

Imperial College Union

Deputy President (Welfare) Report

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Student Led campaigns

The response to the student led campaigns has been great so far. Since making the campaign form available on the website the Action Syria campaign has already begun. There are other campaigns in the pipeline and it is an exciting time. Hopefully upcoming campaigns will involve a cycling-related campaign and a campaign about Imposter Syndrome.

Mental health campaign group/Unseen Imperial

Since the publication of the mental health related article in Felix, interest in campaigning around the subject of mental health has spiked. I am planning to hold a brainstorming session with all of the students that have contacted me already to decide the aims and objectives for this campaign. The vast number of students who have responded is a really promising sign that we can deliver a campaign around de-stigmatising mental health that will have a lot of impact on the Imperial community (I'm really excited about this!) let me know if you want to get involved.

Exam Stress

Doug and I have begun to cost some really fun Exam de-stressing activities. This will be a big project after Easter and the Union will be producing a stress-less guide to inform students about all of these great initiatives and to help them relax during revision and exam period. These guides will also provide subtle signposting to the resources available when students feel like it is all getting on top of them.

Pop up STI clinic

As of today (Friday) I can confirm that through a partnership with Earls Court Health and Wellbeing Centre, there will be a twice termly pop up STI clinic available in the Union. Students will be able to be tested for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and HIV. The advisers will also be able to provide condoms, advice and to take bookings should a student want to find out more contraception information at the centre. The first clinic will either take place on 19th or 21st March.

Student Experience Survey Response

Along with a team of staff I am continuing to work on the Student Experience Survey response. With over 50 recommendations already it is shaping up to be a lengthy document ranging from academic support to help with private accommodation. I look forwards to bringing this document to council to hear everyone's views on it.

Fairtrade Steering Group

I held the termly meeting of the Fairtrade Steering Group necessary so that the College retains its Fairtrade status. In this meeting we also established how College catering, the Union shop and the Union can collaborate with Fairtrade Society to make Fairtrade Fortnight a success. There are some really interesting and engaging events coming up which will be promoted shortly.

Personal Tutor logging system

I presented a presentation to the Student Centric ICT stream about the need for a Personal Tutor logging system. This system would help ensure that students are being provided with the support that they need from their personal tutor and that personal tutors are up to date with key welfare information to assist the students.