

Committee Name: Guild Officer Group
Date & Time: 14.01.2026 12:00-13:00
Present:

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Antonia Listrat – Guild President (Chair) Jacob Dyke – Education Officer Emeline Brown – Activities & Employability Officer Abhijeet Patel – Sports Officer Abby Kenrick – Welfare & Community Officer Aliasgar Gandhi – Postgraduate Officer Simrah Inamdar – International Officer Max Williams – Sustainability Officer Sakshi Palve – LGBTQ+ Students’ Officer Olivia Bonner – Disabled Students’ Officer Lucy McCabe – Women’s Officer Sabrina Ahmad – Trans & Non-Binary Students’ Officer</p> <p>Also in attendance:</p> <p>Jo Thomas – CEO Molly Purcell, Senior Voice Coordinator (Secretary) Jane Baston, Voice and Representation Manager Chloe Batten, Student Voice Coordinator (Democratic Engagement)</p>		<p>Ronak - Ethnic Minority Students’ Officer</p>

	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	AL introduced the meeting, everybody introduced themselves for SP.	AL
2	Minutes from the last meeting	Nov & Dec minutes approved.	AL
3	Officer Projects	SA: current projects: Trans & NB Movie Night on 26 th . Is working on other socials. Will be contacting other associations, had some contact from University for LGBTQ+ History Month.	All

	<p>OB: Accessibility for Transport in WM Conference – is planning to go to this. Collab with MW on Neurodiverse Celebration Week.</p> <p>LM: Planning for IWW – 3 events: Bloody Lovely Afternoon, Women’s Society Networking & Vigil in Selly Oak Park. Looking to plan alumni event in semester 3.</p> <p>MW: Secured Sustainability Award at Guild Awards with EB. Working on Green Impact Submission. Planning for Green Week, w/c 16 March. Working with AP for British Heart Foundation shop and its future. Working with People & Planet on some initiatives.</p> <p>SP: Planning on social events end of Feb. Working on LGBTQ mentoring scheme and with University on LGBTQ+ History Month. Thinking about Pride Parade with the Association during Pride.</p> <p>AL: Got results from CoL survey and working on outcomes. Speaking with LSE with charity shop initiative & community dinner idea. Was planning to have series of events in Jan but speakers weren't able to attend.</p> <p>AP: Working with UB Sport and hosting costume swap. Planning to launch Sports event at the end of March.</p> <p>AK: Working on SHaG Week plans, has a lot of brands, charities and societies coming. Sexpression will be doing sex ed classes and myth busting. LM will be delivering a session with WiP Society. Hosting talks from academics and LGBTQ+ Drag Disco. Guild consent workshop & arts and crafts sessions & finishing off with Valentines FAB.</p> <p>EB: Working on ACS Careers Workshop. Worklink will now be at community breakfast starting from next week. Ongoing work with Deborah & continuing work with Chairs Network.</p> <p>SI: Working with AG on PG & Int Forum end of Feb. Working with MW on Eco-Iftar during Green Week. Working on Int Student Hub on website. Has a proposal for int induction programme. Working on proposal for Careers Network with AG. Working on potential scholarship introduction at University.</p>	
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4	Democracy Update	<p>CB: Elections nominations are now open and closes on 13 Feb. Voting Week is w/c 8 March. RAF is open as well.</p> <p>Democratic System: new ideas are currently being triaged and holding SDIs. Will be coming to Officers to lead on Action Groups. Other ideas & policies have outcomes eg Funding.</p> <p>ASV Voting dates are w/c 23 Feb.</p> <p>SP report deadline is week before Voting Week.</p> <p>SI: questioned about status of election and what incumbent officers are allowed to know.</p> <p>JB/MP: highlighted election regulations and how incumbent officers are treated the same as any other student.</p> <p>JB: mentioned about ASV promo and encouraged officers to send in ideas.</p> <p>AL mentioned about Reslife Events being a good touchpoint.</p> <p>JT: Coral has sent through calendar of events.</p> <p>MW asked to clarify the Overcrowding motion and whether this will lapse due to non-quorate vote. MP clarified that it automatically lapses unless the Action Group reconvenes.</p>	CB
5	Violence Against Women & Girls Statement Update	<p>AK: this was raised after multiple incidents. Weren't able to get traction on making statement/content on this. Focusing on pushing consent work through instead.</p>	AK/LM/ All

6	People & Planet Campaign Idea Submission	<p>MW spoke through P&P's activity and campaigns. Currently running fossil free campaign and divest borders campaign and how these campaigns are about to lapse. Call out for new social justice campaigns and opinion from Officer team, deadline for 5pm on Friday to submit. MW shared a list of ideas and spoke through them. Asked GOG to contact him by EOD tomorrow to submit idea.</p> <p>MW will put up story to gain insight which will inform decision.</p>	MW
7	AOB	<p>AG: Asked whether they could share insight from Guild Survey.</p> <p>JT recommended to think tactically on what is shared. Document has been cut down so items can be sent in isolation. Needs nuance and a discussion on where the document is going to be used. Recommend having a chat separately on how to discuss with UB Sport.</p> <p>AL: rent negotiations update – being increased by 3.9%. Having discussions about lowering this and agreed with University on definition of affordability.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at: 12:56
Date of next meeting: 11.02.2026