

Guidance

- Your report should be 1000 words or fewer. You should write in all three sections, but it is up to you to decide how much weight to give each section.
- Your report should be submitted one week before the date of each Scrutiny Panel. Completed reports should be emailed to r.nadeem@guild.bham.ac.uk or l.gill@guild.bham.ac.uk
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of each Scrutiny Panel meeting to supplement your report with a verbal update.

Officer:	Robin Hayward
Date of panel:	3/11/2021

Written Statement 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.

Written Statement Aim #1	
Increasing the number of gender neutral bathrooms	
Context:	I wish to continue the push for more gender neutral bathrooms on campus, focusing on the bathroom situation within the Guild of Students. I was aware that the Guild of Students had gender neutral bathrooms on the second floor, but that this location was not particularly accessible, especially in the evenings.
Progress:	I communicated with the head of Facilities, aided by the Education Officer, who asked us to review current policy surrounding toilet use and come up with a general policy for further gender neutral toilets. After consulting with other officers (LGBTQ+ Students’ Officer, Education Officer, and AEO), we have settled on a general rule regarding implementing gender neutral bathrooms, and Facilities has been approached about making a block of bathrooms within the Guild gender neutral.

Written Statement Aim #2	
Better pronoun options on Canvas	
Context:	After hearing complaints from some trans and non-binary students that pronoun options on Canvas could be more inclusive, I wished to improve these options for students on the platform, specifically to include a type-in option to allow the most inclusivity.
Progress:	After contacting the university's HEFi lead, I expanded the the current drop-down options for pronouns to be inclusive of those who use multiple pronouns. I discovered it is not possible to add a type-in option for pronouns currently with Canvas, and the next step would be for institutions to request that Canvas developers implement this. I have attempted to make contact with other university student unions that use Canvas to encourage their institution to request this feature.

Written Statement Aim #3	
Running regular events for trans and non-binary students	
Context:	Trans and non-binary people often face loneliness, and I know the importance of community in helping combat this. I wish to help foster the sense of community among trans and non-binary students by continuing to host events to cater to trans and non-binary students. My aim is to host <u>at least two social events per semester across the academic year.</u>
Progress:	I have so far ran one trans and non-binary social <u>in collaboration with the LGBTQ+ Association</u> which took place during Freshers Week. <u>Due to concerns</u> I have been working with the Sports Officer to organise a Trans Swim event <u>social</u> , hopefully within the next month, and am looking to host <u>secure</u> a <u>venue very soon.</u> <u>Also coming up is the Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil, which will be followed by a safe space social.</u>

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.

Meeting / project	Outcome for students
None	N/A

Ideas and policy

This section is for you to report on progress made to ideas and Guild policy that you have been mandated to work on. You only need to update your actions taken. You can also add ideas or policy as they are passed through the year.

Idea / policy	Action taken since last Panel
None	N/A

Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

- Working with the LGBTQ+ Association

I have maintained a close working relationship with the LGBTQ+ Association's committee, and have offered a helping hand with many of their events due to their currently smaller than usual committee. Most recently, I helped out at a recent drinking event they held, to which there was a very good turn-out and positive member feedback.