

Council
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Imperial College Union

Deputy President (Welfare) Report

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Stress Less Campaign

I am pleased to let you know that the planning for stress less has gone wonderfully. The petting zoo, bouncy castles, free exercise classes, de-stressing massages and exam revision packs with herbal tea. The events are spread evenly throughout May and June to ensure that we are capturing the maximum amount of stressed students. If you have any questions about the campaign feel free to ask – there will be more web based content going online shortly.

Student Experience Survey

The Student Experience Survey response is now in the final draft. It will be brought to the next Council and presented to all DUGS and HODs (Directors of UG studies and Heads of Department) and also presented at the Student Welfare Seminar. The response currently consists of 50 recommendations to the College, the Union and partnerships between both. The chapters range from academic support to social life and will hopefully play an important part in moulding the 'student experience' of many Imperial College students.

STI clinics

The regular STI clinics twice termly are completely confirmed, the dates for summer term will be 9th May and 25th June. The Terrance Higgins Trust also informed me that the number of Imperial students using their walk in service has increased which is a good sign. Now the foundation has been laid there is a chance that the THT will be able to assist us with even more outreach work next academic year which could be good way to engage Freshers during the first term.

Health Centre

A paper to be presented at this council discusses the health care provision of Postgraduates. I am meeting with the Dean of Students and a representative from the Health Centre to discuss their communication strategy and to ensure that the interests of Imperial College students are paramount. The Health Centre is after all a College subsidised service.

Unseen Imperial

We hope to hold an exhibition at the end of this academic year showing some of the Unseen Imperial responses with regards to mental health, gender equality and campaigns. This concept is in its infancy but I will keep council updated.

Welfare Online content

The Education and Welfare Manager and I will be reviewing some of the online Welfare and Advice content. This will include much more housing and financial support information and also more content about drugs, alcohol and mental health.