

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Equality and Diversity

Name: Suyi Yang

Period: July

Introduction:

As the Equality and Diversity Student Officer at the Students' Union, my role is to advocate for an inclusive and supportive environment where all students, regardless of background or identity, feel represented and valued. I work closely with various teams across the Queen's and Queen's Students' Union to make sure students' voice is heard. Through campaigns, events, and initiatives, I aim to foster a campus culture that celebrates equality and empowers students from all walks of life.

Activity	Description
Student Officer Training	I attended the student officer training at the Student Union, which included Health & Safety Training, the QSU Strategy Plan, Carbon Literacy Training, Media Training, and a Marketing Induction. Throughout these training sessions this month, I gained a clear understanding of my role as an Equality and Diversity Student Officer and became familiar with the different departments within the Students' Union.
SUT	I attended the SUT held by USI in Tralee, where I participated in all the workshops, including Active Consent Training, Campaign Engagement Training, The Art of Meetings, Reducing Bias, Essential Irish for Student Officers, and Mental Health & Wellbeing Training. I also had the opportunity to network with other Students' Unions in Ireland.
Plan of Work	I started drafting my work plan and developing it based on the various training sessions I attended this month.
Parents and Carers Fund Panel Meeting	I attended the Parents and Carers Fund panel meeting with SU Advice, SU Voice, and the Campaign Engagement Student Officer. In this meeting, we reviewed all the application forms and selected the successful applicants. We ultimately decided to distribute the funds in varying amounts to support as many applicants as possible.

Belfast Pride

I collaborated with NUS-USI and the Pride Society for Belfast Pride 2024. I organized banner-making sessions at the Students' Union, which had a great turnout. I also coordinated student participation in the Rainbow Breakfast hosted by NUS-USI and attended the march with our team and students.