**UUSU Student Officer Workplan**

**Student Council Report - Academic Year 24/25**

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**Officer Role:** Sport & Well-beingVP

**Policy Work**

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| Policy Name (including reference) | SMART Goals | Impact for Students | Priority Actions |
| Keep Wed Afternoons Free (KWAF) |  | Ensure students have their Wednesday afternoons free from class to play sport/coach/volunteer/work, etc. | Timetabling is the biggest issue affecting this. I will work alongside Emily this semester to ensure to university adhere to this policy in future. |
| Mental Health First Aid |  |  | Raise with campus / Becca chat about awareness |

**Campaigns**

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| Campaign Name | SMART Goals | Impact for Students | Events |
| Mental Health campaign | Movember campaign | The primary aim was to raise awareness around men’s mental health through activities/events on each campus during the month of November.  Myself and Chris also grew out our moustache throughout the month of November, which is a tradition of Movember and another way of raising awareness around mental health.  Finally, at the end of the month, Myself and Chris created a video for social media of us shaving off our moustache to signal the end of Movember, whilst also talking about the importance of mental health and the stigma around it, which has 3,500 views on Instagram. | Magee:  Football charity match  Santa run/stroll  Coleraine:  5-a-side football tournament  UUC mixed hockey charity match  Belfast:  60k Spinathon in Nelson place  I also walked 60k per week during the month of November (240k total) to signify the 60 who take their own life every hour worldwide.  In total, we raised over £250 for Movember charity and helped raising awareness around mens mental health by doing so. |

**Membership Engagement**

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| Outreach Opportunity | SMART Goals | Impact for Students | Priority Actions |
| Brew Mondays | Provide students on each campus with free tea/coffee every Monday from 10:30-12:30 and a chat | An opportunity for students to talk to a member of the officer team about any issues they are having on campus. | Magee library every Monday 10:30-12:30  Mental Health Campaign |
| UUSU Student Inductions | Deliver a 15-20 minute presentation to primarily 1st year lecture classes, informing them about the students union  (over 15 lecturer classes covered in Magee) | Gives new students to Ulster University an understanding of what the students union is and how we can help them | Engage with as many students as possible  All 3 campuses |
| Refreshers sports club forums | Sports forums are held on each campus after each refreshers fair by myself and the SDO from said campus, with all club committee members eligible to join. | These forums are a chance for myself and SDO’s to give clubs a rundown of how sport will loom for the upcoming semester and how clubs may be affected. It’s also a chance for clubs to ask any questions/queries they have about anything sport related. | During the forum, the clubs were told about the ongoing financial struggles within sport this year, and that fundraising for your club is crucial to ensure each club can compete into the latter stages of their competition this year. |
| Re-freshers events | RAG week  SHAG week | Update below   * Sex Toy Bingo * Brew Monday – Sex positiviTEA * Tinder live | All events were well attended – the bunker has never been as busy for both Sex toy bingo’s last week and in September |

**Share your wins and milestones (big & small)**

**Recent sports club fundraisers**

* Sports club fundraisers have finished for the year
* Since October, I’ve helped raised over £10,000 spread across over 10 different sports clubs

**Lighthouse Project**

* As of February 10th , the Lighthouse Project stickers has been implemented in every bathroom on the Magee campus, and other areas including changing rooms, library and notice boards. Last piece of the jigsaw is to base in Duncreggan Student Village.
* Currently working on implementing the Lighthouse Project onto Coleraine campus and expanding the services available on the website so every student is supported – this has been given the green light so hope to have this implemented by end of term.
* Waiting on Foyle Search and Resue to secure more stickers and up-to-date stickers, from “scan me “ to “tap me”.

**UUSU Sports Survey/Interviews**

* As UUSU, we are to get a date in the diary to discuss the UUSU Sports Survey as the uptake hasn’t been what we particularly wanted but hoping to still get use out of the data we have gathered to date (30 odd responses).
* Myself and Emily also recorded short interviews with members of the majority of sports clubs during refreshers days, essentially asking what sport at UU means to them – this will be published on all UUSU social media platforms when we figure out plans going forward for the survey data.

**Sensory Inclusive Quiet Hour**

* Been working with Matt Lewsley, Coleraine Sports Co-ordinator on a project on creating the Sports Centre gym in Coleraine to become sensory friendly for students, staff and community for 1 hour a week (Tuesday 10pm-11pm).
* This time will support those who may suffer from sensory overload or who are neuro diverse.
* Working in collaboration between Student Well-being, Staff Well-being, Residential services and UU Sports Services, this initiative which is being piloted from March until the end of April falls in line with the University Values of being inclusive to all.
* This project has been running for 3 weeks so far and most of the feedback has been positive from those who have got involved to date. After the 6 week pilot, I am hopeful to carry the project out on Magee and Belfast campus, and potentially make this project a permanent weekly event in Coleraine.

**Coleraine 5-a-side football league**

* Set-up a 5-a-side football tournament for Coleraine campus on 20th and 27th of November in aid of Movember, with about 8 teams signed up, however due to the snow, we had to cancel both weeks.
* With the success this year of Belfast 5-a-side and Magee 5-a-side league the past 3 years, I am keen to get this up and running in Coleraine, especially with the interest already there from students in November.
* Still working with Matt to get this up and running before easter and hopefully make it a permanent weekly event next academic year.