

## **VPCW Student Council Report 2 December**

Please find below the things that I have been working on outside of my manifesto.

### **NHS Partnership Board**

An Office for Students funded NHS Mental Health Partnership project has been initiated to tackle the urgent need to better coordinate support and services between universities and health sector bodies. As part of the project, Learning Collaborative meetings which will bring together HE and health sector bodies to create a local partnership and develop a bespoke student care pathway. In Bristol, the partnership is with UWE Bristol, University of Bristol and NHS. The Students' Union role from both universities is getting students' engaged in the project. A training session with students mind is in the process of being arranged to help equip The Students' Union on how to get effective students engagement in such a critical and important project. I am part of the steering group which deals with strategic planning of the project.

### **Health and well-being strategy**

As part of the UWE Bristol 2030 strategy, students involvement is required in shaping the health and wellbeing section of the strategy. A draft of this strategy has been created and focus groups will be held to give students the opportunity to make inputs and shape what this strategy should look like. The framework in shaping the strategy includes themes such as, leadership, mental wealth, social connections, eating well, being active, safety & research, curriculum, positive environments, Health and wellbeing in policies, and research evaluation & enterprise. Those themes will be the guide in shaping the strategy. If interested and want to get involved, please get in touch with myself or VP Sports & Health, as we are working together with Lizzie Johnson from UWE Bristol to drive this.

### **DVC Recruitment panel**

It was a nice experience to be part of the interview panel for the role of deputy vice chancellor. Representing the student voice being able to ask questions and give feedback on the performance of the candidates. It was also an opportunity to meet some key stakeholders and engage them with conversations of how we could work together. This is part of the recruitment process and other sessions were held as part of the selection process.

### **WMHD**

As part of World Mental Health Day, The Students' Union gave out stress balls and engaged with students in having conversation on how they manage stress levels. This took place across the different campus sites, in order to encourage students to think of different ways to distress and also signs to look out for which indicates feeling stressed. The president team took lead on this with the support of staff of the union. There was also a distress fest at Glenside campus on the day. See my social media for people's suggestions on how to bust that stress.

### **Lost**

The Students' Union at UWE, held its first LOST event this year as part of the raising and giving (RAG) activities held each year. I supported the RAG team in organising this in creating a promo video, planning the logistics, and also contributing to the task list for the teams. On the day, I escorted the teams that participated to the drop off zone. It was a success with a total of £3,401 being raised by the teams that participated.