

Imperial College Union

Deputy President (Welfare) Report

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Alt Mingle

I came up with the concept of the Alt Mingle – a non-alcoholic alternative to the regular undergraduate and postgraduate mingles that currently take place in the Union. With the help of the Membership Services team, IC Radio, Jazz and Rock, DramSoc and some brave student performers, this event took place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September. Over 500 people attended over the two days which was fairly good given that, due to the narrow time frame, it wasn't widely advertised. This has paved the way for more non-alcohol-centric events in the future.

Training

I have been involved in the formulation and provision of training for the following groups:

- Liberation officers – campaigns training and signposting
- Faculty welfare officers – signposting
- Academic and Welfare Officers (PGs) – campaigns and signposting
- #helloICU volunteers – expected behaviours and signposting
- Hall senior teams – signposting, pastoral care and campaigns

Student Experience Survey

I have built the first draft of the SES on Qualtrics (our brand new survey platform), due to be released to students in November.

SHAG

Sexual Health Advice and Guidance week is scheduled for 11-15th November and the planning is currently underway. I've managed to secure pee-in-a-pot testing from the Terrence Higgins Trust for the Wednesday night.

Condoms

We're in the process of piloting a scheme in halls for student volunteers to be trained in condom storage, confidentiality etc. in order to be responsible for handing out condoms to students who ask for them. This means that students in halls will have access to safe contraception and there will be direct supervision of the condoms at all times to prevent sabotage. A few volunteers have come forwards already and some halls have mentioned they're in the process of selecting students for these positions.

Dyslexia Awareness

I'm collaborating with the Disability Advisory Service on ways to increase the awareness of dyslexia and improve disclosure rates this year (especially amongst international students who historically have lower levels of disclosure). There will be a stand in the Sherfield foyer October 14th-18th as well

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as blog posts and an article in Felix featuring student accounts of doing a degree with dyslexia under the banner of Unseen Imperial.

Welcome talks

I gave welcome talks to the following groups of students:

- Graduates of the English Language Support Unit
- Not in Halls (UG)
- Not in Halls (PG)

Leave

I took 6 days of leave between 2-9th September.