

## VPSC Student Council Report 2 December

Please see my online manifesto page for updates on my manifesto. It also includes some additional points that I have added since starting the role. See my work Twitter for some more photos.

I've overseen over 15 new societies, and we have seen an increase in the amount of memberships bought, compared to last year. Training has also been part of my remit, whether the refresher training at the beginning of the year, or training up new societies, in lieu of a societies coordinator (and other operational aspects). Additionally, I've been involved in many interviews of new staff at the university, from various departments (including the new SU Society Coordinators). I've loved attending society events, as well as arranging the Societies conference and booking the venue for the Society Awards ball.

I've undertaken a variety of activity as the Presidential Sustainability lead. This has included the promotion of sustainability through Big Green Week, the Green Fair, the Global Climate strike, and through The Student's Union marketing channels. I attended a sustainability conference, to get good ideas and training. I've worked with the Sustainability Officer (Curzio) on Divestment from Barclays, both at The Students Union and UWE Bristol, attempting to move both organisations from unsustainable banking. Additionally, restricting the use of balloons in UWE, and pushed for a discount of vegan food on the Global Climate Strike day. I've also embed sustainability into Societies further (see manifesto).

I've ensured to keep an active presence throughout, by personally committing to weekly office hours on Glenside, taking first year inductions, engaging with people at various fairs (including the Fresher's and registration fairs). I led the charity Sleepout and Abseil, driving attendees and taking part myself.

I have also been involved with the direction of the UWE Grand Challenge, pushing for more bookable hours in the Farmhouse, increasing Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in HAS, and being involved in the process of determining who is granted funds from UWE's Community and Student Experience grants.

Finally, I have been supporting The Students' Union and staff firstly through being a trustee and raising any issues and making decisions on the finances and constitution of The Students' Union. Secondly, I arranged World Mental Health activity for the staff to engage with (including free massages and board games), as part of my role on the staff Welfare committee.

See below for some photos of what I've been up to.

