

Student Council Paper

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This paper updates Student Council on the key activities I've been involved in since July, including development opportunities, progress on my priorities, and work to make the Students' Union more inclusive and impactful.

Residential Visit

Alongside ELT colleagues, I took part in a residential visit to several Students' Unions in the North. It was a great chance to see how other unions operate and to gather ideas around governance, representation, and student engagement that we could adapt for our own Union.

NUS Lead and Change

I attended the NUS Lead and Change training in Birmingham, which focused on leadership and influencing skills. Although the delivery could have been better, it was a useful space to connect with other officers and reflect on my wellbeing priorities—especially around post-Christmas events to help students reconnect and feel part of the community again.

Black History Month

After visiting Norwich University of the Arts SU, I helped design and launch our Black History Month campaign. Working with local charities, Black artists, and the University's Anti-Racism Collective, we've created a programme of workshops and information sessions that everyone can get involved in.

Trustee Training

Co-President Lee-Ann and I attended trustee training with NCVO, which helped us better understand our governance responsibilities and how to approach complex decisions with confidence.

Welcome Week

This year, we rebranded "Freshers' Week" to "Welcome Week" to make it more inclusive and to move away from alcohol-heavy events. The week offered a great mix of social and sober activities, and student feedback has been really positive.

We also held our first Sports Social during Welcome Week, which was well-attended and helped build a sense of community across sports teams. Based on its success, we're planning more socials throughout the year and looking into better transport options to and from home BUCS fixtures to make participation easier for everyone.