

Vice President (Communities)

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Action: **Approve**

Priorities

Main priorities	Progress (what have you achieved since the last Committee meeting)
N/A	

Attendance at events/meetings and actions taken or agreed

Event/meeting	Outcomes and/or actions taken or agreed on
June 14th	SFC hosted meeting to discuss VAW – attended to network and meet other SABBs that will be working on Violence Against Women projects. Mentioned to NUS staff about getting trained to help establish reporting centres. (Edinburgh)
June 29 th	Creating a Fairer Future for All hosted by YoungScot - Edinburgh Discussed with school age students and young people about to enter HE/FE about the Race Equality Framework launched by Scottish Parliament – The YoungScot panel will be looking to collaborate with NUS Scotland on this – especially the Black Student Committee
June 29 th	Engender 'Period Poverty' discussion- Edinburgh Looking to establish a working group to share resources and ideas to promote solutions to Period Poverty. Different organisation looking for input from students and BAME communities. I shared my experiences of women's society convenor during my time at City of Glasgow College and explained how some SABBs/volunteers have reached out to set up their own initiatives to offer free/reduced priced menstrual products.
July 3 rd	'The Life Chances of Young People in Scotland' - Naomi Eisenstadt Lecture - Glasgow Attended as part of welfare remit – networked and took advice on how poverty affects young people in Scotland. Highlighted benefits of widening access and apprenticeships to help young people. The NUS UK president is looking to work on a project about poverty and its effect on student/young people, so the lecture was beneficial to help tie in to the National Campaign, but still represent the views of Scotland.





July 21 st -2rd	National Society of Apprentices Go North - Edinburgh Attended the weekend long meeting on behalf of Jodie Waite and listened to the concerns of the apprentice leadership panel. I spoke to the apprentices about my main project this year which will be housing and council tax. Council Tax is a very important issue for them as it is unjust for them not to benefit from exemptions when they are paid very low wages or sometimes not paid at all. The second outcome that arose was the need to support the society lobby for better pay – either to meet the national minimum wage or a pay review after 6 months of starting their apprenticeship.
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Plans before the next meeting

Action/work area	What I hope to achieve
Fair Trade	I will be meeting with Hannah Ross from the Scottish Fair Trade Forum & Laura Cristea (NUS Scotland Staff) to brainstorm how to engage with college in Scotland seek or implement Fair Trade status.
Climate Change	I will work Laura Cristea to promote the climate change work via NUS channels and raise awareness about the work led by Stop Climate Chaos, with whom we have a coalition.

