

Vice President (Communities)

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Committees: SEC

Action: Approve

Priorities

Main priorities	Progress (what have you achieved since the last Committee meeting)
Housing	Private Tenancies - NUS Ready to Rent page for Scotland updated to include the new legislation / continue work with Shelter Scotland Rent Pressure Zones/Winterbreak – Collaborate with Living Rent to help with case work and regional help
Homelessness	FOIs to be collated from college/university responses – next steps will be to send out FOIs to local councils

Attendance at events/meetings and actions taken or agreed

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
Suicide Prevention Panel – Edinburgh 12/06/18	Reported on personal experiences around the issue of suicide and also the need to have well-funded counselling services in colleges & universities as waiting lists can hinder a student's development and recovery. Also raised the importance on investing into culturally sensitive counselling for BAME & international students.
Scottish Race Equality Network Meeting – Glasgow 26/06/18	Attended on behalf of Black Students' Officer – discussed lack of BAME staff networks/mentoring, discussed SFC guidance to deliver race priorities, received an update from Scottish Gov which will be publishing a progress report on Race Equality Action Plan.
Lead & Change FE – West Lothian 10/07 – 11/07/18	Met with new & returning FE officers and advised of priorities.
Trump Protests – Glasgow & Edinburgh 13/07 – 14/07/18	Attended with other NUS officers and sabbatical officers from Strathclyde Union in Glasgow (George Square) and marched along with students and other officers at the Edinburgh protest.
SDL Counter Demo – Glasgow 20/07/18	Attended with officers to protest the SDL demonstration in Glasgow (George Square).
Meeting with Willie Rennie – Phone call – 27/07/18	Willie looked to discuss if cases had been raised to NUS about the new housing act is causing the rents prices to increase. Advised no specific cases reported but have advised that increase between tenancies have been noted in certain areas (informally Stirling).



	Willie also raised that in the St. Andrews area, private landlords are being put off from renting to students as they find they make a larger profit through tourism. I brought up the issues around this with regards to AirBnB and landlords using this as an excuse to evict tenants in time for The Fringe. (I signposted the students to Living Rent as they are doing some cases on this).
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Membership Engagement

Member Union	Purpose and anything to report on
N/A	

Media engagement and external relations

Media	Purpose and anything to report on
Guardian	Interview during Trump Protest

Declaration of gifts, hospitality and interests

Declaration	Further comment
N/A	

