

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:	Aaliyah Simms / Welfare and Community Officer
Date of panel:	19/01/2022 15:00-17:00

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	
<p>Safety in Selly Oak</p> <p>Develop a master list of apps and systems that keep you safe in Selly Oak, including infographics on when to call 999 vs 101, Crisis Lines on toilet doors</p> <p>Continue the operation of the Selly Express.</p> <p>Personal safety alarms being handed out</p> <p>Subsidised self-defence classes</p>	
Context:	<p>Masterlist of apps is being created including wellbeing numbers and will be distributed on every toilet seat door on campus (as agreed to by Jon Elsmore)</p> <p>More than 2000 people have used the Selly Express as of 10/10/2021 to 10/12/2021</p>

	<p>Wardens have been working hard to distribute safety alarms</p> <p>Self defences classes were voted on in ASM, these are being worked on and self-defence society has been approved</p> <p>Multiple self defence classes have been run</p> <p>Countermeasures to spiking at the Guild have been received largely successfully.</p> <p>Been working with various branches of WMP including Locate team to streamline process for missing students</p> <p>On committee for Reclaim our Streets march in March 2022- a collaborative project between Birmingham unis; Bmet,BCU,Aston,UOB and more.</p>
Progress:	80%

Written Statement Aim #2	
<p>The 'Big Brum' List + Veganuary</p> <p>Springboard off the trend of listing cool places in Birmingham, so students can rate the places they've been as restrictions relax.</p> <p>Creating a web form so students can submit their ideas.</p> <p>Create a buddy system for exploring these places alongside the Community Wardens and Student Mentors.</p> <p>Promoting plant-based meals at a discount, cooking plant based on a budget</p> <p>Environmentally friendly and animal friendly eats</p>	
Context:	<p>I'm lumping these two aims together as they revolve around exploring the local area.</p> <p>This goal was to promote community and small businesses, improving mental health and have a living document meaning more engagement and more ideas.</p>

	<p>A web form needs to be created for students to submit cool ideas and I would like to do social media interaction with student polls, Since Omicron has been on the increase I have since delayed this point as when I wrote the manifesto, I assumed COVID would be on the decline- lots of students are not on campus.</p> <p>As a result, I'll be posting some social media stuff regarding vegan eating on campus but have deviated from the original idea a bit.</p> <p>I've spoken to SMT, Comms&Marketing about these ideas, but I think I will relaunch them later to get more scope.</p>
Progress:	30%

Written Statement Aim #3	
Context:	<p>Inclusion and expression</p> <p>Showing a Guild presence at Pride 2021</p> <p>Poetry Trails displayed in the library for LGBTQ+ History month</p> <p>Spoken Word Night at Joe's for the Poetry</p> <p>Social media promotion of diversity</p> <p>Openness and community, learning more about peers and staff via shared experience and differences.</p> <p>Creativity is also good for the display of emotion and Mental Health.</p> <p>I attended Pride with Mikey, and have been working with Danielle, Eleanor, Mikey, Adam and Robin for LGBTQ+ history month. We've come up with the main themes of : Self-expression, Body Positivity, Personal Growth, Pride and Politics.</p> <p>Events we want to set up include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Drive • Political Zine making session • Queer in Academia Seminar • Fab themed night • NB+Trans Yoga • Social media campaign on how to be a good ally • Poetry submission about experiences

	<p>Student staff need to be discussed with, and due to elections coinciding with the month, capacity is low, so we are aware of this and as a result are focussing on a few, key, impactful events.</p> <p>Moreso, where we can, outsourcing : LGBTQ+ Association is running film nights I want to promote, and with the Commonwealth games coming up, PrideHouse could be a good organisation to invite to the Guild</p>
Progress:	35%

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
Joined Up Conversations	Linking back in with University Services to give student feedback and sentiment on topical issues and what the FTOG is working on.
Welfare and Liberation Committee	I chair this committee. All about issues to do with Welfare and Liberation that are raised to the Guild, discussing lots of EDI and holding the Guild accountable 😊
CQAAC (QA)	Giving student feedback on COSS academic matters.
GEMT	Guild Emergency Management Team- to do with all things COVID and the Guild
Rent Right 2021/22	Hosted by Claire Bent, Uni, Guild and housing market/landlords. A place to put across student housing rights if necessary.
Senior Police Partnership Meeting	A meeting with University Campus Services seniors and myself, Senior police to discuss crime locally and beyond, trends and how to best protect students.
FTOG (Full-Time Officer Group)	A weekly meeting of all FTOs so we can stay in the loop with eachothers work and give

	perspective on ideas/ developments from our other meetings and contacts.
HR Committee	I chair this committee. All about the Guild's HR as an organisation. Positive stuff here, including that 90% of staff are proud to work for the Guild! 😊
Dignity and Respect Oversight Group	Regular EDI meeting for all matters. Raised the Disabled Student Commission here last DROG to brilliant reception. Help make university more accessible, welcoming and equitable.
Equality Executive Group	A task and finish group for certain EDI matters- pretty high ranking uni staff on here but has since come to a close.
All Student Meeting 1	All Student Meeting- this did not meet quorate but was a decent turn out. To discuss matters from other committees that also didn't meet quorate and make democratic change.
GOG	Guild Officer Group- All officers. To discuss our work, wider trends, and how we as FTOS can help facilitate the PTOs to succeed as they have less time.
CRP Project Meeting	Better Than Well addiction collegiate recovery programme which is specifically for sober students of all kinds of addiction
UoBe Festival Working Group	Student perspective in operations planning for UoBe festival- for example suggesting the Chaplaincy in the chill out zone.
Pause Management meetings	Overseeing feedback from the service, analysing what has been learnt from the scheme, and what next in terms of collaboration, drop ins and student mental health.
Selly Stakeholders	A meeting including landlords and agents. Lots of discussion about selly oak in general, minimizing mess and ASB, Tenancy turnover move out/in advice, rent right. At the moment, stuff about the commonwealth games, but a

	good space to raise issues that may need to go to the council, and link up with landlords.
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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
Idea / policy title	
Working Online for semester 2	Have worked with other FTOs to extend application for working from home for international students, continually feeding back to uni about student sentiment
Drug testing kit availability	Located supplier for these kits, waiting for launch of Sesh Safe scheme to make them available alongside harm reduction advice and after exam season.

Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

- We have been dealing with the outcome of the spiking which meant that some of our time and resource was spent elsewhere. Moreover, some manifesto aims such as 'safe sesh' appeared in poor taste to launch around their original start.
- Involved in interviews and shortlisting for the service UBHEARD which has been successful
- Filmed COVID reassurance for students
- Food boxes sent by Community Wardens for those self isolating over Christmas.
- Helped organise Spiking Measures at the Guild, spoke to redbrick and burn fm
- Planning 121s with W&L committee to increase attendance
- Been working on the Disabled Student Commission, shortlisting individuals for a working group and invited Emma Robinson & Deborah Longworth.
- Negotiated with University (with Mikey/Pres) over rent prices for the upcoming year, making sure accommodation on the lower end of the price bracket remains accessible.

- Taken part in Resident Life review to assess Community Wardens/Student Mentor/Hall reps scheme
- Been on various FTP and supported students as a “friend” and on the panel
- Negotiated with Uni to get FTOs on mealplan give feedback on their offering, especially for Vegans/ alternate Dietary Requirements
- Working with Lorna, Not On Co-Ordinator and JS regarding Consent Module on Canvas
- Assisting Claire Bent and Claire Maitland running focus groups
- Engaged with Welfare officers from other unis and alternate groups such as Reclaim Campus UOB and streethuns to chat safety and get balanced opinions
- Working behind the scenes on ‘how to get your deposit back’ content.
- Continued to chair HR Committee and W&L Committee
- Working with George, Wardens and Claire Maitland+Claire Bent to minimize ASB during the commonwealth games in Selly Oak.