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Achievements since last council:

A successful “Money matters” campaign week. For this week I wrote an article for the website and ran activities in Stoke and Stafford where students had to guess the difference between branded and non-branded items. We received a lot of compliments about this campaign and I am really pleased with how it went.

This month we have made headway on some of the campaigns I spoke about last month. Last week Vic, Jamie and myself went along to Mukky Duck to do some community litter picking. This hopefully assured the local residents that we do listen to their problems and act on them.

I am in contact with a student who is keen to do something about noise issues in Legends (sound proofing etc) he is making this his FYP, I have told him I will look into any schemes and grants that may be available towards this.

I am currently at the Shrewsbury campus, where I have made a delivery of hoodies to students there. Amanda has come up with a plan to ensure that students can order merchandise at any point during the year and we will make the deliveries.

I have consulted with student staff regarding the end of year event as well as studying a lot of the feedback from last year’s Summer Ball. I hope to get students really involved in the process of forming this event and I want to make sure they are consulted on decisions so it does not become a “the union cancelled the ball” affair. From the small amount of student opinion gathered so far, it is clear that students would like a big party in the last week of term, but that they would also like a formal event for third years. By next month I hope to have made some headway with the university in discussing the possibility of a “Graduation ball”. I still need to consult more widely with students on this issue and hope to make the topic one of the discussions for the AGM.

I have been in talks with Adam Van Winsum about a university Green Impact launch event for student volunteers. The event is happening on the 16th of November.

The unions process of registering with an ethical bank is still an on-going process but I have been doing a piece of work for NUSSL on unions moving to ethical banks.

Attended:

I attended a NUSSL Ethical and Environmental committee meeting

NUS Society and citizenship zone – I found this very useful although it had a massive focus on the education campaigns. I learnt a lot about the conflict in Palestine and how this is affecting students.

I have attended the finance committee which I found very useful.

A fitness to practise meeting in Telford

Pre-qualifying health professions council

Various university forums to discuss their new plan

STARS training

Ongoing projects:

Environmental stuff – I have met regularly with Adam Van Winsum to discuss Green Impact at a university level. We hope to work on a tree planting event together later in the year. We are now enrolled onto the program for another year.

Working with the Co-op about changing our banking system. I have been doing some work on this through NUSSL's E and E committee.

I have a meeting with Geoff Bridgwood and a student to discuss a community art project going up on campus on the Henrion building.

I hope to run Vibe again this month and I have created an online group to open up discussions with students as another of my mini aims here was to utilise social media.

Commencement of Projects:

I have a student who has met me about setting up an online swap shop for students to advertise second hand items. We can do this through MSL. The student is also keen to see recycling stations being prominent in the student spaces which I hope to do this month. We are also hoping to arrange two student "Bring and buy" sales one in January and one in May.

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I have started work on my next campaign in the semester plan which is "Christmas giving Week"