

## Deputy President

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**Action:** Approve/discuss/for information

### Priorities

Main priorities	Progress (what have you achieved since the last Committee meeting)
Mental Health	Included in plan of work and is a top priority for NUS Scotland. Talks have been had with political party researchers in parliament where mental health was a shared priority, helping raise the issues of student mental health access to parliamentary level.
Quality Education	On the Panel for That's Quality Uni's 2018, spent the day and evening at the event. Continuing to support QEF over TEF and looking at what we at NUS and what SA's can do in the future to encourage more uni's to embrace and advertise QEF over TEF.
SA Development	NUS Lead and change colleges – 2 day event NUS Lead and change Hertfordshire – 3 day event Starting to plan the Gathering
Sharing Success	Encouraged more Colleges to put forward proposals for talks and workshops at the gathering sharing their success with others. Currently gathering ideas from SA's on what they are working on over the year and how we can share best practice and success across the movement to help inspire others.

### Other achievements

Plan of Work	Input into the shape and content of Plan of Work. Current SA's confirmed for visits: Stirling, SRUC, Aberdeen, Dumfries and Galloway, South Lanarkshire (awaiting final confirmation), Ayrshire College,
Gathering	Meetings with NUS and FTO's in regards to input into the content, activities and areas covered by the Gathering.
Zones Conference	Discussions with NUS to start formulating a plan for Zones 2018.

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
Scottish FTO Training	Two day training; introducing us to NUS, NUS Scotland and staff. Time spent discussing motions and policy passed at conference, campaigns, manifestos and the year ahead.
UK FTO Training	Four days in Manchester undergoing NUS UK FTO training including luminia sparks profile teambuilding and filming for NUS connect.
NUS SU's 2018	Four days in Birmingham hosting SU's and talks. Time spent attending talks, meeting and catching up with SA's and SU's. NUS Awards, great to see so many Scottish SA's



	being recognised for their excellence. Spent time at Sus trade event finding out what's available for our SA's commercially in the consortium and how our SA's can receive help developing commercially.
SEC Training	Meet incoming SEC team members, photos taken and training together on what to expect as part of SEC.
Liberation Training	One day spent with liberation committees discussing their year ahead, roles and looking at how we can support them in the year ahead
Trump Demos	Attended both the Glasgow and Edinburgh demos.
Apprentices Conference	A great day spent in Sheffield meeting the NSoA and representatives from across the UK. Lots of discussion around what's next for the NSoA and their progress on free bus travel for apprentices across the UK.
Lead and Change Colleges	Two days spent in Livingston meeting incoming college SA teams. Spent time in two of the groups whilst they went through training. Chaired the debate session.
SPARQS That's Quality: Universities	Panel member role talking about NUS quality education activities and a couple of my priorities for the year ahead. Full day spent talking and catching up with SA officers from affiliated and non-affiliated member unions.
Lead and Change (Hertfordshire)	Three days of FTO training and meeting SA's from across the UK.

## Attendance at events/meetings and actions taken or agreed

NUS Scotland Team Meetings

NUS Scotland Catch up meetings (Liam, Shuwanna, Elena and myself inc)

Meetings with various departments of NUS Scotland (updates, roles and catch up meetings)

Train the trainer training : completed at Hertfordshire Lead and Change

Meeting and catch up with Linda Somerville and Liam McCabe.

Transparency Actions taken: regular tweets and weekly updates to Facebook on activities and events.

TW: @GemJonesNUS

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## Plans before the next meeting

Action/work area	What I hope to achieve
Plan of work	Launch and visits out to member SA's completed, continue and start assigned and shared projects.
Gathering	Successful event with SA's feeling that they have gained a lot from talks, panels, sessions and activities.
Zones	Plans for event finalised.
Sharing Success	Project underway and information starting to be sent in by SA's to share their success on chosen themes.
Mental Health	Meetings with NUS. Launch of Think Positive and HBHM Awards for 2018. Cross Party meeting on Mental Health.
Quality Education	Meetings with; Colleges Scotland, SHEEC, QAA Strategic Advisory Committee and SPARQS.

## Membership Engagement

Member Union	Purpose and anything to report on
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RGU: Union	Phone call and discussions about Mental Health resources and training with Adam Johnson
HISA	Discussion with Sorcha Kirker about TEF 3 and NUS
NUS USI	Talks with Olivia (USI President) about what we can do in the UK to support better abortion rights across the UK and for our Irish students. Hope to share more structured information in the future from NUS USI.

## Media engagement and external relations

Member Union	Purpose and anything to report on
SPARQS	Getting to know more about Gemma Jones, her role and priorities for the year ahead
Scottish Parliament	Met members of various political party researching teams (Greens, SNP, Conservatives, Labour) and was given a tour of important rooms and discussed what to expect if called into parliament in the future.

## Declaration of gifts, hospitality and interests

Declaration	Further comment
Scottish Rural Youth Ideas Festival 2018 Tickets	Tickets not available to buy, applied for a place and received sponsorship by JaneCragie to attend from the 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> of August. I also shared application information with various SA's for their teams and students as I was informed there were a couple of free places still available through application. Shared via FB and Twitter.
Scottish Rural Youth Ideas Festival: Update	Brilliant event run by Rural Youth Project Scotland, with lots of inspiring talks, discussions and workshops for rural youth voice and leaders. Time spent looking at the issues rural youth want to tackle personally, individually, locally and collectively. Guest speakers included Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment. New reports and research of interest: Rural Youth Project Report 2018 and Recharging Rural Report: <a href="https://www.ruralityouthproject.com/">https://www.ruralityouthproject.com/</a> <a href="http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/research/recharging-rural">http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/research/recharging-rural</a>





