

Queen's University Belfast Students' Union

Full-Time Student Officer Report

Role: Student Officer Equality and Diversity

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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
Reboot Visit	I visited Reboot, a gaming café under Queen's Campus Food. We were invited to try out the new facilities and film videos for their social media. We also brainstormed new ideas for collaborative events during the Fresher's Fair.
Limerick Students' Union Visit	The Limerick Students' Union student officer team visited our Students' Union and campus. We held a meeting to introduce them to our Union and gave them a tour of the building. It was also a great opportunity for me to learn more about the neurodiversity campaign led by their Community Officer, which aligns with my main focus for this year.
Insights Discovery Workshop	I attended the Insights Discovery workshop with my team and new staff members at the Students' Union. The workshop provided a great opportunity for team bonding, allowing us to strengthen our relationships and collaborate more effectively. In addition, the activities helped us to develop our critical thinking and communication skills, fostering a deeper understanding of each other's strengths and working styles. It was a valuable experience that will contribute to our ability to work together more cohesively in the future.
Commercial Service Meeting	I attended the Commercial Services meeting, where we discussed the current usage of the SU Shop, Union Bar, and Mandela Hall. During the meeting, the President raised

	concerns about the pricing structure and the daytime availability of Mandela Hall.
SUT+	I attended the SUT+ event at Coleraine, hosted by USI and UU. This event provided an opportunity to participate in various workshops, including the Stimuli Workshop with other officers. It was an excellent opportunity for me to collaborate with student officers from other Students' Unions, working together on simulated scenarios and addressing relevant issues faced by our unions.
Sensory Pod Project	I initiated the Sensory Pod project as a key focus of my work plan. I held a meeting with Christina from SU Mental Health & Wellbeing to draft the initial concept for the project. Together, we met with Queen's Estate to explore potential spaces within our building where the sensory pod could be installed.