

VPSH Student Council Report 2 December

Here are the things I have been up to since I began my role in office outside of my manifesto.

Initial Training and on boarding into the organisation

Over the first few weeks of the role the presidents attended numerous training sessions in order to get us up to speed, these have reduced in frequency throughout the following months but we are still doing training and development throughout the year. Sessions included Union of Jewish Students session on awareness of antisemitism, Organisational values and strategic plan along with lots of department inductions.

Engaged students through the welcome week and induction sessions

With around 10,000 student attending the Welcome Fair we had a busy day with lots of time spent talking to students and watching the demonstrations that took place in the arena. Around this time the Presidents delivered the Students' Union welcome presentation to around 40 groups of students across all campuses

Rainbow laces

I recently ran a campaign in partnership with the centre for sport and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity team to raise awareness for LGBTQ+ community members. The joint partnership purchased 450 rainbow coloured laces and distributed them to both members of staff and students. As the laces were given out for free, the staff and students involved in the campaign were encouraged to take pictures of their laces on and share it on social media. The campaign was received very well as we quickly ran out of laces.

Black history month

In October the Presidents team was responsible for all the events held in honour of black history month. I led of 3 of those events which were;

Afro Bash night at The SU Bar; an external DJ was brought in and paid to play afro beat and bashment music in order to appeal more to the African and Caribbean students, as opposed to the usual drum and base music played in the bar.

Poets in The City; this event was held in the Arnolfini building located in Bristol City centre. It comprised of 3 very talented poets along with me as the host sharing humorous, deep and interesting thoughts. This event was an especially good one for me because I had one student come up to me after the event was over to thank me for sharing my story about not giving up.

ACS Football match day; originally supposed to be a match between the UWE Bristol African Caribbean Society vs University of Bristol's ACS. However, UoB backed out at the last minute, So instead, I had the UWE ACS play amongst themselves and it actually turned out very well. I suspect they were happy because as part of the event we had food from a Caribbean restaurant, but what matters is that they all had a wonderful time.

Made a deal with local night club to host club nights exclusively for UWE Bristol students

Who should host the official teamuwe sports night? I was approached by Pam pams, PRYZM, and OPA/Lola Lo's. This was a tricky one for me as all clubs had their own individual perks. PRYZM being the bigger of all the clubs offered to give back more money to clubs, but the students didn't seem too keen about having it there. Opa offered a money back deal close to what Pryzm offered but based on last year's sports night, I wasn't too keen about them. This left Pam Pams, they offered the least amount of money but after asking a few students, I was sure they all wanted Pam Pams. After

speaking with the Pams manager I was able to seal a deal that would give students what they want, as well as getting money from them to sponsor the sports ball awards happening later this academic year.