



Food Pantry

The goal of this project is to establish a food pantry at our university to provide free food and basic items to students in need. This initiative aims to address food insecurity, reduce financial stress, and create a healthier and more welcoming campus environment. So far, we have completed research on similar food pantries at other universities and developed a detailed project plan. I spoke with the Director of Student and Library Services about involving university staff in donating food and essentials to support our campus community—she is fully on board. I also presented this idea at the USU meeting, and they agreed to support it as well. We expect to launch the food pantry at the start of July. For the next trimester, our focus will be on involving the wider campus and local community in donating and volunteering to help run the pantry successfully.

University and Students' Union Services Introduction Videos

This project aims to improve student awareness and accessibility to university support services by creating a series of short, informative videos. These videos highlight key details like location, hours of operation, contact information, and the specific services offered. So far, we have filmed 15 services, established good relationships with university staff, started editing, and posted five videos on the officers' Instagram page. Feedback from students has been positive, with many finding the videos simple and helpful. Moving forward, we plan to complete filming, share the videos on more platforms (e.g., the university website and Instagram), and create a central page for easy access. Additionally, we will host Q&A sessions with service representatives, collaborate with academic departments to promote the videos, gather more student feedback, and showcase the videos during key student events.

Extra-Curricular Participation (Societies, Sports Clubs, and Elections)

This initiative focuses on encouraging students to join societies, participate in sports clubs, and take part in elections to foster community engagement and skill development outside academics. So far, I have been working closely with the Engagement Team to prepare for the October elections, collaborated with Team ARU to promote both sports clubs and campus sports, and built strong connections with society members, especially during Fresher's Fair. Moving into the next trimester, I will continue collaborating with all relevant teams and stakeholders to further promote participation in these activities.



Campaigns Completed

- Campaigned for promoting Turnitin policy update to promote good academic writing practice and making sure that tutors don't place a threshold on the similarity score.
- NHS placement bursary campaign – To spread awareness about placement bursary for domestic placement students.

Projects Completed

- Collaborated with VP of FBL, Sreya Menon Dileepan and conducted Movie Week 2024 in Chelmsford which screened 18 movies from 8 different languages and genres across campus with an engagement of 100+ students in total.

Ongoing Campaigns

- To extend library opening hours to 24/7 during dissertation period.
- Collaborating with Holly Amber Fradgley (student) for Night safety campaign which would include a volunteering group, Poster Competition and collaboration with charity.
- Collaborating with Tegan Fulker (student/faculty rep) for conducting a Skills session for students in HeMS.
- Collaborating with faculty to improve career opportunities for AHSC students.



Ongoing Projects

- To collaborate with AHES faculty and the officer team for conducting a Mini Film Festival within campus.

Ongoing Campaigns

Housing Campaign

Aim: Ensure ARU students are informed and empowered regarding housing issues.

Achievements:

- Updated renter's guide on the SU website.
- Promoted awareness video in Instagram.
- Participated in 'No Guarantors' Lobbying week conducted by NUS. Met with MPs to discuss on the same.

Next Steps:

- Discussions for affiliation with ACORN.
- Educate students on tenant rights by organising an information session.

Rights Beyond Borders

Aim: Collaborating with Kent SU to increase part-time weekly hours and entrepreneurship opportunity (Rights Beyond Borders) to an extend for student visa holders.

Facility Standards

Aim: Enhance facility standards, particularly for the Ruskin Building, based on student feedback.

Achievements: Successfully addressed specific feedback from SSLC Meetings and has raised the standards approx 70% to 80%.

Next Steps: Gather additional feedback from students, and the newly elected course reps and faculty reps for further improvements.



Ongoing Campaigns

Student Aid Campaign (Cambridge and Chelmsford):

The student aid campaign continues in both Cambridge and Chelmsford campuses, offering don't dump donate support to students in need. The program is nearly complete, with final steps being taken to ensure all eligible students receive the necessary products.

International Elective Placement:

Efforts to secure international elective placement opportunities for students are progressing. A proposal letter has been sent to international partner universities, aiming to create more global learning opportunities for students in their respective fields.

YST Young Street Furniture Project:

The YST Young Street Furniture Project is ongoing, focusing on the design and installation of innovative street furniture for campus and public spaces. This project aims to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of student areas.

IPL (Interprofessional Learning):

Interprofessional Learning (IPL) is an ongoing initiative designed to encourage collaborative learning among students from different disciplines. This project aims to improve communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills across various fields, preparing students for real-world, interdisciplinary collaboration.

Timetable and Ramadan Timing Adjustments:

Discussions are in progress regarding the adjustment of class timetables and exam schedules to accommodate the needs of students during Ramadan. The adjustments will ensure that students who are fasting can balance their academic responsibilities with their religious practices.

Campaigns Completed

Launch of Placement Society:

Initiated the launch of the Placement Society to streamline placement activities and enhance communication between students and clinical team .

Drop-In Placement Sessions:

This service was set up to provide a platform where students can voice their concerns, share feedback, and raise any issues they encounter during the placement process.

Student Aid Program:

The student aid program is nearing completion, with final preparations being made to ensure all eligible students receive the necessary support.

Proposal Letter to International University:

Sent a formal proposal letter to an international university regarding opportunities for international elective placements for students.

Common Room and Prayer Space Issues:

Discussed the need for dedicated common room and prayer space facilities to accommodate students' personal and religious needs on campus.



Completed but Ongoing Campaigns

Expanding Career Fair Opportunities

We successfully raised the need for broader career fair representation within the Faculty of Science and Engineering by working closely with employability teams to attract more companies across various fields. This campaign's initial goals have been met, but we continue to coordinate with faculty to ensure ongoing support for students' professional growth and increased job market exposure.

Advocating for Practical-Based Learning

Based on feedback from the Student Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) last year, we prioritised the push for more practical, hands-on learning experiences within our courses. This effort has reached a promising phase, as we're now actively working with faculty to integrate practical elements into our curriculum, aligning educational outcomes with industry needs.

Ongoing Campaigns

International Fees Fairness Campaign

Building on the essential work begun by former officer Adora, we're pressing forward with a campaign for international fee fairness, with an open petition currently gathering support. This initiative seeks to establish a more equitable tuition structure for international students, and our engagement with university administration is progressing well.

"Our Bar, Our Space" – Cambridge Campus Initiative

Recognising the need for dedicated social spaces, particularly on the Cambridge campus, we launched the "Our Bar, Our Space" campaign. This effort aims to secure a welcoming communal area where students can relax and connect. I am actively advocating for this across various university committees, pushing for the creation of this essential student space and working on more campaigns.

Improving Communication Response Times

Students have raised concerns about the university's five-working-day response policy for communications. To address this, I am leading a campaign to shorten response times, which will promote student wellbeing and ensure faster, more effective support.

"Rights Beyond Borders" – Freelance Freedom Campaign

In collaboration with Rohan, VP of AHES, and Kent Union, we are advancing the "Rights Beyond Borders" campaign. This initiative is focused on increasing freelance opportunities for international students, providing them with more flexible options to gain experience and earn income during their studies.

In addition to these campaigns, I'm also working closely with societies and events team and initiatives that foster student engagement, build community, and enhance the university experience across all campuses.



Campaigns Completed

Employability drop-ins in SU space in both the campuses to promote future's week and use of handshake app.

Adding referencing classes in timetable faculty mentioned classes went in this trimester, will be coming in timetable from next trimester as mentioned by the faculty.

Projects Completed

Collaborated with VP of Hems, Jeena Thomas and conducted Movie Week 2024 in Chelmsford which screened 18 movies from 8 different languages and genres across campus with an engagement of 100+ students in total.

Ongoing Campaigns

Collaborating with the big green internet project team to have tree planting days for students from ARU.

Collaborating with external team for skill developments workshops in campus.

Personal Tutors in PGT students.