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## **Report on the SLC Students' Association**

**December 2016**

*"We aim to represent all students in an equal, fair and non-bias environment where creativity is appraised and everyone has a voice to be heard"*

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## **NUS Strategic Framework for Effective Students' Associations**

Our work is continuing this academic session on the NUS Framework for Effective Students' Associations. We continue to work towards achieving the objectives set in the SA Operational Plan for 2016/17. We hold quarterly SA Executive Committee meetings and moving forward into the New Year the SA will be drafting a three-year strategy report which will encompass our values and vision for the SLC SA in the future.

We will work closely with our regional partners in New College Lanarkshire, college staff, NUS and sparqs to help achieve our objectives.

## **LGBT Charter Mark**

The SA is proud to be at the forefront of the campaign to achieve the LGBT Charter Mark. We are at the final stages of collating our evidence portfolio and hope to receive feedback from LGBT Youth Scotland in the next few months.

The Student Association stand up for equality for all our students and are looking to set up a Focus Group to help support our LGBT students. The main aim of this group is to ensure LGBT students feel supported, that we consider any barriers to learning and teaching, and that LGBT students have access to appropriate services and guidance, if necessary.

## **Who Cares? Scotland**

### **Looking after....our looked after and care experienced students**

We are really keen to help students who are looked after or care experienced and help them enjoy college life. Our priority is to ensure all students feel safe and valued regardless of their background. To this end we are delighted to be working with the Who Cares? Scotland organisation.

We are involved in collecting gifts, sweets, snacks for the Care Family Christmas parties that are taking place for care experienced young people in Glasgow and Edinburgh this year. This is a fabulous initiative to be involved with and helps us raise the profile of those who are care experienced across the College.

In partnership with staff from Who Cares? Scotland we will be hosting a care experienced focus/support group sessions this year. We want to hear about the experiences of care experienced students and find out how we can better support them on their journey.

## **Student Officers and Class Representatives**

We're delighted to have three elected Student Officers in post, bringing our SA team to five. These are really keen and enthusiastic individuals who are looking forward to being involved and have lots of good ideas for activities and events.

We have had a huge interest in students taking on the role of Class Representative and so far 250 class reps have attended training.

## **Health & Wellbeing event 25 - 27 Oct 2016**

- The SA had a stall outside the SA Office
- 30 exhibitors providing guidance and support on a range of health and wellbeing issues
- Health MOT's / Pamper sessions (delivered by Faculty of Care students)
- Inspire Catering had healthy options available all week

## **Pink Friday 28 October**

- Worked in partnership with HN Events Management in the organisation and promotion of the event
- All students and staff wore something pink to show their support for Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Epilepsy Scotland with £640 being raised.

## **HE UCAS event - 1 November 2016**

- Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow University, Openning University, Strathclyde University, SAAS, SDS and the University of the West of Scotland

## **Student Association Newsletter**

We aim to produce quarterly newsletters to help keep our students informed about any initiatives, activities and forthcoming events. We've included a copy of the SA October Newsletter and our Christmas edition is due out shortly.

## **Sustainability Summit Newcastle**

Sustainability continue to be an important theme to the SA and we want to help promote sustainable behaviours to all our students. One of our SLC Student Officers attended the recent Sustainability Summit Conference in Newcastle University. SLC SA impressed the event organisers and speakers as the only College to have representatives at the event. The day also presented information on the Student Eats Programme, and the SA are working with the Horticulture students to prepare a sustainable development proposal application.

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We're working with our Campus Cycling Officer to promote cycling and we're hoping to become a Cycle Friendly Campus. To achieve this, we are planning lots of exciting events in the New Year such as, free bike repair workshops, social rides etc.

### **Graduation Dinner, Graduation Ceremony and Construction Awards**

It was privilege to take part in the recent celebrations of student success. Feedback from the students and staff was fantastic and everyone who attended had a fabulous time.

### **Hoodies**

We have received another delivery of fabulous SLC SA College Hoodies, in a selection of colours and sizes. These are hugely popular and are subsidised by the College and only cost students £5, which is hugely appreciated. In addition, selling the SLC SA Hoodies gives us a great opportunity to engage with our fellow students and find out how they have been enjoying their course.

### **Forthcoming events.....**

- **Volunteering event 23-25 January 2017**
- **Period Poverty 30 January 2017**
- **Sustainability Green Day 21 February 2017**
- **LGBT Purple Friday 24 February 2017**
- **Equality & Choices 28-30 March 2017**