

Wins of the year



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Advocating for students with diverse backgrounds, cultures and beliefs:

- ◆ A new faith space is under development in Avery Hill. Hindu students in particular can now practise their faith in all campuses as religious resources are now available for them.
- ◆ We held a successful Iftar event for all students from all campuses in Greenwich with over 500 attendees.
- ◆ The University has approved the Friday timetable gap and we are now looking on the best way to implement it.
- ◆ I have worked closely with UGIC to support students of faith and create a long-term plan to continue to support students of diverse backgrounds, cultures and beliefs as UGIC's student population increases.
- ◆ We are currently in the process of supporting students with accessibility needs to be able to practise their faiths more freely.
- ◆ I worked on a Islam awareness campaign to break down misinformation and stereotypes.
- ◆ Held a number Palestinian solidarity campaigns in conjunction with a student led society to raise awareness.

Raising donations for Turkey/Syria/Lebanon earthquake:

As part of my time as officer I worked with students' of various backgrounds to support the Turkey/Syria/Lebanon earthquake. We were able to raise donations and spread awareness.

Men's mental health:

I was able to successfully run a men's mental health awareness, and mental health in sports campaign in partnership with Charlton Athletic and the University.

Team wins:

- ◆ Getting support for free Medway bus tickets to students in need due to Cost of Living crisis.
- ◆ International students can now access the hardship fund.
- ◆ Food vouchers, in which we are currently looking to release more to support students living in halls.

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Food diversification project:

This project was based on the basic needs of our student community here in Greenwich. I began this project with a “Food Diversification” survey, in which we received 335 responses. Through this I prepared a report based on the feedback from students and actioned the following:

- ◆ Introduction of international food options in GSU venues.
- ◆ Exclusive celebratory menus will be prepared when global festivals are on.
- ◆ The University will investigate an extension of lunch hour.
- ◆ Halal and other dietary requirements are considered, and all necessary information will be provided by staff upon request from students.

Career development project:

This was a collection of various projects to help develop the employability skills of our students. One of our successful projects was a series of masterclass’ in careers and interviews.

I ran Employability Week, delivering ten different career related sessions to all of our students across all three campuses. Highlighted sessions included, a UK CV session, an interview wardrobe giveaway, and how to open your own business.

Within this project I was a part of a student conference group and worked as a member of the working employability group in GSU, all to assist in developing employability skills for our students, student staffs, and staffs of GSU.

Period Poverty:

I succeeded to launch free sanitary products in the welcome desks of each campus, and in the toilets of Dreadnought, The Dome and The Hub.

Advice Team:

I have managed to set up regular in person drop-in sessions which are delivered by the Advice Team of GSU.

Parent and Carer Support:

I started the parent and carer support project and have managed to form a working group within GSU, looking into various aspects of support for the project.

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Helping students in hardship:

Through the GSU Cost of Living report (and Officers' regular interactions with first year students), we identified a lot of students were struggling with their finances. Through lobbying this to the Vice Chancellor, the University made our international hardship fund open for all year groups.

Through a petition that gained 800 signatures I was able to convince the University to provide free bus tickets for the Medway inter-campus bus for students in hardship.

Key events:

I hosted an event bringing together staff and students from the Faculty of Engineering and Science, increasing communication between them, and offering students an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have.

I also hosted some of the Student Conference 2023 where the theme was "Future You", challenging students to look into what their future may hold.

Other achievements this year:

- ◆ I helped to set up and run a two-day leadership programme for Students of Colour with Grit.
- ◆ I successfully chaired Student Assembly throughout the year, facilitating students to make decisions on our support of UCU action, wages in university jobs, cost of living measures and on the make up of our officer team.
- ◆ I worked with the University to develop and implement anti-racist training for students and staff.
- ◆ I led our NUS delegate team to the national conference and got elected for National Scrutiny Council member.
- ◆ I lobbied University governing body finance committee to continue funding for Global Greenwich project to support our International students.

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Working hours campaign (active campaign):

The student visa working hours cap restricts International students from outside of the EU from working in paid positions for more than 20 hours per week during the academic year. GSU's cost-of-living research shows that overseas students have significantly less extra money to live on and are more likely to be unable to pay for essentials. Due to this, International students must decide between taking on more debt, finding illegal employment, or discontinuing their studies.

This campaigns accomplishments to date:

- ◆ A petition has been launched (1400+ signed) and communicated with MPs (Greenwich and Avery Hill).
- ◆ We have been supported by 10 additional SU leaders from other students' unions.
- ◆ The campaign has gained the attention of the press, including "UK Govt Considering Plans to Extend International Students' Working Hours" - The Times.
- ◆ Recent communication letter from our honourable Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office.
- ◆ 2023 NUS Conference discussion and debate.
- ◆ NUS has shown their support.

Sports at Greenwich:

Recently, we were able to secure funds from the University for outdoor table tennis, foosball, and pool tables totalling £10,000. The University and GSU are working together to figure out an appropriate spot and a location to set things up before the new semester begins in September.

Academic skills (level up module):

In collaboration with the Library Academic Skills team, we have developed a "level-up" course that students may access across all programmes and years to help them with their studies. NextLevel will support you with a smooth adjustment to university, enhance learning strategies, encourage confidence and independence, develop research and analytical skills, and reduce academic stress.

Disabled students prioritisation:

Here are some options achieved through this campaign for Disabled students to use during their academic year:

- ◆ During registration period, Disabled students can use Eventbrite to book a time slot with the Student Centre, avoiding the need to queue.
- ◆ Disabled students are invited to attend the STAART transition day, allowing them to complete necessary tasks and ask any questions without the need to queue.
- ◆ Throughout the year, Disabled students can approach Student Ambassadors and ask them to assist them to meet with the Student Centre without having the need to queue.