

Officer Report | VPA

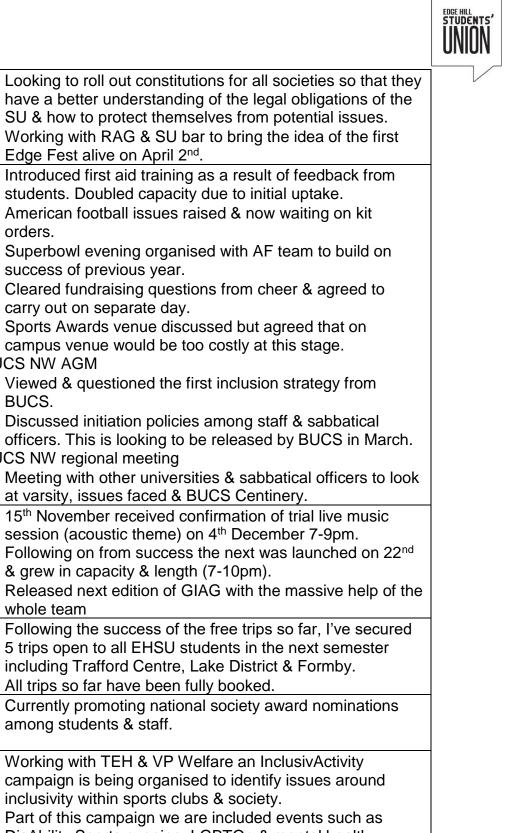
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Section 1 Overview SINCE LAST REPORT NEW GIAG JAN-MAY LAUNCHED WITH 6 CRAFTERNOONS AND 7 OFF CAMPUS TRIPS & IT'S STILL GROWING!	LAUNCHED PLASTIC FREE EHU CAMPAIGN WITH 400+	Successfully Set up the Edge Hill Live
KEY PROJECTS 20	18-19	DAN 🙊 Progress:
Continuing las making Give It A Go! bigg	St year's wins ger and better, & improving access	
	ports & societies	
	riers to engagement al opportunities and access to s	
More investm	ent in celebration s, Stamp Scheme, & student spotlights	
5 Building a sustainable union meeting our policy on environmental sustainability, plus expanding the allotment and improving awareness		
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Dan's latest report was approved by the Student Council on 15/11/18. He was commended for his dedication to societies in challenging circumstances.

Section 2 | Priorities

Projects	Progress since 15 th November
Societies	 Started up social events once a month since December to help create a platform for societies to collaborate & network. Helped organise society training sessions for second semester. Addressed issues surrounding inclusiveness of societies & organised inclusactivity campaign with VP Welfare & PTO's.



	success of previous year.
	 Cleared fundraising questions from cheer & agreed to
	carry out on separate day.
	 Sports Awards venue discussed but agreed that on
	campus venue would be too costly at this stage.
	BUCS NW AGM
	 Viewed & questioned the first inclusion strategy from
	BUCS.
	 Discussed initiation policies among staff & sabbatical
	officers. This is looking to be released by BUCS in March.
	BUCS NW regional meeting
	 Meeting with other universities & sabbatical officers to look
	at varsity, issues faced & BUCS Centinery.
GIAG	 15th November received confirmation of trial live music
	session (acoustic theme) on 4 th December 7-9pm.
	Following on from success the next was launched on 22 nd
	& grew in capacity & length (7-10pm).
	 Released next edition of GIAG with the massive help of the
	whole team
GIAG Trips	 Following the success of the free trips so far, I've secured
	5 trips open to all EHSU students in the next semester
	including Trafford Centre, Lake District & Formby.
	 All trips so far have been fully booked.
Celebrating	 Currently promoting national society award nominations
Success	among students & staff.
Spotlights	
Targeting	 Working with TEH & VP Welfare an InclusivActivity
Barriers to	campaign is being organised to identify issues around
Engagement	inclusivity within sports clubs & society.
	 Part of this campaign we are included events such as
	DisAbility Sports evening, LGBTQ+ & mental health
	awareness.
	 DisAbility sports evening ran on 20th November & was
	successful. Another organised for the 5 th March during
	Inclusion week (see below).
	 Short clips from both male & female teams to create online
	content for This girl can week (with Women's PTO) &
	Men's mental health day (VP Welfare) created.
	 Discussed the layout of inclusion week (1st week March).

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Sports

Clubs & Individual

Athletes



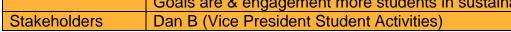
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	where you'll like then located, within responses. I will try to get moves con Christmas.	reason, I'll collate all
Additio	 Helped organise & run the Adam Sea Tournament (18th November), having over 300 students, staff & community £2,000 for Missing People. Looking a team would help set up a vigil in light Helping organise sabbatical officer & top floor of the hub. Helped to organise winter shoebox a societies, other students & staff. Visit 	20 teams enter & / involved, raising over at how the sabbatical of the recent news. SU branding for the ppeal with clubs, ted White Chapel
	 Liverpool where we dropped off dona Future of Activities motion passed bo board but following voting amendmen board the motion fell. Discussions ha among staff after the motion passed been suggested to utalise student input 	oth AMM & SU Trustee nts post SU Trustee ave taking place & other models have

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Section 3 | Project Plans

1. The Sanctuary

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Objective	To get more Society & Student Engagement
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£200
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline
The Sanctuary Sessions	 Rebranded the area at the start of the academic year to follow the 5 ways to mental health guidelines set out by the NHS. Running weekly sessions that are open all. Attendance has been low, so I have set out to alter the day to best suit student timetables. Worked with Student Services to add The Sanctuary to the list of places for students to use when feeling homesick or are part of the self-harm support group. Four societies showing interest in getting involved.
Redevelopment of area	 Throughout the summer I have reached an agreement with the University on weekly maintenance of the area so that it does not fall into disrepute. A proposal has been put in place to put a larger storage/ seating area with the potential for a planting bed redevelopment over winter.
Give It A Grow	 During World mental health day, we worked with the sustainable & conversation society to run a GIAG session to show students where the allotment was & cook food grown at EHU.
Garden Party	 Organised a community event with students, staff & the local community. 2 societies were able to attend with around 50 students arriving on a day where EHU sent out extreme weather warnings of both wind & rain.
Other activities TBC	 After the success of the Garden Party, student have asked for similar events to be held. With a few of the items already purchased the consecutive event cost would be lower. Partnership with Café 53° North has been established to reuse all coffee grounds in The sanctuary.
Outcomes/Impact	Student engagement in campaign; Increased knowledge of area & greater involvement.
2. Project Bee	
Objective	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.





Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£800
Outputs/ Activities The Bee Hives	 Timeline Students put forward idea of Bee Hives to University Student Opportunity Fund but was rejected. Reached out & liaised with students & department to help create more student opportunities within sustainability. Successfully brought onto campus 23/08/18 & are doing well as we head into the colder months. Biweekly inspections will soon turn to monthly over the winter with a ballot being put in place for those who would like the experience of opening the hive. Put forward a nomination for DEFRA & Green Flag award, Bees Needs 2018.
Bee Society development	 Students were successful in their application to become a society. We then worked with the committee to ensure the necessary
Increasing student research opportunities	 Programmes within Biology have already begun to adopt research projects that involve the Bee Hives.
Outcomes/Impact	Improve awareness of bee population decline through ethical education of bee keeping & experiences. This will be evaluated through bee events throughout the year & on social media. These will take place into spring once the hives have rested & bees emerge after the cold months.

3. GIAG

Objective	To get more Society, Club & Student Engagement
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£1,500 (based on 30 activity team events)
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline
Crafternoons	 Successfully brought onto campus 23/08/18 & are doing well as we head into the colder months. Biweekly inspections will soon turn to monthly over the winter with a ballot being put in place for those who would like the experience of opening the hive. Following conversations from July-August the international department have agreed to fund mixer events for international students.
Masterclasses	 Moving away from skills & workshops as the university already offer quite a lot in this area, we brought masterclasses to life in July. A mixture of 8 events both campaign & skills based.
Trips	- Following last year's success, we have increased the



	 number of free trips that EHSU run's in partnership with Edge Hill University departments to 6, each of which has reached capacity. Following conversations from July-August the international department have agreed to fund mixer trips for international students.
Eat, Drink & Shop	 Following last year's low-level shop performance this section was given an uplift with more deals and events. This area is to be followed closely to help ensure success in a crucial year of budget cuts.
Relax & Socialise	 We've increased this section after feedback from our part time officers to help cater for a wider cohort of students; going from 3 to 11 events this year. Some more work can be done to push these events as the former few could have had better attendance.
Other	 ~438 students engaged with 10 GIAG events that EHSU were involved with organising taking our total daytime engagement to over 2,000 students so far. Research or not to Research policy passed with successful trials we have implemented a mixture of both google forms & Device Magic. GIAG planning with EHU Students, University & EHSU departments has begun with a timetable in creation. Table Tennis Table set up in the SU bar in partnership with campus sport to help increase engagement within physical activity. I'm currently awaiting confirmation that this has been set up. Working with Campus Sport I've been able to rearrange locations for events to the Venue where possible to help improve engagement in the event & su bar & shop sales. Meeting with classroom support & other members of Student services to help organise similar events to our tech tasters on the last GIAG & utilise resources in the catalyst where possible.
Outcomes/Impact	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events. Data for attendance is being collected for this year's events.

4. Celebrating Success

Objectives	To increase profile of societies. To increase opportunities for societies to share good practice.
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities), Luke Myer (AR)
Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£TBC
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline



Society spotlights	 25/09/18 - Developed & hosted the first spotlight, which received 925 views. Development ongoing for bi-monthly future spotlights, Society Socials planned.
Stamp scheme	 Redeveloped over the summer but with recent staff changes there have been several challenges to implement past society training. Society Social will begin relooking at the stamp scheme & raising its awareness among societies.
Other Celebrating Success events	 Sports Awards conversations are being planned for the later part of this semester.
Other	-
Outcomes/Impact	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events.
S. Sustainable EHSU	
Objective	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£TBC
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline
Sustainable Competitions.	 Agreed budget in August. Artwork requests submitted early August. Artwork arrives early September. Posters put up in halls 14th September. Competition announced 25th on Morning Positivitea.
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 TBC Management Strategy have been ratified with the next review in 2021. 3,700 incoming students received information on sustainability this year. The first competition concluded & we have had a meeting with the sustainability manager to organise the consecutive competitions, working to increase engagement. Bees Needs Award by DEFRA & The Green Flag Award. After nominating The Sanctuary in October, it has been announced that we have won the 2018 award & have been invited to Kew Gardens on the 13th November. Travelling down with the President & Apiary manager to receive the award on behalf of EHSU. The Sanctuary sessions have been changed based on feedback from students to a Wednesday 12-1pm & becoming more focused around Greenhouse planting. Sustainable development goals where discussed & we have began developing an event prior to THINK Twice
 Week to gauge EHU Student feedback around sustainability. EE committee elections opened for the first time but with the quick turnaround/ lack of comms within this committee, many students have missed the deadline &
 have asked when the by-elections are. Began setting up the Single-Use plastic Free Edge Hill University campaign & currently have ~450 students signed up on the petition on change.org. Parking petition & relation to our sustainable policy was discussed. Meeting has been arranged (20th November) with Steve Igoe regarding use of £500,000 Section 106 fund for sustainable travel within the council & how Edge Hill University can commit to improving cycling provisions.
 6th November Meeting with Sustainability manager that discussed cycling report that was created last year & passed onto fm for development is now being revisited. Cycling provisions are being taking up by FM & I have asked that the SU maintain an input. 8th November The first cycle maintenance masterclass took place & had a few students enquiring. The Bike Works have shown interest for a regular session but funding for this would have to be discussed with the University.
Outcomes/Impact Greater signup & engagement with society awards.



6. Society Developments

Objective	To educate more student on what Sustainable
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	Development Goals are & engagement more students in
<u>Stakeholdera</u>	sustainability.
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£TBC
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline
Training	 With the new staff team beginning I have been able to revaluate the support of societies. I am pushing for greater support & guidance, starting with the society Social.
Inclusivity	 Working with TEH & VP Welfare an InclusivActivity campaign is being organised to identify issues around inclusivity within sports clubs & society.
Budgets	 Fought against budget cuts to department with new team starting over the next month. A consideration to keep in mind is the loss of intuitional memory, regarding the day to day organisation of societies.
Other activities TBC	 In the interim period between activity teams I have ensured that our core support has remained through the campaigns team. Meeting with students regarding societal issues it has become apparent that there has been a fall in membership in comparison to last year. With Christie our new Activity Coordinator starting mid-October & Amanda beginning the second week of November we have began handovers & training. In the interim period between handovers the campaigns team have where possible been tasked to maintain core services for societies. To help improve communication with societies & full any knowledge caps we have organised a society social to touch base with current & prospective committee members. This session will include networking opportunities, society updates, meeting the new team, GIAG planning, Student Council nominations & discussions around the stamp scheme.
Outcomes/Impact	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events.

7. Sport Clubs & Individual Athletes developments

Objective	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
Budget Line	EHU & EHSU



Proposed Budget	£140,000		
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline		
Training Budgets	 Following on from conversations over the summer, Mind Mental Health training was provided to sports team committees. Request for first aid training for committees to help improve first response at games/ training. Fought against budget cuts to department with new 		
	team starting over the next month. A consideration to keep in mind is the loss of intuitional memory, regarding the day to day organisation of societies.		
TEH Forum	 29th October Request for first aid training for committees to help improve first response at games/ training. Teams mentioned that membership uptake had declined this year & that they felt that there were less benefits/ recognition for a TEH member. It was agreed that we would investigate networking events for teams to mix more & help promote a community spirit. 		
Varsity 2019	Discussions have begun on how varsity 2019 & I have put forward that we look to improve further on the inclusive nature of last year's varsity.		
Other activities TBC	 In the interim period between activity teams I have ensured that our core support has remained through the campaigns team. Ratifying University Sports strategy. Student Active wellbeing exercise referral scheme, working with sports & HR to look at their mental health policy in relation to activities. A group is to be arranged to work towards University signatories to the Mind Mental Health charter. Discussed with VP Welfare. Bi-Weekly TEH meetings. Set up regular meetings to ensure the positive transition of sports over to the University & work on campaigns with TEH. 		
Outcomes/Impact	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events.		

8. InclusivActivity

Objective	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities), Edge Hill Sports
Budget Line	EHU & EHSU
Proposed Budget	£TBC



Outputs/ Activities	Timeline		
This Girl Can	 Email sent out to teams requesting clips for online promo. 		
Disability Sports Evening	 Artwork designed Meet with module leaders in relation to this topic & it has been agreed for students volunteers to help out on the day. Organised another evening based on the success of the first. The next will take place on the 5th of March in line with BUCS inclusion week. 		
InclusivActivity	 Meetings with Edge Hill Sports to push this project forward following feedback from student's. Awaiting staff meeting to discuss project to take further. 		
Winter Appeal	 Working with Mel Mitchel to organise an overarching winter shoe box appeal to reach out to all clubs & other members of the university. Artwork request submitted & marketing to organise event & webpage. Tuesday 4th December was pencilled in as a date that clubs would head over to Liverpool to distribute shoe boxes. 		
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Other activities TBC	-		
Outcomes/Impact	Increase engagement with hard to reach groups.		

Section 4 | Key events, meetings, Students' Union and media

engagement

Event, Meeting or Media Write here the name of meeting, event, visit or media organisation	Dates	Outcomes / Impact What was the key outcome or impact of this engagement?			
Merseyside Students' Unions Network	06/10/17	 Networking & best practice sharing amongst partner organisations in Merseyside, Lancashire and Cheshire. 			
Policy gathering (Staffs SU)	03/02/18	 Networking & devising national policy priorities for submission to NUSNC18. 			
NUS National Conference 2018	27-29 /03/18	 Represented Edge Hill students on a national level in organizing for voting on national policy & FTO elections. One of our policies, on student suicide, was passed by delegates. 			
Conversations with PTO's on GIAG	June-July	 Meeting with PTO's where possible to discuss events that they would like to see. 			
International department Meeting	26/07/18	- Discussed options for mixer events within next GIAG.			
Brief conversation with Lynda Brady	24/08/18	- Confirmation of use of The Sanctuary for the Garden Party Event.			
Bee Hives Installed	26/08/18	- Launch of Project Bee.			
GIAG Launch	01/09/18	- Autumn 18 GIAG edition launched			
NUS Environmental Sustainability Charity Advisory Group (CAG)	04/10/18	 Skype called into London discussion issues surround NUS sustainability, future campaigns & the upcoming sustainability summit. 			



09/10/18 03/10/18 12/10/18 16/10/18		Travelled to Bristol to meet regarding national issues surround BUCS. Gathered final views on their international strategy & partnerships. Began consultation on executive group for next GIAG, awaiting ideas & will be arranging slot for ideas during PCC on 16/10/18 during AOB Brief catch up on previous conversations regarding live music in SU Bar
12/10/18		Began consultation on executive group for next GIAG, awaiting ideas & will be arranging slot for ideas during PCC on 16/10/18 during AOB
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16/10/18		& SU Management meeting arranged
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18/10/18	-	Live music discussed, agreed & going forward by reaching out for interested students to start by end of semester 1. Bar events including battle of the bartender, international mixers,
24-25/10/18	-	National policy discussed & priority campaigns for Society & Citizenship were set.
29/10/18	-	Request for first aid training for committees to help improve first response at games/ training. Teams mentioned that membership uptake had declined this year & that they felt that there were less benefits/ recognition for a TEH member. It was agreed that we would investigate networking events for teams to mix more & help promote a community spirit.
30-31/10/18		Discussing national campaigns over the next year & how EHU can be involved. With Environmental Act reforms, now is the time to contact local MP's to see their stance. Networking with local institutions provided the opportunity to see how neighbouring SUs are working with their institutions to promote sustainability. Examples of this include the recycled chewing gum initiative by Salford & plastic free campus by Manchester University.
18/10/18 & 01/11/18	- - -	Working with Mel Mitchel to organise an overarching winter shoe box appeal to reach out to all clubs & other members of the university. Artwork request submitted & marketing to organise event & webpage. Tuesday 4th December was pencilled in as a date that clubs would head over to Liverpool to distribute shoe boxes.
01/11/18	-	Discussions have begun on how varsity 2019 & I have put forward that we look to improve further on the inclusive nature of last year's varsity.
06/11/18	-	I've tasked out team with updating our sustainability webpage on the 30th & will be chasing up over the next week. The first competition concluded & we have had a meeting with the sustainability manager to organise the consecutive competitions, working to increase engagement. Sustainable development goals where discussed & we have began developing an event prior to THINK Twice week to gauge EHU Student feedback around sustainability.
13/11/18		
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20/11/18	_	Bees Needs Awards & Sanctuary
29/11/18	-	9 stalls with students asked about their top 3 SDG priority: No Poverty, Climate Action & Health/ Wellbeing
04/12/18	-	Viewed & questioned the first inclusion strategy from BUCS. Discussed initiation policies among staff & sabbatical officers. This is looking to be released by BUCS in March.
04/12/18	_	Donated Shoeboxes from campaign
)4/12/18		
08-19/12/18	_	Discussing NUS Policy in preparation for NUS national conference &
09/12/18		current reforms taking place.
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BUCS NW Regional Meeting	10/01/19	 Meeting with other universities & sabbatical officers to look at varsity, issues faced & BUCS Centinery.
GIAG Jan-May Released	12/01/19	
SOF meeting with International	21/01/19	
SuperBowl	03/02/19	 Organised with SU bar, Activity Team & AF Club. To raise funds for SU & AF Club.