

Equity & Inclusion Officer – February Report 2

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Here's what I've been up to!

- Visited the UCL registered GP Ridgmount Practice with Rachel to discuss how we can work together to help more students, especially those from marginalised communities and internationals.
- Introduced the limited edition LGBTQ+ History Month cocktail with the LGBTQ+ and Trans Officers. £1 of every purchase will go into our Gender Expression Fund.
- Currently working on launching the Liberate Art Gallery on the 27th Feb!
- Took a Student Centre toilet tour with UCL Estates to report the hygiene issues and to discuss the development of Project Period.
- I have been working actively on the concerns regarding Report + Support numbers with the UCL EDI and HR Teams as well as SSWS, while voicing the Muslim students' complaints about the increasing Islamophobia cases on campus.
- I took part in activities during the International Festival and get the chance to enjoy the diversity of our student body!

How have I communicated with students in the past fortnight?

- I have had several filming sessions for the social media posts.
- I took the stage for a couple of minutes during the International Festival and introduced the Liberate Art Gallery.
- I have been attending DSN events to listen to student concerns to report back to the relevant UCL teams.
- I attended the Sanctuary WG Community event.
- Joined the Captain's Media Day to wish our captains good luck for the upcoming Varsity season :)

Sabbatical Officer Priorities

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

- I delivered a speech during the Sanctuary Community Event about the work our Union is doing for the sanctuary students and represented the Student Action for Refugees Society.
- Picked up our Peer-to-Peer Mental Health scheme work with the POC Officer Sharvari. We are now collaborating with the UCL Clinic.

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

- We have secured more funding from UCL's EDI team for the iftars that will be served on campus throughout Ramadan.
- We have been having a very active LGBTQ+ History Month, and we are currently getting ready for the Women's History Month.

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

- Getting prepared for the upcoming UCL East Student Experience Board.
- I have been in contact with the UCL East Operations team to enhance the Leadership Race experience for the East students.

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As the sabbatical team, we have created an Islamophobia Action Plan to tackle with Islamophobia more strategically on campus.

Attendance at important UCL meetings and events

1) UCL meetings attended and main outcomes

- I had two separate meetings with SSWS. One of them was about their support in our P2P Mental Health scheme. The second meeting was mainly about the issues disabled students are facing about SoRAs and digital accessibility. Moving forward, we will be collaborating on a project to improve the digital SoRA process.
- We had a meeting with UCL's Chief People Officer; my action point is to utilise the Religion and Belief WG to tackle with the R+S data intricacies.
- The outcome of the second Sanctuary Meeting Group is now planning what we can do for the Refugee Week.