

Rep Week

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Background

Rep Week (25- 29 November 2013) was started 2 years ago with the motto “Love your rep”, and is a great way of promoting the achievements of reps as well as increasing awareness of the Academic Representation Network.

A large focus is put on getting ideas and suggestions from students, as well as promoting the great achievements of reps through “You said, we did” examples. While we plan to continue this as well as the lunchtime stand in the JCR, we are also looking at new ways of increasing awareness, and getting more love for our reps (we love to be loved).

We will of course be having the noticeable red “Love your rep” t-shirts, which hopefully you will all be wearing with pride. We will also be launching nominations for this year’s Student Academic Choice Awards during this week in the hope we can make the SACAs 2014 bigger and better, and really get people excited about them. This year we plan to have a PG day with the stand in level 0 (formally the Holland Club) instead of the JCR, and a potential trip to some of the other campuses to get them involved. I have distributed “Love your Rep” t-shirts to reps at LKC Medicine in Singapore, so they will be joining in too!

The Student-ICT forum is scheduled for Rep Week, so this will provide an opportunity for any ICT/eLearning issues to be raised with members of the ICT department. These meetings have always been productive, but disseminating information and outcomes have not been very far-reaching (The DPE writes the outcomes in a blog, which the majority of students do not read). So I plan to jump on the publicity gained from rep week and release the outcomes almost immediately, so that students can see first-hand the work that reps do, and that objectives can be achieved. So it would be great to have strong attendance at this meeting (free lunch is provided) as then we can show everyone that the rep system can be efficient as well as effective. It helps that eLearning is always a popular issue with students, and I’m sure what goes on in this meeting will be of interest to a lot of students.

Discussion

- Any ideas for what we can include in Rep Week? How can we get lots of students involved?
- Would you be willing to “roam” your department instead of being stationary in the JCR? (While wearing bright red t-shirt of course)
- Any issues to raise at the ICT forum?
- If I were to organise a rep social for this week- would you come?