

# Equalities Zone

16th October  
5-6pm

2Y4 / MS TEAMS

## Minutes

- **Welcome**
- **In Attendance**
  - Members Present
    - Leen Ali, Union President
    - Pakiza Khushbakhat, Equalities Volunteer Officer (BAME)
  - In Attendance
    - 2 Ordinary Members
    - 1 Staff Support
- **Minutes Ratification**
  - No objections therefore minutes ratified by LA
- **Challenges to Order Paper**
  - No challenges to order
- **Dates to Note**
  - Black History Month
  - General Meeting – 1-3pm, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- **Elections & Resignations**
  - Equalities Zone Executive Committee Elections
    - Ordinary Members: Khushhali Gupta
  - Equalities Volunteer Officer Elections
    - No one was elected
- **Reports**
  - Students' Union President, Leen Ali
    - No clarifying questions
  - Equalities Volunteer Officer (BAME), Pakiza Khushbakhat
    - No clarifying questions
  - Equalities Volunteer Officer (Disabled), VACANT
    - N/A (to be elected)
  - Equalities Volunteer Officer (LGBTQ+), VACANT
    - N/A (to be elected)
  - Equalities Volunteer Officer (Women), VACANT
    - N/A (to be elected)

- **Updates, discussion and decision topics**

- Black History Month
  - LA: Has been a series of successful events celebrating Black History Month. We still have a lot going on including a trip to Glasgow to look at an art exhibition.
- Connecting Cultures Event
  - LA: A very successful event was held to help understand the cultural and lawful norms of Scotland. It included traditional Scottish food and was aimed towards first years and international students. This was in collaboration with the Be Connected program.
- Equalities Campaign Idea Space
  - LA: still want to use the space as a place to bring forward campaign and event ideas

- **Any Other Business**

- Advertisements issues
  - PK asked about advertisement of events. LA said it will be brought up to the marketing teams to find a clearer way of doing this. Specifically brought up was entertainment events, however a lot of students work so they don't have time to go to these events. Possibly get Residents assistants to promote events to on campus students.
  - LA: Sports centre advertisements for watching sport events, students do not know how to do this.
  - OM: student bulletin is messy and not inviting. Doesn't work.
  - NH: What would people think of a Union newsletter? Would focus more on sport union and societies events.
  - OM: would be able to highlight what the union does as it often gets overlooked by everything else that happens.
  - OM: Could the Union be on the StirlingUni App?
  - NH: It is already on there.
  - LA asked about setting up a Whatsapp group to advertise EDI projects on so if people wanted to be updated on things and they don't get lost in everything else then that would be the best type of thing to happen. This will have a set time when updates will be allowed to be sent it, so it does not get overwhelmed.
- Enrolment fees
  - KP: lots of students are struggling to pay enrolments fees and I am wondering how to help them
  - LA will follow up
- Zone Meeting Times and Timetabling Issues

- OM: Issues with zone meetings being at 5pm as classes are still ongoing. Have a lot of annoying times within the timetable e.g. a lot of 5pms and 9ams.
  - LA will follow up with VP Education
- Purpose of Equalities Zone
  - OM: not everyone knows what the equalities zone is.
  - LA wanting to make an Instagram account dedicated to reposting events held by the societies that run under the Equalities Zone to boost promotion.
- **Date of Next Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**