

## Vice President Communities (Voluntary)

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**Committees:** Scottish Executive Committee

**Action:** Approve

### Priorities

Main priorities	Progress (what have you achieved since the last Committee meeting)
Housing	Planned to launch blog update in May to raise awareness to new tenancy legislation.  Signed a joint statement calling for a Warm Homes Bill that delivers affordable to heat, low carbon homes for everyone in Scotland. The Bill would a step forward to put an end to fuel poverty and tackle climate change.
Student Homelessness	Motion passed at Scotland Conference to set student homelessness as a priority under plan of work  Received FOI responses from Scottish colleges and universities about their policies on dealing with students who present themselves as homeless during term time

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

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
UCU Strikes	Attended Stirling University's picket line in solidarity with lecturers and non-academic staff during the first day of strikes for Stirling. Attended the rally in Bristo Square in Edinburgh to support striking staff. (26/02/18)  Also supported the UCU Dundee picket line at Dundee University (06/03/18)  Attended Stirling University's student occupation of the Logie Theatre to speak with students that raised concerns about their GM (26/03/18)
Dundee University	While visiting Dundee, was introduced and spoke to Sean O'Connor, Student President of Dundee University Student Union. Discussed student housing concerns shared with the other CMs in Dundee. (06/03/18)
NUS Scotland Conference - Dunblane	Attended as a member of the Scottish Executive Committee. (15/03 - 16/03/18)
NUS UK Conference - Glasgow	Attended my first UK conference as a balcony visitor. Great opportunity to meet the officers from other nations and UK officers. (27/03 - 29/03/18)
Gender-Based Violence Work Group - City of Glasgow College	Under the guidance of the Shuwanna Aaron, the Women's Officer - a discussion was lead to develop a toolkit to distribute to SA/SUs around gender based violence. (06/04/18)

Edinburgh Consultation on the Social Isolation & Loneliness Strategy – Edinburgh Napier University	Invited by Lead Scotland to meet students and local people and discuss what might help reduce isolation and loneliness for people in Scotland. Shared ideas with attendees on how they can help feed into the Scottish Government's strategy to tackle the issues on isolation. (12/04/18)
Living Rent - Edinburgh	Met with Maddie Barink, Community Organiser at Living Rent, to discuss how NUS Scotland and Living Rent can collaborate on the Winter Break campaign and update them on the motion passed at Scotland conference. (13/04/18)
Meeting with Jeroen Van Herk - Edinburgh	Met with SEC member to discuss the student homelessness work and shared the information received on the Warm Homes Bill. (13/04/18)
NUS Scotland Liberation Conferences - Edinburgh	<p>Attended LGBT+ and Disabled Students' Conference as an officer to celebrate the work accomplished by each respective campaign. Spoke the Noorulann Shahid (LGBT+ Officer – Open Place) about adapting the work carried out on estranged students under a Scottish context as there are major crossovers in Housing and other welfare issues.</p> <p>Attended Women's and Black Students' Conference as a member of the Black Women's Subcommittee.</p>

## Membership Engagement

Member Union	Purpose and anything to report on
Forth Valley College	Campaign Visit
Inverness College - UHI	Campaign Visit
Abertay University	Campaign Visit
Robert Gordon University	Campaign Visit – Housing issues raised as private student housing undercutting university accommodation
Aberdeen University	Campaign Visit
Kelvin College – Springburn Campus	Campaign Visit
University West of Scotland – Paisley Campus	Campaign Visit

## Media engagement and external relations

Media	Purpose and anything to report on
Scotsman	<a href="https://www.scotsman.com/news/education/women-pick-medicine-in-scottish-university-gender-divide-1-4727436">https://www.scotsman.com/news/education/women-pick-medicine-in-scottish-university-gender-divide-1-4727436</a>