

# Scrutiny Panel Officer Report 2023/24

#### Guidance

- There are four sections to this report (1) Roles and Responsibilities, (2) Written Statement (Manifesto) Action Plan, (3) Student Ideas & Policy and (4) Other Student Issues, Meetings or Projects to Note.
- You should write in all four sections, but it is up to you to decide how much you would like to write for each section.
- Your report should be submitted one week before your session. Completed reports should be emailed to Student Voice (studentvoice@guild.bham.ac.uk)
- If you are unable to submit your report on time, please let Jane and Scott know ASAP
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of your meeting slot to provide any further updates verbally

Officer:	Robin Hayward
Date of Panel:	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### **Role and Responsibilities**

This section is for you to write about any projects you have been working on or meetings you have been to that you think are of particular importance to your remit.

Please feel free to add extra rows if you need to.

Meeting / Project	Outcome For Students

#### Written Statement (Manifesto) Action Plan

This section is for you to track your progress on your written statement priorities, as outlined in your action plan. The "context" section of the document can remain the same for each Panel.

Please feel free to add extra boxes if you need to.

Written Statement Aim #1		
Gender neutral toilets in the Guild		
Context:	Plans for more accessible gender-neutral toilets in the Guild (ie ones that aren't on the second floor and difficult to find or reach) have been in the works since at least 2020. My aim is for to ensure that plans to introduce more gender neutral toilets are confirmed by the end of my term.	
Progress:	To the aim of proving there was sufficient interest in more gender neutral toilets, I submitted an Idea through the Guild's democratic system, which has generated a lot of interest. Separately from this, I have been communicating with Facilities about the practicalities of a gender neutral toilet block being introduced during the remodelling of Guild reception, which would be an ideal location for toilets, and would not reduce the number of single-gender toilets in the building, for those who would perhaps not feel comfortable using a gender neutral toilet block (if it were multi-stall).	

Written Statement Aim #2		
Regular socials for trans and non-binary students/Guild members		
Context:	As part of an ongoing effort to ensure trans and non-binary students and Guild members are better able to find other trans and non-binary people and a community while at/involved with the University, I want to continue to provide trans and non-binary students/Guild members with safe space socials, open to trans and/or non-binary attendees as well as those who may be questioning their gender identity.	
Progress:	The first social was cancelled due to, however the second social was well attended, with 15+ attendees; the December social historically has less attendants, but with the LGBTQ+ Association dormant, this may prove a false assumption this year. After positive informal feedback, I am hoping to run a end of year winter social alongside my regular December meet, which is currently being planned. I hope to continue running regular socials into next year, and hope to run at least 2 more one-off socials before my term is over (although these are yet to be planned).	

### Written Statement Aim #3

Context:	An aim for this year is to properly and continually seek feedback from trans and non-binary students, so that I am (hopefully) capturing a better picture of the aims and wants of the students I represent
Progress:	While these plans have been delayed, I am holding a Trans and Non-Binary forum. I also plan to put out an anonymous feedback form via the Guild website for those who can't make the meet for whatever reason. I plan to do this again after the winter break, and plan to seek informal feedback on one-off events I run throughout the year.

#### **Student Ideas and Policy**

This section is for you to report on progress made on student ideas and policy that you have been allocated from the Guild's decision-making (democratic) process.

You only need to provide updates on your actions.

You can also add ideas or policy as they are submitted throughout the year.

Please feel free to add extra rows to the table if you need to.

You can find a copy of all submitted ideas and policy, including information on who they were allocated to <a href="here">here</a>.

Idea / Policy	Action Taken Since Last Panel
Idea / policy title	

## Other Student Issues, Meetings or Projects to Note:

Issue/Meeting/Project	Context/Updates
Statement of solidarity with trans students	I have worked with Ben, Amira and a trans student on a Guild statement in solidarity with trans and non-binary students, which is actively in the works

Conversion therapy ban campaign	I have been communicating with the Trans Student Representative from UCLAN on her campaign to have conversion therapies banned – I'm hoping to meet with Dean at a later date to discuss supporting this campaign and work we could do at the University in parallel, given the University's history with conversion therapy practices
IFA Panel event	I will be collaborating with IFA on their 'Let's Talk Trans' event during Trans Awareness Week, along with the LGBTQ+ Students Officer
Trans Day of Remembrance	I have organised the annual Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil, including performances from trans and non- binary Guild members. I have also helped to promote the Chaplaincy's TDoR Service at St Francis Hall earlier in the day