops meetings we have begun work on impact assessing all our policies. It's similar to risk assessment but for discrimination. Lots of fun!