

Imperial College Union  
**Deputy President (Welfare) Report**  
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**STI Clinic**

The first STI Clinic of the year occurred on Thursday 17 October with two practitioners from the Terrence Higgins Trust offering STI checks including rapid HIV screening. It had relatively good attendance but I've been discussing with staff members how to improve it for next time e.g. allowing pre-booked appointments, shortening appointment lengths and providing condom packs in the reception area.

The next STI clinic will take place on Thursday 14 November (during SHAG week).

**Condom reps**

We're currently collecting the names of volunteers from halls who would like to act as condom distributors in the undergraduate halls of residence. We will be holding training about confidentiality, storage, etc. for the volunteers in the next couple of weeks as well as supplying them with condom packs.

**Liberation/Welfare Officers**

I've been arranging one-to-one meetings with the liberation officers and constituent union welfare officers in order to encourage campaigns and help them get their plans in motion. This will be continuing over the next week or so.

Both the Gender Equality Officer and Students with Disabilities Officer submitted campaigns to the Community and Welfare Board which was held on Thursday 24 October. At the time of writing, the outcome of these applications is not known so I will verbally update council on this.

**Student Experience Survey**

The Student Experience Survey is entering the final stages of the draft process and is almost complete. It is due to run alongside Autumn SOLE, so will be opening in early December.

**Dyslexia Awareness Week**

A stand was present in Sherfield foyer during this week offering promotional material and advice about dyslexia as well as, more generally, the Disability Advisory Service. This has been supported by blog and social media posts. Feedback from the DAS has been positive and there was a reasonably good uptake from the students.

**Student Mental Health Conference**

I attended the Student Mental Health Conference run by the NUS on Tuesday 8 October. This was a day-long conference looking at the future of mental health provision in universities and ways to get different stakeholders involved in promoting mental well-being. There were various workshops held on topics from student activism, peer counselling models and encouraging people to talk about mental health issues they may have faced.

**Graduation**

I acted as a procession marshal for the Life Sciences Graduation on Wednesday 23 October.