

Vice President Communities (Voluntary)

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Scottish Executive Committee

Action: Approve

Priorities

Main priorities	Progress (what have you achieved since the last Committee meeting)
Housing	-Met with Shelter Scotland & Living Rent during the Renting, Venting, Change Event. -Contacted The Rock Trust to discuss collaboration against homelessness. -Started discussions with Argyll Share to help raise awareness to student homelessness.
Climate Change	-Started discussions with Central Scotland Regional Equality Council (Falkirk) for advice & support on raising awareness of the Climate Change Pledge.
Fair Trade	-Spoke with Fairtrade Coordinator in Forth Valley College to see how pilot colleges are implanting Fair Trade policies into college policies, getting an idea for best practice.
Period Poverty	Helped Monica Lennon MSP get in touch with SA/SUs to get student consultation on her Member's Bill Proposal.

Other achievements

Black Students' Committee	Attended first BSC meeting and have agreed to help the BSO spread the #BeingBlackMeans to North/East Scotland.
Women's Committee	- Skyped into the first Women's Committee meeting as representative of Black Women's Subcommittee. - Agreed to provide feedback on the Period Poverty & help facilitate a session of the Feminism 101 Tour.

Attendance at events/meetings and actions taken or agreed

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
The Gathering – GCU 04/08/2017	-Facilitated Tackling Hate Crime on SU/SA Campuses session. -Spoke to SA/SU reps about Housing Remit.
Period Poverty Consultation with Pauline Donaldson – Forth Valley College – 18/09/2017	-Contacted by Facilities Manager at FVC to provide guidance and feedback on current policies in Scot Parliament and experience of student-led initiatives to tackle Period Poverty. -Advised of work/support available from Women's Campaign.
Period Poverty Consultation catch-up with Risga/Shuwanna – 01/09/2017	Advised NUS Policy Staff and Women's Officer on Monica Lennon's Members' Bill Launch.
Perth Counter Demo – Perth – 10/09/2017	Attended counter demo in solidarity for anti-fascist community groups .



Emergency Vigil - End Detention - No More Deaths – Glasgow – 11/09/2017	Attended vigil in solidarity with the Unity Centre in their peaceful protest against detention centres.
Violence Against Women - Ethnic Minority Women's Network 20/09/2017 - Glasgow	Attended as member of the Black Women's Subcommittee to foster relationships to feed into Women's & BS Campaign.
Renting, Venting, Change (Shelter Scotland) – Glasgow – 23/09/2017	Set up follow up meetings to collaborate to provide support to students with housing and homelessness issues.

Plans before the next meeting

Action/work area	What I hope to achieve
Black Student's Campaign	Reach out/Visit North- North East CMs to aid in engaging students into the BSC.
Feminism 101 Tour	Help facilitate Glasgow session and engage other CMs to hold their own sessions.
Housing	-Speak with CMs on the needs/plans to feed into remit. -Hopefully meet with staff member to gain much needed support and begin work for remit as currently no staff member is contact point for my role
Zones / Liberations Days	Network with Union staff and students to increase membership with NUS Scotland and help facilitate sessions during both days.
Leadership Briefings	No current arrangement for briefings that include VP Communities and will aim to set up weekly (or at least fortnightly) briefings with FTOs to remain updated on current business and avoid oversights, like missing essential training sessions, e.g. Scottish Governance.

Membership Engagement

Member Union	Purpose and anything to report on
Perth College	Meeting arranged for later in October for a visit to discuss BSC/Communities
West Lothian College	Meeting arranged for later in October for a visit to discuss BSC/Communities
Fife College	Meeting arranged for later in October for a visit to discuss BSC/Communities
Dundee & Angus College	Meeting arranged for later in October for a visit to discuss BSC/Communities

Media engagement and external relations

Member Union	Purpose and anything to report on
N/A	

Declaration of gifts, hospitality and interests

Declaration	Further comment
N/A	