

UoG SU AGM

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Campaign plan #WeBelong

At the heart of my initiatives is the **#WeBelong** campaign, which embodies a commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive university community. This campaign aims to create an environment where everyone, regardless of their background, feels a sense of belonging, respect, and support.

Three Key Aims:

Addressing the Awarding Gap: To work with staff and students to develop tools to close the awarding gap. Ensuring everyone has an equitable learning experience at UoG.

Enhancing the Welfare of International Students: Organising events throughout the year to directly support the welfare of our students.

Promoting Inclusivity and Participation: To ensure our student groups, events, and networks are inclusive spaces where all students feel they belong.

In My Second Year

Attended the **University Council meeting** on June 25 with Ness and outgoing officers to contribute to key university-wide discussions.

Participated in the **Officers Residential (July 8–10)**, focusing on leadership development, team cohesion, and strategic planning for effective student representation.

Attended the **NUS Lead and Change 2024 (July 23–25)** in Birmingham, enhancing my knowledge of student leadership and building networks with other SU officers.

Actively supporting students by addressing **grade-related complaints and visa concerns**, while advocating for more contact time with lecturers.

Collaborating with Kit and Kathy on securing **student accommodation** and exploring the possibility of an **accommodation bursary**.

Think Before You Ink campaign with Ness to educate students on viewing and understanding housing contracts before signing.

Engaged in **Welcome Week inductions**, informing students about SU services, sports, societies, and support systems.

Took part in the **Welcome Fayre (September 18)**, promoting the **#WeBelong campaign** and distributing university-branded flags, and engaged with new students, explaining the role of the Students' Union and highlighting the campaign.

Organised **Diversity Night 3.0**, promoting inclusivity among home and international students through performances, student showcases, Chaplaincy engagement, and SU officer campaigns.

Welcomed MP Max to Park Campus and raised key student concerns, including immigration policy, housing challenges, and employment barriers for international students.

Co-organised the **Voice It with the VC** event, enabling direct student engagement with the Vice Chancellor to foster transparency and address concerns.

Hosted a **Black History Month Movie Night** featuring a film on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., promoting reflection on civil rights and social justice.

Delivered a guest talk to Journalism students about the Students' Union, outlining responsibilities, challenges, and successes.

Created a support group for new intake students, offering guidance and directing them to appropriate university services for a smooth transition.

Participated in the Undergraduate International Student Forum to understand student challenges and identify areas for improvement.

Collaborated with the Careers & Employability Team and stakeholders to plan a major NHS careers fair and expand job opportunities.

Participated in the Student-Led Staff Awards, recognising exceptional staff contributions to student success and wellbeing.

Led engagement in the **Awarding Gap campaign**, collecting impactful student data to support equity in academic outcomes.

Organised **Diversity Night 4.0**, a key social event celebrating cultural diversity and fostering community among students.

Participated in **SHAG Week (Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance)** through the "Sexibition" event to promote student health and well-being.

Co-moderated **Voice It to VC**, facilitating open dialogue between students and the Vice Chancellor.

Met with MP Alex to discuss student housing concerns, resulting in regular follow-up meetings to track progress.

Contributed to the APPG on student housing, advocating for policy changes around rent, guarantor systems, and housing rights at the Parliament.

Partnered with Gloucestershire Police to host an informative session on crime reporting for international students.

Co-hosted a **Job Fair** with strong NHS and employer turnout, enhancing student career prospects and local job awareness.

Organised an international vs university football match to promote sports diversity and student integration.

Supported the annual **Varsity Sports Tournament** with the University of Worcester, promoting team spirit and inter-university collaboration.

Organised the **Bridging the Awarding Gap Symposium**, presenting student data and recommendations to support institutional change and inclusivity in education.

Planning the 2025 International Celebration.

These initiatives and activities are a testament to my commitment to the core principles of the **#WeBelong** campaign.