

# **Network Report to Student Council**



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- BAME Network	- International Network
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# BAME Network

### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Victoria Tanimowo
Vice Chair	Jayvardhan Bisht
Secretary	Vanessa Gakuba
Insert additional roles	N/A

## Members

Number of members of the Network: 8

# Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	No Open meeting in Semester 2
Number of Students Attended:	N/A
Number of Policies Passed:	N/A
Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):	
N/A	

Key Achievements



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- The BAME Network partnered with the Nigerian Society and held a Careers event on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022. This event included guest speakers (Dr. Olu Shokunbi, Dr. Kelechi Anyikude, Rose Watson, Enohor Igben and Danielle Blake).
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

# Support Required

The Network would like support in encouraging members to take up a committee
position for the next academic year. The SU has a plan in place to support the
Network however any additional promotion and/or recommendations of individuals
who might be a good fit for any of the roles from Student Council would be
appreciated.



## Disabled Students Network

### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Archie Eaton
Vice Chair	Anwen Jeffreys
Secretary	Will Bannister
Insert additional roles	N/A

#### Members

Number of members of the Network: 15

# Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	N/A
Number of Students Attended:	N/A
Number of Policies Passed:	2
Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):	

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# Key Achievements

• The Network created an Accessible Student Housing policy.



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- Created Policies around making houses more accessible, and this was discussed in the Welfare and Inclusion Council.
- Participated in the TeamWorc Action Canal Clean
- Attempted to run socials but struggled with engagement from members.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

- Major Challenges the Network faced was actually getting people actually engaged with the network the Network found that people have signed up, but it feels like they don't really want to participate in events the Network put on.
- The Network would like a bigger social media presence to entice new members -Helen has filmed their Network video to be released in the later half of Semester 2.



## LGBTQ+ Students Network

#### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Eve Baker-Sullivan
Vice Chair	Drew Humphry
Secretary	Bekii Holberton
Campaign Manager	Andrej Horneck
Social Secretary	Gian Dela Cruz

#### Members

Number of members of the Network: 70

# Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	TBC this semester
Number of Students Attended:	N/A
Number of Policies Passed:	N/A
Key things discussed at meeting (bullet poir	its):
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- The Network are currently working on getting some training done with the nursing students. For this we are trying to collect voice from LGBTQ+ individuals on their experiences in healthcare, from being at a GP to hospital visits etc. Any feedback would be appreciated and it isn't exclusive to just students any LGBTQ+ individuals or people that have stories from LGBTQ+ friends/family members can add things.
- Pride Party hosted a social in the Hangar for our members and others
- Fundraising raised money for NAT (National AIDs Trust) over the course of LGBTQ+ History Month
- Training working with Nursing school to provide allyship training for their students about the experiences of LGBTQ+ people in healthcare
- Attended Saucy Love event used our own stall to promote the SU and our network and met people from LGBTQ+ charities and events around Worcestershire.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

- Student Engagement getting our members to be more involved in the network, including running for positions on the committee
- Committee handover helping us to prepare resources for the next committee to help them as much as possible e.g. information on what students engage with the most.



## Mature, Parents and Carers Network

#### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Emma Banks
Vice Chair	Joseph Horgan
Secretary	Dora Chambers
Insert additional roles	N/A

#### **Members**

Number of members of the Network: 17

### Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	February 2022
Number of Students Attended:	9
Number of Policies Passed:	N/A

Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):

The main thing in discussions where timetabling issues - with many of us commuting up to and over an hour for just one lecture/seminar on some of the days, others had erratic schedules which left them only finding out a week or two before what days/times their lessons were.

Another point raised was the progress weeks and school half term alignment.



- We've had a few successful gatherings, a night in the hangar for the bingo and a music guiz round, which we won.
- Many family movie days in the hangar Those that have joined seem to be more encouraged when they can bring their children along.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

### Support Required

We have plans for future events - hoping a school style sports day to celebrate and mark the end of the year (in May), and coffee morning to hopefully welcome new members.

The Network would like to push membership numbers in the new semester, they think a presence in welcome week and at the commuter's fair will help with this.



## Postgraduate Network

#### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Theresa May
Vice Chair	Anna Russell
Secretary	Vacant
Insert additional roles	Committee is supported by: School of Psychology Rep: Carolyn Ball Business School Rep: Taiwo Olajumoke School of Education Rep: Jeremy Adebolajo School of Humanities Rep: Abbey Ballard School of Science and the Environment Rep: Josie Lynch

#### **Members**

Number of members of the Network: 6

# Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	Postponed
Number of Students Attended:	Approximately 200
Number of Policies Passed:	

Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):

This meeting was postponed due to the change of Chair. Harley Jean Simpson stepped down to focus on finishing her PhD. Theresa May has accepted the position at the end of February 2022.





#### Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (Charlotte Taylor)
- 2. Vice Chair updates on the PGN (Ana Russell)
- 3. Connecting with the PGN (WhatsApp) (Ana Russell)
- 4. Changes to online vivas (see paper attached) (Charlotte Taylor)
- 5. School Rep vacancies (Charlotte Taylor)

### Key Achievements

- Present and Share, a platform giving postgrads a place to present their research in a safe, welcoming space of their peers.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

- Filling roles of PG representatives for each school
- Bringing more of a community feel for graduate students
- Holding events at various times to give part-time graduate students an opportunity to get involved.
- Return of the PG Conference taking place 23 June 2022



## Sustainability Network

#### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Grace Bell
Vice Chair	Bubba Coley
Secretary	Lucy Robson
Insert additional roles	N/A

#### **Members**

Number of members of the Network: 25

### Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	No open meeting held in Semester 2 so far. Planning an open meeting for May.
Number of Students Attended:	
Number of Policies Passed:	
Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):	

## Key Achievements

- Attended W+IC
- Attended regular canal cleans
- Allotment in place and would like to work on this during Semester 2.
- Helped plan and deliver Go Green Week with Katy Boom.
- The Network had a Joint Social with LGBTQ+ sustainable flag making.
- The Network are going to work towards their Fast Fashion Campaign in Semester 2.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.





# Support Required

(insert up to five challenges you are facing or things you would like Student Council to support or promote)

- Struggling trying to find members to join Network
- Struggle for engagement for socials with lack of members
- Need help from SU to advertise events and Network
- Have topics or awareness days/ideas the Network could do every month



#### Women's Student Network

#### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Hannah Heskin
Vice Chair	Nicola Lawton
Secretary	Ezre Holland
Campaign Manager	Phoebe West
Inclusivity Rep	Hannah Edgar

#### **Members**

Number of members of the Network: 49

# Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	10/03/2022
Number of Students Attended:	5
Number of Policies Passed:	N/A

Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):

- We introduced our new online magazine WeForShe and discussed the importance of International Women's Day.
- It was discussed the future plans for the network and also what people want to see moving forward.
- This included upcoming issues for the magazine like sustainability and women in sport.
- It was talked about how drinking spiking is still an issue and this needs to be looked into, e.g holding clubs accountable and ensuring they stick to the terms they agreed to.





- Introduction of our online magazine
- SU Canidate livestream most candidates attend and said it was one of their favorite events they have attended all campaign week.
- Had a meeting with the SU to discuss concerns about responses to discriminatory behaviors at the university and discussed changes that could be made in the future.
- Hosted Karaoke in the SU to celebrate 'galentines day'.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

- We have been struggling with engagement from network members and would appreciate support or feedback on how to improve this.
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# Widening Participation Network

#### Committee:

Role	Name
Chair	Kacey Stack
Vice Chair	Bubba Coley
Secretary	N/A
Insert additional roles	N/A

#### **Members**

Number of members of the Network: 8

# Open Meeting

Date of Open Meeting:	N/A
Number of Students Attended:	N/A
Number of Policies Passed:	N/A

Key things discussed at meeting (bullet points):

The meeting was originally scheduled to take place at the beginning of this semester, however due to personal issues of committee members it has not been able to go ahead.





- The Network began this semester with a more present social media presence wishing everyone a good start to the year.
- A document has been created with a list of ideas the Network could bring to improve the lives of students at the university.
- The Network attended Welfare and Inclusion Council in Semester 2, and discussed topics regarding NUS liberation conference, disabled access in student accommodation, GRT pledge and inclusive sport.

- The main issue facing our network at the moment has been personal issues of committee members which have not been able to be discussed further yet.
- There has been a lack of communication with committee members even with attempts made by both parties.