

Equity & Inclusion Officer – February Report 1

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Here's what I've been up to!

- We have officially started accepting the submissions for Liberate: The Phineas Art Gallery. The launch of the gallery is expected to be in the last week of February.
- It's the LGBTQ+ History Month! I have been working on some exciting events and activities as well as partnerships.
- I worked on Project Period comms with Rachel.
- I went to the Parliament with Goksu to lobby for the Renter's Rights Bills.
- I have raised the concerns of DSN students regarding the accessible toilets with the UCL's Director of Inclusive Environments.

How have I communicated with students in the past fortnight?

- I have attended all three policy zones in the past two weeks.
- I participated in the Impartial Chairs training and had the chance to listen to students' concerns regarding HE.
- I joined a DSN event to better understand disabled students' current needs and issues in order to report back to UCL.
- I was at UCL East in one of the Beat the January Blues events; Ben, the UCL East Student Officer, and I asked students what they would like to see on campus.

Sabbatical Officer Priorities

1) Students are confident in connecting with each other and support one another to feel safe, reassured and inspired.

- I had a meeting with the Policy and Research Team within the context of Accessibility Working Group; we are now starting a research project to understand disabled students' needs and how we can help them be more included within the Union.
- British Sign Language (BSL) classes are in the process of being included in the Extended Learning Opportunities programme.

2) Students can be proud and accepted for who they are in a safe community with a high level of cultural understanding.

- With the LGBTQ+ and Trans Student Officers, we have worked really hard the past month to kick start the LGBTQ+ History Month.
- I invited a UCL student, who is also a committee member at Student National Pride to do a presentation at the WCZ.

- Launch of the Liberate Art Gallery!
- I have been working on projects to help Muslim students have a better experience during Ramadan on campus.

3) Students have an equitable experience in a united and inclusive community, regardless of where they are based and from.

- I went to UCL East last week to talk to students and understand their needs at the East campus.
- I have been lobbying to expand the Project Period at UCL East as soon as possible.

Attendance at important Union meetings and events

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- Accessibility Working Group: I will be working on the outreach for the Accessibility Working Group.

Attendance at important UCL meetings and events

1) UCL meetings attended and main outcomes

- I attended the EDI Committee and raised concerns of the Muslim students and suggested potential ways we can help them through the approaching Ramadan period.
- I had a catch-up with the UCL EDI Director and had a discussion about Religion and Belief WG. We also discussed the EDI Strategy and how we can better collaborate with them to meet our shared goals for a more equitable and inclusive campus for all.
- During the Student Partnership Committee, I raised the toilet hygiene concerns of the students with UCL Estates, including the implementation of Project Period, Student Centre toilets, and accessibility concerns.