

# Officer Report | VPA

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## Section 1 | Overview

SINCE LAST REPORT...

438

STUDENTS ENGAGED WITH  
DAYTIME GIAG EVENTS SO FAR

NATIONAL  
REPRESENTATION FOR  
SPORTS CLUBS &  
SUSTAINABILITY

WON  
BEES NEEDS  
AWARD 2018  
FOR THE SANCTUARY



### KEY PROJECTS 2018-19

- 1 Continuing last year's wins**  
making Give It A Go! bigger and better, & improving access
- 2 Developing sports & societies**  
getting a better deal for teams, and parity for societies
- 3 Removing barriers to engagement**  
continue to develop equal opportunities and access to activities, groups & events
- 4 More investment in celebration**  
developing Society Awards, Stamp Scheme, & student spotlights
- 5 Building a sustainable union**  
meeting our policy on environmental sustainability, plus expanding the allotment and improving awareness



EHSU UP ACTIVITIES



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PROGRESS:



Dan's latest report was approved by the Policy & Campaigns Committee on 16/10/18. He was commended for his dedication to societies in challenging circumstances.

## Section 2 | Priorities

Projects		Progress since 16 <sup>th</sup> October
General	<b>Societies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with students regarding societal issues it has become apparent that there has been a fall in membership in comparison to last year.</li> <li>- With Christie our new Activity Coordinator starting mid-October &amp; Amanda beginning the second week of November we have began handovers &amp; training. In the</li> </ul>

		<p>interim period between handovers the campaigns team have where possible been tasked to maintain core services for societies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To help improve communication with societies &amp; fill any knowledge gaps we have organised a society social to touch base with current &amp; prospective committee members. This session will include networking opportunities, society updates, meeting the new team, GIAG planning, Student Council nominations &amp; discussions around the stamp scheme.</li> </ul>
	<b>Sports Clubs &amp; Individual Athletes</b>	<p>16<sup>th</sup> October University Sports Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratifying University Sports strategy.</li> <li>- Student Active wellbeing exercise referral scheme, working with sports &amp; HR to look at their mental health policy in relation to activities.</li> <li>- A group is to be arranged to work towards University signatories to the Mind Mental Health charter. Discussed with VP Welfare.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bi-Weekly TEH meetings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up regular meetings to ensure the positive transition of sports over to the University &amp; work on campaigns with TEH.</li> </ul> <p><b>TEH Forum 29<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for first aid training for committees to help improve first response at games/ training.</li> <li>- Teams mentioned that membership uptake had declined this year &amp; that they felt that there were less benefits/ recognition for a TEH member.</li> <li>- It was agreed that we would investigate networking events for teams to mix more &amp; help promote a community spirit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Winter Appeal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with Mel Mitchel to organise an overarching winter shoe box appeal to reach out to all clubs &amp; other members of the university.</li> <li>- Artwork request submitted &amp; marketing to organise event &amp; webpage.</li> <li>- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December was pencilled in as a date that clubs would head over to Liverpool to distribute shoe boxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Varsity 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions have begun on how varsity 2019 &amp; I have put forward that we look to improve further on the inclusive nature of last year's varsity.</li> </ul>
	<b>GIAG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ~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.</li> <li>- Research or not to Research policy passed with successful trials we have implemented a mixture of both google forms &amp; Device Magic.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GIAG planning with EHU Students, University &amp; EHSU departments has begun with a timetable in creation.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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 &amp; su bar &amp; shop sales.</li> <li>- Meeting with classroom support &amp; other members of Student services to help organise similar events to our tech tasters on the last GIAG &amp; utilise resources in the catalyst where possible.</li> </ul>
	<b>Improved Cycling provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parking petition &amp; relation to our sustainable policy was discussed.</li> <li>- Meeting has been arranged (20<sup>th</sup> November) with Steve Igoe regarding use of £500,000 Section 106 fund for sustainable travel within the council &amp; how Edge Hill University can commit to improving cycling provisions.</li> </ul> <p>6<sup>th</sup> November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with Sustainability manager that discussed cycling report that was created last year &amp; passed onto fm for development is now being revisited. Cycling provisions are being taking up by FM &amp; I have asked that the SU maintain an input.</li> </ul> <p>8<sup>th</sup> November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first cycle maintenance masterclass took place &amp; 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bicycle User Group (BUG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speaking with Becca, chair of the BUG, I have said that if possible to organise a meeting before the end of semester &amp; will be chasing up to create further momentum.</li> </ul>
	<b>GIAG Trips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 &amp; Formby.</li> <li>- All trips so far have been fully booked.</li> </ul>
	<b>Celebrating Success Spotlights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working on developing the Morning positivitea with the next scheduled to be filmed &amp; go out on the 4<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul>
	<b>Targeting Barriers to Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with TEH &amp; VP Welfare an InclusivActivity campaign is being organised to identify issues around inclusivity within sports clubs &amp; society.</li> <li>- Part of this campaign we are included events such as DisAbility Sports evening, LGBTQ+ &amp; mental health awareness.</li> <li>- Awaiting clips from both male &amp; female teams to create online content for This girl can week (with Women's PTO)</li> </ul>

		& Men's mental health day (VP Welfare).
	<b>Sustainable Awareness on Campus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>- I've tasked out team with updating our sustainability webpage on the 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; will be chasing up over the next week.</li> <li>- The first competition concluded &amp; we have had a meeting with the sustainability manager to organise the consecutive competitions, working to increase engagement.</li> <li>- Bees Needs Award by DEFRA &amp; The Green Flag Award. After nominating The Sanctuary in October, it has been announced that we have won the 2018 award &amp; have been invited to Kew Gardens on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Travelling down with the President &amp; Apiary manager to receive the award on behalf of EHSU.</li> <li>- The Sanctuary sessions have been changed based on feedback from students to a Wednesday 12-1pm &amp; becoming more focused around Greenhouse planting.</li> <li>- Sustainable development goals where discussed &amp; we have began developing an event prior to THINK Twice week to gauge EHU Student feedback around sustainability.</li> <li>- 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 &amp; have asked when the by-elections are.</li> <li>- Began setting up the Single-Use plastic Free Edge Hill University campaign &amp; currently have ~450 students signed up on the petition on change.org.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sustainability &amp; student Eats Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussing national campaigns over the next year &amp; how EHU can be involved.</li> <li>- With Environmental Act reforms, now is the time to contact local MP's to see their stance.</li> <li>- 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 &amp; plastic free campus by Manchester University.</li> </ul>

## Section 3 | Project Plans

### 1. The Sanctuary

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rebranded the area at the start of the academic year to follow the 5 ways to mental health guidelines set out by the NHS.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Four societies showing interest in getting involved.</li> </ul>
Redevelopment of area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- A proposal has been put in place to put a larger storage/seating area with the potential for a planting bed redevelopment over winter.</li> </ul>
Give It A Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During World mental health day, we worked with the sustainable &amp; conversation society to run a GIAG session to show students where the allotment was &amp; cook food grown at EHU.</li> </ul>
Garden Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organised a community event with students, staff &amp; the local community.</li> <li>- <b>2</b> societies were able to attend with around <b>50</b> students arriving on a day where EHU sent out extreme weather warnings of both wind &amp; rain.</li> </ul>
Other activities TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Partnership with Café 53° North has been established to reuse all coffee grounds in The sanctuary.</li> </ul>
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.
Stakeholders	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
Budget Line	Campaigns & Projects
Proposed Budget	£800
Outputs/ Activities	Timeline
The Bee Hives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students put forward idea of Bee Hives to University Student Opportunity Fund but was rejected.</li> <li>- Reached out &amp; liaised with students &amp; department to help create more student opportunities within sustainability.</li> <li>- Successfully brought onto campus 23/08/18 &amp; are doing well as we head into the colder months.</li> <li>- Biweekly inspections will soon turn to monthly over the</li> </ul>

	<p>winter with a ballot being put in place for those who would like the experience of opening the hive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Put forward a nomination for DEFRA &amp; Green Flag award, Bees Needs 2018.</li> </ul>
Bee Society development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students were successful in their application to become a society.</li> <li>- We then worked with the committee to ensure the necessary</li> </ul>
Increasing student research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Programmes within Biology have already begun to adopt research projects that involve the Bee Hives.</li> </ul>
Outcomes/Impact	<p>Improve awareness of bee population decline through ethical education of bee keeping &amp; experiences. This will be evaluated through bee events throughout the year &amp; on social media. These will take place into spring once the hives have rested &amp; bees emerge after the cold months.</p>

### 3. GIAG

<b>Objective</b>	To get more Society, Club & Student Engagement
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
<b>Budget Line</b>	Campaigns & Projects
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	£1,500 (based on 30 activity team events)
<b>Outputs/ Activities</b>	Timeline
<b>Crafternoons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successfully brought onto campus 23/08/18 &amp; are doing well as we head into the colder months.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Following conversations from July-August the international department have agreed to fund mixer events for international students.</li> </ul>
<b>Masterclasses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moving away from skills &amp; workshops as the university already offer quite a lot in this area, we brought masterclasses to life in July.</li> <li>- A mixture of 8 events both campaign &amp; skills based.</li> </ul>
<b>Trips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Following conversations from July-August the international department have agreed to fund mixer trips for international students.</li> </ul>
<b>Eat, Drink &amp; Shop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following last year's low-level shop performance this section was given an uplift with more deals and events.</li> <li>- This area is to be followed closely to help ensure success in a crucial year of budget cuts.</li> </ul>
<b>Relax &amp; Socialise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We've increased this section after feedback from our</li> </ul>



	<p>part time officers to help cater for a wider cohort of students; going from 3 to 11 events this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some more work can be done to push these events as the former few could have had better attendance.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes/Impact</b>	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events. Data for attendance is being collected for this year's events.

#### 4. Celebrating Success

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To increase profile of societies.</p> <p>To increase opportunities for societies to share good practice.</p>
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities), Luke Myer (AR)
<b>Budget Line</b>	Campaigns & Projects
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	£TBC
<b>Outputs/ Activities</b>	Timeline
<b>Society spotlights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 25/09/18 - Developed &amp; hosted the first spotlight, which received 925 views.</li> <li>- Development ongoing for bi-monthly future spotlights, Society Socials planned.</li> </ul>
<b>Stamp scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Redeveloped over the summer but with recent staff changes there have been several challenges to implement past society training.</li> <li>- Society Social will begin relooking at the stamp scheme &amp; raising its awareness among societies.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Celebrating Success events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sports Awards conversations are being planned for the later part of this semester.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes/Impact</b>	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events.

#### 5. Sustainable EHSU

<b>Objective</b>	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
<b>Budget Line</b>	Campaigns & Projects
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	£TBC
<b>Outputs/ Activities</b>	Timeline
<b>Sustainable Competitions.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreed budget in August.</li> <li>- Artwork requests submitted early August.</li> <li>- Artwork arrives early September.</li> <li>- Posters put up in halls 14<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>- Competition announced 25<sup>th</sup> on Morning Positivitea.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) based</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will be holding at least 1 SDG based event to gather an insight into student priorities this year.</li> </ul>

<b>events.</b>	
<b>Other activities TBC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 22 out of 23 criteria recommended to the Environmental Management Strategy have been ratified with the next review in 2021.</li> <li>- 3,700 incoming students received information on sustainability this year.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes/Impact</b>	Greater signup & engagement with society awards.

## 6. Society Developments

<b>Objective</b>	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
<b>Budget Line</b>	Campaigns & Projects
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	£TBC
<b>Outputs/ Activities</b>	Timeline
<b>Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With the new staff team beginning I have been able to reevaluate the support of societies. I am pushing for greater support &amp; guidance, starting with the society Social.</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusivity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with TEH &amp; VP Welfare an InclusivActivity campaign is being organised to identify issues around inclusivity within sports clubs &amp; society.</li> </ul>
<b>Budgets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Other activities TBC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the interim period between activity teams I have ensured that our core support has remained through the campaigns team.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes/Impact</b>	Improve engagement on previous year & increase the relevance of events.

## 7. Sport Clubs & Individual Athletes developments

<b>Objective</b>	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities)
<b>Budget Line</b>	EHU & EHSU
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	£140,000
<b>Outputs/ Activities</b>	Timeline
<b>Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following on from conversations over the summer, Mind Mental Health training was provided to sports team committees.</li> <li>- Request for first aid training for committees to help improve first response at games/ training.</li> </ul>



<b>Inclusivity</b>	- We will be holding at least 1 SDG based event to gather an insight into student priorities this year.
<b>Budgets</b>	- Fought against budget cuts to department with new team starting over the next month. A consideration to keep in mind is the loss of institutional memory, regarding the day to day organisation of societies.
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## 8. InclusivActivity

<b>Objective</b>	To educate more student on what Sustainable Development Goals are & engagement more students in sustainability.
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Dan B (Vice President Student Activities), Edge Hill Sports
<b>Budget Line</b>	EHU & EHSU
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	£TBC
<b>Outputs/ Activities</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>This Girl Can</b>	- Email sent out to teams requesting clips for online promo.
<b>Disability Sports Evening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Artwork designed</li> <li>- Meet with module leaders in relation to this topic &amp; it has been agreed for students volunteers to help out on the day.</li> </ul>
<b>InclusivActivity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meetings with Edge Hill Sports to push this project forward following feedback from student's.</li> <li>- Awaiting staff meeting to discuss project to take further.</li> </ul>
<b>Other activities TBC</b>	-
<b>Outcomes/Impact</b>	Increase engagement with hard to reach groups.

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

Event, Meeting or Media <small>Write here the name of meeting, event, visit or media organisation</small>	Dates	Outcomes / Impact <small>What was the key outcome or impact of this engagement?</small>
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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.
BUCS National Advisory Group	09/10/18	- Travelled to Bristol to meet regarding national issues surround BUCS. - Gathered final views on their international strategy & partnerships.
GIAG Spring edition	03/10/18	- Began consultation on executive group for next GIAG, awaiting ideas & will be arranging slot for ideas during PCC on 16/10/18 during AOB
Live Music	12/10/18	- Brief catch up on previous conversations regarding live music in SU Bar & SU Management meeting arranged
SU Bar GIAG Semester 2	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,
NUS Zones Conference	24-25/10/18	- National policy discussed & priority campaigns for Society & Citizenship were set.
TEH Forum	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.
NUS Sustainability & Student Eats Conference	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.
Winter Appeal	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.
Varsity	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.
Sustainability Meeting with Sustainability & Energy Manger of EHU	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.
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