



Lanarkshire Regional Board Report

New College Lanarkshire Students Association

NCLSA Report

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NCLSA working in partnership to enhance and improve students learning experience.

Be Engaged wider achievement Programme

The Student Association have been working in partnership with the Learner Engagement Team on a new programme for every student of New College Lanarkshire. The 'Be Engaged Programme' is a reward programme involving wider achievement for students who participate in the extra-curricular activities within the college throughout the academic year. Be Engaged focuses on eight themes that cover a wide range of topics and interests, to ensure there is something that will suit every student.

Throughout students' time at college they can get involved with any, or all, of the eight themes on the programme and work towards gaining endorsed awards Ranging from **Gold silver and bronze**.

The programme is backed by the senior management Team and now fully indorsed by partner companies such as World Skills. To date over 3000 learners have logged on to the Moodle platform for Be Engaged, This is a sector leading programme.

This innovative program has been endorsed by partners in the community, for example NL Leisure, World Skills, The Scottish Parliament, SDS and Cumbernauld Theatre.

Staff CPD sessions

The Students Association facilitated three CPD sessions across the main campuses. This session was a presentation of information about the SA which helped staff understand what the S.A can do to support Students. The presentation was one hour long with the last half hour dedicated to a visual Animotto slideshow of pictures. The pictures showed the activities, events and campaigns in which students engaged. Staff who attended the CPD got to see the happy faces and smiles from students who participated.

Student Association Class visits

The Students Association have been visiting classrooms during class induction week in partnership with the Student advisors at the Motherwell campus. The Engineering block at the Motherwell campus was the first classes to be visited by the SA during class induction, to heighten engagement and raise visibility. The Engineering block in the past has been more challenging to engage and we aim to improve this.

The Student Association have now started to visit classes during their guidance slots as the new academic year has started. The Students Association have visited classes across all faculties on the main campuses. Classroom visits to the Satellite classes are scheduled for towards the end of October.

There has been received well from students and staff when visiting their classes and a lot of students have shown a great interest in the upcoming SA Voluntary Elections, events and activities. We have also had an increase from students visiting the SA offices with ideas for all of the above! It was great to see students approaching the S.A with their ideas.

Volunteer Elections

The Student Association Volunteer Elections period has started, they are currently at the nomination stage.

Voting will begin on the 10th of October. Voting will be carried out online via the Moodle platform for the Volunteer Elections and will return to paper ballot next year for Sabbatical Elections.

Every Student Association Voluntary role has been rewritten and by evaluating feedback from learners and events, there is now a specific role for the Supported Programmes.

This new role is to be named the SAINTS (Student Association in Team Support) The SAINTS will not have to run for election. There is a wide range of roles available this year from Equality and Diversity. To woman's officer... We have our first ever Care Experienced student running for a position. The response we have received has been so much better than previous years Students seem to be more aware of who we are and how they can get involved. The Volunteer roles this year will be inclusive and accessible for all Learners.

Young Mums Group

The Students Association have been visiting the young mums group, in the Link Centre Cumbernauld in partnership with the Student Advisor in Cumbernauld. We are pleased to announce that two of the young parents are now students at the Cumbernauld Campus. A young mum and Dad are now in the course of their choice.



Freshers' 2016/17

The Fresher's event this year was very popular. Student engagement was high with many students having a go on the Smoothie Bike or taking part in the 'turn a like into a living' take a picture board or having a slice of free Domino's pizza. Feedback has been very positive. A mini Fresher's event for the Satellite campus is also in planning.

Media

Students are engaging more with S.A Social Media sites with our followers increasing to over 1125. The response time to online messages on occasion been cut to within minutes. This has given the S.A a badge for being very responsive. This shows our commitment to answering any queries or concerns students may have when contacting our social media. Digital Engagement has been very high, the social media sites of the S.A are kept up to date. This gives students a clear insight to what is happening within their campus. The Students Association have also produced a fold out leaflet for students, this gives information on the S.A and all our contact details. This information was very well received.

Plans

The Student Association will be visible equally across campuses throughout the academic year, with a day dedicated the Motherwell Engineering block.

The Student Association has been working on a year of events, activities and campaigns for students this academic year. There is an S.A 'Design a Mascot' competition this seems to have been a winner with students as they have expressed some of their ideas already. The 'Big Chill' event which will promote positive mental health and wellbeing is in planning, 'Volunteer day', will also be making a return this session. National Inclusion week promoting Inspire, Encourage and Challenge as part of the theme for our Inclusion Week.

A quarterly student led Magazine/Newsletter is also in our plans for 2016/17. I think this is going to be a year packed with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, events and campaigns.

