

Deputy President (Welfare) Report
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S.H.A.G. Week

S.H.A.G. Week was overall quite successful, with decent uptake of services and events. Here's a timetable for the week:

Monday

- Union and Terence Higgins Trust stands with free Chlamydia testing
- Free Personal Safety For Women Workshops

Tuesday

- Union and Brook stands with free Chlamydia testing
- Free Brook Sexual Health Workshop - learn how to take care of your sexual health
- Special S.H.A.G. edition Pub Quiz

Thursday

- Union, Terence Higgins Trust and Textmate stands with free Chlamydia testing
- Free Personal Safety For Women Workshop
- Free Personal Safety For Adults Workshop
- Anne Summers Try and Buy Party (Girls Only)

Friday

- Union and Brook stands with free Chlamydia testing
- Free Life Drawing Class with LeoSoc
- Traffic Light Party @ FiveSixEight

The uptake at the information stands was really good, with a record number of IC students testing for Chlamydia. The logistics surrounding the lunchtime stands were quite difficult to manage, as tables had to be moved etc. but hopefully this should be solved by the creation of the ICU Campaigns team, a group of volunteers gathered to help out with campaign weeks. They were on board too late for S.H.A.G. week, but should be helpful in future.

Regarding events, the uptake was low on the Monday workshops. This was because the publicity for the week hadn't been great enough. Posters and the Union newsletter and website were used but Facebook wasn't, and neither was flyering, which then started in the second half of the week. There was also the suggestion of doing the week a week later next year, as although we'd done it earlier to catch the Freshers, it was perhaps too early for students to stop being ridiculously busy with clubs etc. Uptake was also low at the Ann Summers Party. This was perhaps because a separate poster campaign should have been done just with that event as it catered to a slightly different audience.

The rest of the events went well, with a surprisingly enthusiastic uptake of the stickers at the Traffic Light Party, one of the events I spent the least money on. In fact, there was a negative correlation between money spent and attendance at most of the events.

Green Week

We've almost confirmed all of the events for Green Week, with a mix of talks, workshops and events with a Green Fair in the Great Hall on Tuesday and charity/club stands in Sherfield every day.

Disabilities

We had a very productive Student Consultation feeding into the latest Disability Action Committee, with a number of points raised including disabled access to the Union and the new bars, both of which I have talked to Robin Pitt about and we are looking into. They also mentioned the large difference in attitude towards disabled students between departments and the lack of communication between Accommodation and the rest of College about which rooms in Halls are suitable for which disabilities, which has resulted in our planning a walk around of Halls with college staff to identify areas of improvement.

Halls

The Halls are in the process of electing their Hall Committees for this year, which contain both Green and now RAG reps. They'll be emailing me their details shortly so we can put them in touch with the Environmental Officers and the RAG Chair. They'll also be electing members from their committees to sit on the ICU Halls Committee, which College and I have decided will feed into the Accommodation Services Committee in College, giving Halls students a properly representative voice. I've also scheduled my Halls Tour for the year – the visits will follow Hall Committee meetings to increase uptake.

Projects

Heather and I are in the process of changing C&S policy and writing up projects policy and content for the website. We've had a number of meetings with both new and established groups looking to be made projects which is great. We're looking to have a New Projects Committee as soon as the policy and content is finished.

RAG Bike Auction

The bike auction raised £1387.80, which is great. However, I've had a number of students come up to me and say that their bike has been taken without fair warning. I've notified Terry Branch and will ensure that students are adequately notified next year.

Welfare Officers

The posts of Gender Equality Officer and S.H.A.G. Week Coordinator are still vacant, as is that of the LGBT Officer due to the previous holder having to step down. I'll be electing these positions at the next RWB, with a decent publicity push beforehand to get interested parties involved.

Subwarden Interviews

I conducted an interview at Wilson House.

Rep training

I presented a Welfare section as part of the UG Rep Training that was done on the 26th, looking at the Union and College Services with a focus on disabilities.

Funding Cuts

College are cutting the Sports Physician who currently works half a day at the Health Centre. He is a doctor that specialises in sports injuries, not to be confused with the physiotherapist. His clinics are half full but he still clearly benefits students. I'm liaising with the ACC Chair to find out how much sports players use his services and decide what to do in terms of fighting the decision if necessary.