# UUSU Student Officer Workplan

**Aims & Objectives Academic Year 24/25**

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**Manifesto Aims**

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| Aims | Goals (SMART -Specific/  Measurable/ Achievable/  Relevant/Time-bound) | Impact for Students | Priority Actions |
| iStudent Pantry (The lifestyle hub) | Achieved now, as this runs across the 3 campuses. | To help reduce cost of living, promote healthy eating and living and promote sustainability. | Workgroup has put so much effort to ensure its running. Keep promoting by words of mouth and social media. |
| Student Accessibility and safety | Estate team has been brilliant to ensure the lifts and student accessible doors has been functional for students with additional needs.  Safety app functional to ensure student safety. | To ensure students with additional needs are not struggling, or facing any difficulties. | Follow up with Estate team on accessible lecture theatre seats, entrance door to a classroom that was spotted, and ensure all lifts are functional.  More upgrades/feedback from students on the safety app to ensure it works well for students. |
| Student Engagement and participation | . Increase student engagement and participation by incorporating. Interactive activities and student-led discussions like brew Mondays, pottery sessions, societies events. | . Improved confidence in expressing ideas and opinions.  . Increased sense of ownership and involvement in learning.  Enhanced collaboration and communication skills. | . Regular Feedback and Reflection-Gather student feedback on participation methods.  . Create a safe learning environment-foster an inclusive and supportive classroom culture where all students feel comfortable contributing. |
| Safety of students against house rental rights and other related housing issues. | . Enlighten students on housing rents.  . Increase Awareness of tenant rights.  . Enhance reporting and resolution of housing issues goals. | . Improved housing stability, leading to better academic performance and well-being.  . Increased knowledge of tenant rights, reducing the risk of exploitation. | . Educate students on rental rights.  . Create a housing assistance program.  . Using MPS to advocate for policy improvements. |
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**Policy Work**

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| Policy Name (including reference) | SMART Goals | Impact for Students | Priority Actions |
| Support for breastfeeding students. |  | To ensure private, clean and accessible lactation rooms on campus. | Breastfeeding space being created in the Belfast campus. |
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**Campaigns**

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| Campaign Name. | SMART Goals | Impact for Students | Priority Actions |
| Green week | . Increased Student participation in sustainability activities. | Increased awareness of environmental issues and their role in sustainability. | Plan workshops, tree-planting, clean-ups, and sustainability challenges. |
| Repair Café week/swap week | . In collaboration with UU to increase students’ participation in repair activities.  . Reduce waste on campus, reducing the number of discarded electronics, clothing and small appliances. | . To reduce cost of living by fixing broken items instead of replacing them.  . Increase awareness of sustainability and waste reduction.  . To build stronger sense of community through collaboration and shared skills. | . publicise upcoming repair cafe in May through social media.  . Collaboration with UU for events and a swap space around campus.  . Document repaired items, student participation and environmental impact to encourage further involvement. |
| Housing Campaign | Increase awareness of housing | Greater awareness and protection from unsafe living conditions. | Housing rights booklets,  Social media.  Lobbing with union MPS for housing rights for students. |
|  | Improve housing safety and quality. | Improved access to affordable, high-quality housing. |  |
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**Membership Engagement**

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| Outreach Opportunity | SMART Goals | Impact for Students | Priority Actions |
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| - Student Voice Forums - Brew Days –  Green week  Festive Cheer –  Student Panel –  Visiting Student Accommodation –  Re-Freshers –  SHAG Week –  RAG Week –  Repair Cafe Week  Election Promotion  Irish Language week  Su Societies Awards  LTA |  |  |  |
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**Share your wins and milestones (big & small)**

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| **Date** | **Area** | **Impact for Students** | **How was it shared with the Membership** |
| March 2025 | Student pantry | To reduce cost of living, improve sustainability, and promote healthy living. | Social media, word of mouth. |
| Nov/March 24/25 | Sustainability growth -sustainability society being awarded as a new and fast-growing society. | To promote more sustainable practices. | Social media, uusu social space |
| Mondays/brew days | More Students engagement and participation | To ensure good students feedback, support and a unique academic experience. | Social media/ social space/ word of mouth |
| Nov 2024  January 2025  March 2025 | Support and participation in violence against anti-racism, women and girls, project pink, and  Breastfeeding space back to campus, thanks to Estate team, Daniel and Emily  supported the launch of the violence against girls and women violence.  Re-elected as VP Belfast | To promote inclusivity, diversity and safety among students.  To help breastfeeding/Lactating moms on campus.  To continue to support, represent and connect with students. | Social media/social space  Social media |
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**Monthly Report – March 2025  
  
Elections and Gratitude**A huge thank you to everyone who supported, voted, and showed kindness throughout the election period. Your participation made this a truly successful and engaging experience. Congratulations to all candidates who put themselves forward—it takes courage and dedication to stand for election, and every effort was truly appreciated. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year and continuing to make a positive impact.  
  
 **Sustainability Initiatives  
  
Repair Café Success**The Repair Café was a fantastic success, bringing students together to promote sustainability through repair and reuse. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a meaningful event. **Sustainability Society**The Sustainability Society has been doing brilliant work, particularly around clothing and item swaps, reducing waste, and encouraging more sustainable choices among students. Their efforts were rightfully recognized at the Student Union Awards, where they received a well-deserved accolade. Well done to the entire team! **Launch of The Pantry**One of the most significant achievements this month has been the successful launch of The Pantry across all three campuses. This initiative has been running effectively, ensuring students have access to essential supplies. However, we are always open to new ideas and welcome any contributions.

**Student Accessibility  
  
Vending Machines Accessibility  
  
Following feedback from a student in the Swann Network, I raised concerns about vending machine accessibility for wheelchair users and students with additional needs. I’m pleased to report that the company has responded positively and is working on making the necessary adjustments.  
  
Classroom Entrance Accessibility  
  
I have also followed up with Trevor regarding classroom entrances that need to be made more accessible. I am currently awaiting a response and will provide updates as soon as I hear back.**

**Collaborations** **&** **Events**  
  
World Mental Health Day  
Just a week after the elections, UUSU collaborated with Student Well-being to mark World Mental Health Day. It was a fantastic day of recognition and support for students, with a great turnout and positive engagement in all activities.  
  
**St**. **Patrick’s Day Student Safety**  
  
In collaboration with UUSU, the UU Student Safety Team, and PSNI, we worked to ensure that students could celebrate St. Patrick’s Day safely. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a smooth and enjoyable event.  
  
**Violence** **Against** **Women** **and** **Girls** **Charter**  
  
I was honoured to be present at the Violence Against Women and Girls Charter event. A huge well done to Emily, Rosie, and everyone who contributed to this important initiative.  
  
**Brighton** **Student** **Union** **Visit**  
  
We also welcomed students from Brighton Student Union, who visited UUSU to learn more about our campus and discuss the key issues affecting students here. It was a valuable exchange of ideas, and we look forward to continued collaboration.  
  
  
**Society** **Events**  
  
**Women in STEM Hackathon**  
  
On Sunday, March 23rd, I attended the Women in STEM Hackathon event. It was inspiring to see students from different faculties and societies come together to tackle challenges in healthcare, education, and employment, proposing innovative solutions. And I was also present at the Keralaayam society celebration IFTAR celebration to end the Ramadan fast and start the celebration of Eid.   
  
**Irish** **Language** **Week**  
  
Irish Week was a wonderful celebration! Special thanks to Caoimhín Donniall for reaching out regarding a potential collaboration for next year’s event. We’re looking into incorporating Irish dancing and Irish name calligraphy into the festivities.  
  
  
**SU Awards & Recognitions**  
  
The SU Awards were a huge success! Congratulations to all the organizers—Laura, Cathal, Karen, and everyone who played a role in making it such a memorable event. A big well done to all societies that received awards—it’s fantastic to see your efforts being recognized.  
  
**LTA Nominations Now Open!**  
  
Nominations for the Learning & Teaching Awards (LTA) are now open! If you know someone who has positively impacted your academic experience, please take a moment to nominate them—it’s a great way to show appreciation for their kindness and support.  
  
**Looking Ahead**  
As we move forward, I am excited to continue working with all of you to build on these successes. Your input and engagement are invaluable, so please don’t hesitate to share your ideas and feedback. Let’s keep making a difference together!  
  
Thank you once again for your support and commitment. Here’s to another fantastic month ahead