

Vice President Community

Report to Council

HUSSO

- Problems with HUSSO; Exec and Chair position. Chair HUSSO should be a part-time paid position.
- Older Persons Christmas Party on 17th December. 58 Confirmed.
- A massive thanks to all their help this semester.

Community Volunteering

- CRB Surgery successful when Naomi came back in. Becky has been doing all the other ones so a massive thank you to her.
- Most successful volunteer sign up over both volunteering, mainly down to e-mentoring.
- Harri is leaving on 23rd December so a massive thank you to him for all his hard work this semester.

RAG

- Raised £1,150 so far, with loads more money to still come in from various events.
- Christmas Party on Friday 4th December, interlinked with Crystal Clear.
- Big Fun was a success.
- Sponsored sleep out a success.
- Full and active Exec.

ISA

- Line's Report.
- The University's Buddy's Scheme took a trip of 90 international students to York, which I was asked to help oversee with Joe Bishop. A successful trip.

Societies

- Tour sign up with 42 Society members handing in deposits.
- Newland Avenue Christmas Lights a success for HUU, societies and the community.
- Inter-society events frequent, showing an increase in HUU community communication.
- 89 societies with 8 in Scarborough (some to be ratified at Council), and more interest shown for the starting of others.
- Societies Council is a big success with only one President attempting to be antagonistic and purposely hard to work with. May I say a massive thank you to all the other presidents this year. They've done an amazing job with some really amazing events.

HUSAC and Crime

- Attended a number of the D Division Independent Advisory Groups.

- Jack is setting dates for bike surgeries.
- SMT and myself are due to have a midnight walk around University to seriously consider street lighting renewals on campus.

Media

- Will's Report.

Student Recruitment Committee

- The Lawns has been identified as needing improve both in accommodation and student experience. I had a meeting with Pro-Vice Chancellor Barry Winn, and then Reece Andrews and Mark Mullaney at The Lawns. They identified gaps in welfare and students experience.
- Focused on the importance of international markets and the issues that surround this.
- For the first time, support voiced over the University having a cohesive Community Strategy, of which they lack at present.

The Scheme Executive Committee

- Support show for the work done by the Community Zone surrounding current and foreseen community issues.
- Accommodation issues raised; quality and the lack of University accommodation. 600 extra students were placed into the private sector compared to last year. This is not seen to dramatically increase but has further highlighted a massive problem.

Community

- UEC had a breakfast meeting with the VC on Wednesday 9th December.
- Letters have been sent from myself to specific houses that have continued to cause problems in the local community. Had a very positive response from all concerned.
- A mass Ward Forum is being organised by myself in the Union to incorporate all wards affected by student's habitation.
- In conjunction with Commercial Services and the Community Zone, we have started to implement a SSHH (Silent Students = Happy Homes) Campaign. The biggest break through is the beginnings of implementing a "Street Angels" like project on and around campus on Wednesday and Saturday nights.
- Newland Avenue Christmas Lights was a massive success, with lots of compliments from the local community concerning student participation, and a massive thanks from the Traders Association. While not tangible, I have positive reasons to feel esteem for the student community in the local permanent resident community is on the rise; albeit a slight one.
- I had a second meeting with Susan De Val, Head of Legal and Democratic Services for Hull City Council and they have agreed to help with a voter registration campaign in the New Year, and will provide funds if at all possible. However, they will help with whatever they can. Voter registration in Hull runs at 92.5% across the board, 80%+ in the Newland Avenue Area, but only 67% in the University Ward (Auckland and Crambrook Avenues), and I have questioned the University as to why their information hasn't been forthcoming to the

council to raise this number. With greater voting registration and voting, I feel that more emphasis will be highlighted on student ownership of the local community.

- I met with Mark Cornall of HCC concerning a wide variety of social issues surrounding students and he and numerous other departments seem excited to work with us.
- I met with Frances Owen concerning various issues, but mainly about the forced resignation of Dr David De Verny. I wish to officially minute thanks to him for all his hard work over his time here, and wish to say that his cause shall be continued to be fought long after he has left.
- I have consistently attended ward forums and represented the students view. It has been very trying!
- And I'd also highlight the Union's six aside football success!

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