**NUS-USI Regional Executive Committee |**

**Women’s Officer Report**

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Section 1 | Meetings & Events

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| **Meeting/Event** | **Purpose** | **Outcome** |
| **PSNI and Local venue in the Belfast area** | **The meeting was set up with several bars/Nightclubs in the Belfast area as a way to safe guard students, especially sexual assaults which have increased coming up to Fresher Fayres.** | **The meetings was extremely positive with every club agreeing to talk to their staff about this and also taking part in a poster campaign which will help students out of uncomfortable situations** |
| **Reclaim the Agenda** | **I attended the Reclaim the Agenda meeting where I was able to speak to the team and get an idea of what campaigns such as the 16 days against violence which can be promoted out to students to take part in.** | **It was a great first meeting and really gave me a feel for how the movement will be planning and key dates for the year for the women's campaign to get started.** |
| **Skype meeting with NEXUS** | **I spoke with NEXUS NI- which deals with sexual abuse and counselling in the Derry area to basically start up the relationship so our FEs and HES in the Bann area will have a direct contact if a women student does even come into them and needs help** | **It was great to chat to them so see what their service is about and once the relationship is established fully I will pass the contact details to all local unions for their use.** |
| **Students for choice taskforce** | **I was unfortunately unable to make the first meeting due to training but Jessica Elder Welfare officer attended and circulated key dates such as reclaim the night and women’s conference for me.** |  |

Section 2 | Campaigns

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| **Campaign** | **Overview of campaign** |
| Officer tour | Once all officers in both FE and HE have been elected I will be doing a tour to meet all the officers who self-identify as women and basically letting them know my role and key dates for events for them to take part in. I will hopefully be producing a survival guide with key contacts in the women's movement if they ever feel they need that support or information |
| Women's conference policy booklet update | This will be during Women’s conference and it will be hopefully a joint venture between myself the women's committee and students who attend women's conference. We will produce and enter and vote on policies we want added to the NUS-USI Policy booklet which will the go to NUS-USI Conference to be voted on |
| Women in leadership | This campaign will look to champion women to become leaders in their Student union such as Council chairs and heads of societies and also after graduation. We will hopefully run the event in two locations to make it accessible to all NI women students and will have key speakers who will share their journey. |
| Continued support for Alliance for choice, Students for choice, Reclaim the agenda and Repeal the 8th coalition | I will continue to work with and support these groups on their fight for women’s bodily rights and other campaigns they run this year and also make sure students are fully aware of what is going on and are able to feed in and get connected with these groups to show our solidarity. |

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| **Campaign** | **Progress** | **Plan of Action** |
| **Officer tour** | **I currently have the names of women’s officers for four initiations and waiting for elections in FE collages to complete the list** | **Complete the list and continue to set up dates and meetings with these officer to have the support conversation.** |
| **Women’s conference** | **I currently have to meet with the Women's committee to start this process** | **Get women’s committee finalised and discuss key priorities and ways to get our members involved in this.**  **Then we will offer it out to members to contribute to and confirm dates of submission** |
| **Women in leadership** | **Currently looking at models of other Women in leadership workshops which can be used here and also looking at potential locations to have these** | **1) Finalize model with Women's committee**  **2) Book locations**  **3) Book speakers for the day**  **4) Advertise to students and push unions to advertise as well** |
| **Continued support for core women groups** | **I have currently met with all these groups apart from Repeal the 8th coalition and Alliance for choice to add our support and solidarity from NUS-USI and have asked for future involvement in any campaigns they are running so the student body can get behind it.** | **1) Contact Repeal the 8th coalition to set up a meeting to create links.**  **2) Confirm meeting with Alliance for choice to discuss ideas and key dates.** |

Section 3 | Plan of Work

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| **Item** | **Progress** | **Plan of Action** |
| **Need for equality and a shared future in Northern Ireland** | **Pending Regional Council Approval** | **To proceed or be revised following first meeting of Regional Council.** |

End of Report