

Kieran Minto President officer report: July

Hi everyone, I'm your president for this year (previous postgrad education officer). Like many SU and Queens staff I took quite a bit of time off in July, aside from trying to enjoy the sun most of my time was taken up by getting to grips with my new role, getting the new team trained and attending meetings with the new officers and key staff.

Meetings:

- I and the rest of the officer team attended several meetings with key staff and teams across the union and university, mainly to **introduce the new officers**. We also discussed our plans for the year and possibly collaborations, how they could help us.
- We meet with the **Reboot** team to discuss their initial opening plans, alongside freshers' plans. We advised them on our plans for the year and how we could collaborate around alcohol free events.
- I attended the usual **recuring committees** and meetings with senior staff that is expected of the role.

Internal events:

- I and the other officers took part in the summer **graduation** ceremonies, attending multiple each.
- The officer team attended a dinner with the members of **convocation** (the representative body for the universities Aluni) where we discussed collaborations for the year and the Aluni relations team plans for the year.

External events:

- I, along with the rest of the officer team attended **SUT** (student union training) organised by USI (union of students Ireland) alongside NUS-USI (national union representing students in Northern Ireland), which was hosted at Munster Technological University in Tralee. During this training I attended several information sessions and workshops around for example: housing, Irish language, SUs (student unions) and the law. This event was also a fantastic opportunity to network and build connections across Ireland, connections that have proved beneficial for the team.
- We planned our involvement with **Belfast pride parade**, and then attended alongside many Queens students and staff.

Other:

- I and the returning officers (campaigns & engagement and the welfare officer) worked alongside the SU voice team to **train** the new officers joining the team

Project focus:

- I spent a lot of time finishing or **handing over projects** to the new education officers from the previous year, such as video enhanced learning or student partnership model.
- I took over the leadership of the **welcome project** (from an SU side of things) to develop the project and get it over the line ahead of September 2024.
- The team and I spent a lot of time **planning for the year**, projects goals etc.