

Equity & Inclusion Officer – March Report 1

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Here's what I've been up to!

- We have launched Liberate: the Phineas Art Gallery! This exhibition marks the end of the LGBTQ+ History Month and the beginning of the Women's History Month.
- Our LGBTQ+ HM cocktail "La Luchadora" has become the best selling cocktail of the month at the Institute. Thanks to everyone's contributions, we have raised £300 for our Gender Expression Fund!
- I attended the Impartial Chairs Programme in Belfast and came back with so many learnings for my role as the EIO. This trip also gave me the platform to interact with all the students who joined the training and hear about their ideas and concerns.
- I am currently working on the action plan of our Accessibility Working Group to make our arts and sports activities more accessible for all students.
- Working with UCL Estates, we have brought wet wipe tubs to the Student Centre for students to be able clean up greasy desks when needed!

How have you communicated with students in the past fortnight?

- I have been making extra effort to go to all Bloomsbury and Studio shows organised by our Arts students.
- I organised the Liberate gallery launched event.
- I have been creating content for socials regarding the latest updates in my space.
- I have attended all three of our Policy Zones and chaired the Welfare and Community Zone.

Sabbatical Officer Priorities

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

- I attended the Accessibility Focus Group and listened to students ideas and concerns in Union activities.
- Moving forward, I will be working closely with the Student Social Impact team to implement more EDI elements into their projects.

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

- After the gallery launch we have received some feedback in terms of how to make this project more sustainable and even more engaging for the student body to make sure it meets its objectives. I have already started working on those suggestions.

- With the start of Ramadan, I am working on ways to support our Muslim students better on campus; in total, we have secured a funding of £20k!
- I have initiated the conversations about making Active Bystander a compulsory training required by all the faculties with the Pro-Provost of EDI.

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

- I co-chaired the UCL East Student Experience Board; we have discussed the findings of our "Ask Me Anything- Stall Days" and what students want to see more at East.
- Rachel and I had the first official positive conversation regarding the UCL East shuttle buses with the Director of UCL East Operations.

Attendance at important Union meetings and events

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Accessibility Working Group: With the findings we gathered from the focus group, we are now working on an action plan.

Attendance at important UCL meetings and events

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UCL East Student Experience Board: We will be working on creating more buzz around the campus during the Leadership Race.