

## UoG SU AGM

### MEETING OF AGM: 13 MAY 2025

<b>Title</b>	<i>Ness' Report to AGM 2025</i>
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<b>Status</b>	<i>Open</i>
<b>Purpose</b>	<i>Update of my Officer Activities for the Academic Year Presented at the Annual General Meeting</i>
<b>Discussion</b>	<i>Standard</i>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Executive Summary</b>  This report outlines the key activities, achievements, and campaigns of the Students' Union (SU) from the start of the academic year through to the end of the BUCS season. It highlights the work that Ness has done to support, society and sports accomplishments, and community engagement efforts. The report also provides a final update on priority campaigns, led by Ness Garratt.	
<b>Laying the Foundations</b>  <b>Strategic Planning and Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The year began with discussions on the criteria and selection for the Focus Sports structure, setting the tone for a more strategic approach to sport.</li><li>• Ness joined the Student Success Project Group, contributing to the launch of the Nova digital assistant.</li><li>• Participated as a panel member in the shortlisting and interviewing of four key SU roles:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Activities and Communities Manager</li><li>• Student Communities Coordinator</li><li>• Partnerships and Fundraising Coordinator</li><li>• Student Advisor</li></ul></li></ul> <b>Student Leadership and Representation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivered speeches at two graduation ceremonies.</li></ul>	

- Continued service as a member of the University Council and Director of the University.
- Facilitated Student Leaders Training on Drugs and Alcohol education.

## **Campaigns and Community Engagement**

### **#kNOwmore Campaign – Drugs and Alcohol Awareness**

- Launched by Ness Garratt to promote harm reduction and education around substance use.
- Hosted an anti-spiking resource giveaway at the Welcome Fayre and SU spaces.
- Invited HopeHouse and GDASS to Student Leaders 2.0 to support the 'Fair Play' Campaign addressing Violence Against Women and Girls in Sport.
- Attended the SOSUK 2025 Students Drugs and Alcohol Conference at Northampton University.
- **Formed the Student Wellbeing Project Group, meeting monthly to review university policies such as:**
  - Drugs and Alcohol Misuse Policy (2021)
  - Code of Conduct
  - Student Charter
- **Currently developing a 5-year project journey plan to embed wellbeing into institutional priorities.**

### **Think Before You Ink – Housing Awareness**

- A joint initiative by Ness and Bobola to guide students through the housing process.
- Promotes the use of StudentPad and provides questions to ask landlords before signing contracts.

## **Celebrating Success and Looking Ahead**

### **Varsity and BUCS Season**

- **Successfully planned and supported the Varsity series.**
- **Launched the #PlayYourPart Varsity campaign in collaboration with Worcester's VPSA.**

### **Celebrated the end of the BUCS season with notable achievements:**

- **Men's and Women's Football 1st Teams – League Winners**

- **Touch Rugby introduced as a new co-ed sport**
- **Rowing Team – Won all races at the Gloucester Spring Head meet**

#### **Societies and Student Communities**

- **Established 15 new societies since September.**
- **Welcomed 45+ new committee members.**
- **Improved communication and support with the appointment of a Student Communities Coordinator.**

#### **Recognition and Reflection**

- **Hosted the annual Awards Night to celebrate student achievements across societies, sports, and leadership.**

#### **Looking Forward**

- **The SU is preparing for the transition to the 2025–2026 Full-Time Officers.**
- **Ness has opted to defer formal accreditation with SOS UK due to financial constraints but continues to work toward it through policy reform and awareness campaigns.**
- **The SU and University remains committed to student wellbeing and the Drugs and Alcohol harm reduction approach thanks to the Student Wellbeing Project Group**