

My campaigns

SU Liberation Walls

Status: Working on

Context of the Campaign: Students to paint the walls of the SU with artwork celebrating all history months

Aims and Objectives: To celebrate and spread awareness about history months and encourage conversations of liberation groups in the student community through artwork.

Providing opportunities and supporting the student artists of ARU

Updates and Wins: Had conversations with students and most loved to take part in this activity.

Was struggling to get students to volunteer for this as most are struggling because of the cost of living crisis.

Making this a paid project, Planning on recruiting students to work on the wall by mid-March.



My campaigns, policy, and other work

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Mental health support Status: Completed

Context of the Campaign: To provide mental health support to students who are coming back to the on-campus university life and help them settle in. Also support them in dealing with the cost of living crisis and how its affecting their mental health

Aims and Objectives: Collaborate with the wellbeing team in the university with their podcast and include stories about accommodation issues and cost of living issues from students and share the stories to students to let them know that they are not the only one going through this.

Updates and Wins:

Recorded the first episode of the podcast on the topic 'understanding mental health and wellbeing' and the remaining episodes are to be recorded soon on different mental health topic. The frist episode is released and you can listen to the podcast in the link below.

Listen to our brand-new wellbeing podcast, 'Talking about' (sharepoint.com)

SU visibility	Status: Working on
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Context of the Campaign: Make SU more visible to student.

Aims and Objectives: To make SU space and the services provided by the SU more visible to students. To increase the student engagement and get students to use the SU space for more events and other activities conducted by the SU.

Updates and Wins: In conversation with the Estates and Facilities to put more sign boards around the university to direct students to the SU space. Went around the campus to put necessary signboards to direct students to the SU and waiting for the design update and the quotation from the estates and facilities team.

Design for the floor stickers are done and waiting for budget approval. The updated signage boards will be out by end of Feb and the floor stickers will be on campus by end of March, so the SU would be more visible and accessible.

Advance training in AHSS

Status: Working on

Context of the Campaign: Organize additional workshop or other training sessions for students to improve their skills to support their course.

Aims and Objectives: Make it more easier for students to get the necessary skills they need to improve their employability and also make their course easier.

Updates and Wins: In talks with the course reps to understand which courses need particular trainings and how students can make use of these trainings to make their course much easier and also improve their employability.

The courses needed more resources with the increasing number of students, talked with the department to provide more resources (cintiq pens) for students.

Held faculty forum with the course reps to listen to the issues and brought to the attention of the faculty that the cost of living is affecting them as the prices of the materials are going up. This was raised in the FPT meeting and the cost of the materials will be revised to make it more affordable to students .

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

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Wider Union Projects:

Cost of living

In conversation with NUS regarding the cost-of-living campaigns and how we can help the students on a national level. Supporting the NUS cost of living survey with cost-of-living stalls to get students to take the survey and mail their MPs to write a letter to the chancellor to include some student funds in the budget.

- Reviewed Hardship fund application to make the application easier and more accessible to students to apply.
- Article on the website for students regarding the cost-of-living campaign, for students to
 access information that they need to fight the cost-of-living crisis. Working on getting a
 navigation tab on the website to get all the information and updates together.
- The website information was updated on the First Bus website about the discounts that the students from ARU could get, it was updated on request as their website did not have that information updated.

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Campaign Name Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: Workshops for FBL Students

Aims and Objectives:

- 1. To promote self-employment as a credible pathway for students.
- 2.Entrepreneurs can share their knowledge and advices, about their own experiences and future plans for development.
- 3.It helps students to think broadly and unleash their creativity.

Updates and Wins:

The campaign has been completed. During student entrepreneurship week, more than 30 students attended the event, which was very successful.

Campaign Name Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: Promoting CV/ Interview Preparation for Students

Aims and Objectives:

1. Selecting the right candidate is the main aim of an interview, Interview Preparation is an important learning opportunity for students.

- 2. It will provide them with experience, confidence and will be an important step in obtaining a job.
- 3. Helping the students to prepare the CV to wow the interviewer in that short period of time.

Updates and Wins: Finished my campaign and the sessions were a big success with the help of employability services during the future festival. More than 40 students attended each session and I'm confident they all left with some great tips and tricks to secure their career.

Campaign Name

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: Organising Awareness Seminars about U K Driving for International Students

Aims and Objectives:

1. International students are not aware of the U K driving rules, So my main aim is to make them aware of the U K Driving rules.

Updates and Wins: Article prepared on driving awareness campaign and shared with the comms team of the students union and the international office team to share with the new intake students.

An article is being prepared on the topic of awareness of driving an electric scooter or motorbike

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

- Food Bank Campaign Done
- Movie Night Valentine's Week

Wider Union Projects:

- Football World Cup 2022 Big Screen Event
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Campaign Name Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: Plagiarism (Essay Mils) and Misconduct

Aims and Objectives: Many acknowledged that international students and home students are not familiar with UK writing styles for assignments and can struggle in classes, especially with a 2-3 day a week timetable. SM added that workshops for these skills might be helpful for them to avoid the issues.

Updates and Wins: Currently working on the posters for the awareness of plagiarism.

Campaign Name

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

- Context of the Campaign: Incubation centre
- Aims and Objectives: To get a physical space where University entrepreneurs
 could work on developing their business and solving problems associated with it,
 especially in the initial stages, by the support of the university by providing an array
 of business and technical services, initial seed funds, lab facilities, advisory,
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• **Updates and Wins:** The Campaign is in progress and currently working with the emperorship team regarding the physical space for it.

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Context of the Campaign: Awareness campaign

Aims and Objectives: To make aware of students what are the resources university have which most of the students are unaware of by making a small video on those topic.

Updates and Wins: Currently working with student union and university to develop the videos.

Other updates

Wider University Projects:

Wider Union Projects: Online Gaming tournament In which all the four campuses will be involved. Policies:

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- Student Misconduct Committee

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Campaign Name: Free fruit basket Status: Complete

Context of the Campaign: Provision of Free Food:

Aims and Objectives: Rising costs and a busy schedule can easily impact the healthy eating patterns of any student. As we move towards winter this becomes even more of a serious issue. I have already begun engaging student services in providing free food such as fruit and porridge sachets, so no student on campus goes hungry during their day.

Updates and Wins: to have free fruit basket in SU Students' space along with free porridges and soup sachets. It happened with help of Libby Homer (Director of Student and Library Services).

Campaign Name: Accommodations | Status: Working on

Context of the Campaign: Accommodation for students

Aims and Objectives: Every Student of the Anglia Ruskin University should be able to live near the campus if they want to. Rent rises and deposit returns are major issue which is being faced by many students. Knowing their rights as tenants, as well as what to expect when it comes to living independently. By reviewing and updating our Student Renter's Guide and

providing practical information about how to save money whilst at university, we better protect our students and ensure they reach their full potential during their time in study..

Updates and Wins:

Updated renters guide with Jo and Fraser for more awareness about the rules, regulations and the rights for tenancy.

Managed to organize temporary accommodation for students with the help of Paul Harris from the Residential team, however it was just for a short period, and it is now discontinuing-planning to have more discussions with them to sort out emergency situations as the issue is still not resolved.

Drop-in sessions in the SU in both campuses to hear the student issues about their accommodation situations.

Organized an Accommodation forum to talk with students about their opinions with help of Andy Lefley the director of Estates

Printed and uploaded the new updated renter's Guide for students in Students' union webpage

Campaign Name: Cost of Living Status: Working on

Context of the Campaign: Good and affordable Accommodation for students

Aims and Objectives: A nationwide issue which is prevalent across the news and impacts students across ARU. As housing becomes scarcer and more expensive, other avenues need to be explored to provide for our students.

Updates and Wins: By providing good quality, temporary accommodation for those that are struggling to pay rent and invest in supported housing, we can protect students during this difficult period and make sure they can study their full courses at our university.



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Prayer Space in Chelmsford

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: to obtain an adequate prayer space in the Chelmsford campus, as the current one is too small and not appropriate given the growing student population who use it.

Aims and Objectives: to liaise with the university and chaplaincy to find and establish an alternative/additional space which is larger than the current one and meets the needs of the diverse student population e.g., ablution facilities.

Updates and Wins:

22/11/22: Sawyer's gym renovation plans are almost complete, now just a matter of confirming these and starting the renovations. Makeshift prayer room will be required for Ramadan 2022

10/1/23: renovation plans are complete, additional requirements and equipment e.g. speakers, bathrooms, interior design are confirmed. Proposal to be sent for budgeting at the end of this week- subject to approval, building work will start soon. Estimated completion time is June. Makeshift prayer space for congregational prayers on Friday is Mildmay sports hall as confirmed by estates, but we do not have a makeshift space for other events where larger prayer spaces are needed e.g. Ramadan (Taraweeh)- will liaise with ISoc and estates about this to find a temporary solution.

Free Transport Campaign

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: Free transport to and from placement for HEMS students, given the CoL crisis and current travel provision not being fair for all courses (e.g. medics get reimbursed, but nurses don't, etc).

Aims and Objectives: to encourage the university/other organisations to somehow fund travel costs for students and remove barriers to attending placement for students.

Updates and Wins:

22/11/22: Have met with all HoS except one, and they are on board but have expressed concern at the university being able to fund this. In the meantime, I am working on a placement travel guide (due to be released soon). Practice hub is in process of being improved/accessible to all healthcare students (partnering with ME and Student Opportunity team in HEMS).

10/1/23: Meeting confirmed with remaining HoS. Travel guide is complete, requires approval from FPT and will be published soon! FF drop-in sessions for HEMS, and placement in general, organised over December (6 sessions in total) which provide more evidence for transport cost struggles. I have created a placement survey which will supplement the sessions- requires approval from FPT/work with ME and will also be released soon- hopefully before next exec!

EDI Project

Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started

Context of the Campaign: to implement EDI strategy and improve this for students and staff at ARU

Aims and Objectives: implement lectures/CPDs/educational sessions for students and staff, promote race equality advocates and foster a more inclusive and informed community at ARU.

Updates and Wins: Project group is in the works (SU); considering affiliating with university.

Other relevant updates

Wider University Projects:

- Faculty Forum (HEMS)
- Resolving numerous complaints (formal and informal) in social work, paramedic science
- NUS concerns- due to meet with them
- Futures Festival

Wider Union Projects:

- World Cup screening
- Student Marketplace

Policies:

N/A

Senate Committee

N/A

Non-Senate committee

• FPT: Canvas site in place of HEMS newsletter; PDT hub improvement

Students' Union Committees

• USU (not present at either meetings)

Working groups

- Sexual Respect Working Group (meetings cancelled thus far)
- EDI Working Group