



For the Attention of the Regional Board

**NCLSA Report October 2017**

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Following on from a very informative and positive handover from former President Zorena and the end of a very successful year for NCLSA, which has seen the growth of the SA in strength, engagement and visibility across all our campuses within a year. NCLSA has started intensive planning for our upcoming, Events, Campaigns, Clubs and Activities. We plan to ensure engagement, representation and visibility across all campuses.

**Scottish Student Sport**

NCLSA, will be working in partnership with Leo Howes from Scottish Student Support, looking to offer sporting clubs and activities for students.

**SPARQS IAT training**

NCLSA, visited Dundee on Wednesday 23rd to 25<sup>th</sup> August 3 days to train as SPARQS Institute Associate Trainers, NCLSA are now fully trained to deliver class rep training to our class reps.

**Healthy body healthy minds**

NCLSA, are currently working on promoting Mental Health Awareness across the College, we have been purchasing leaflets and raising loads of awareness on Mental Health, NCLSA is also looking to tie in a Mental Health Awareness event this year, we aim to achieve recognition on our work, in promoting positive Mental Health and Wellbeing at the NUS Healthy Body, Healthy Mind awards next year.

**Staff CPD**

NCLSA, delivered a session during this year's CPD week, we received great feedback from Staff.

### **Fresher's Week**

Fresher's had been a success with loads of students engaging with all stalls, Edd Travers Was a big Success with our students and Staff across all campuses.

Students had the opportunity to vote for their chosen charity this year at Fresher's, we are delighted to announce that our chosen charity for this year is Help for Heroes.

### **Class Visits**

NCLSA, are in demand again for class talks, after the success of last year, NCLSA have been delivering class talks this week across all campuses, and are still on going, we have been receiving positive feedback from students.

### **Volunteer Elections/SAINT's Officers**

NCLSA, has started the process of recruiting our new voluntary team during Fresher's week, we are looking to hold the Elections for our officers sometime during early October.

Students have already been approaching us showing their keen interested in joining NCLSA this year, with returning students showing a keen interest in re-joining the SA this academic year too. A very positive start to the new academic year.

The SAINTS's role will remain in place this year for out supported learners.

So far we have 3 Supported Programs already signed Fiona Mitchell from our Cumbernauld Campus, Daniel Cameron a supported Programme student from our Cumbernauld Campus.

So far we have a total of 16 applications so far.

### **Be Engaged**

The Students Association and Learner Engagement team will continue to work in partnership on the Be Engaged programme.

Looking to improve on last year's total of 622 award claims.

### **Social Media**

Students engaging with our SA Social Media are continuing to rise with our followers increasing to 1431 at the time of writing this report. Our Twitter interaction and following has increased greatly over the year also. The SA always keeps their Social Media up to date.

We have also launched our first Instagram account, we already have 70 followers, since it was launched.

### **NUS Scotland**

NCLSA attended NUS Lead and Change in Livingston for officer training. This was a very informative training session over two days.

Luke Humberstone NUS Scotland President attended NCL for a meeting with NCLSA to discuss the plan of work and strategic plan for the upcoming academic year. The NUS strategic plan and action plan will result in regional priorities this year, this will be reported to the Board in due course.

### **National Inclusion Week**

NCLSA, LE and Marketing will be holding national inclusion week across all campuses beginning on 26<sup>th</sup> September until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The main aim of our event is to promote diversity from all different backgrounds to our students across the college.

Some organisations that will be in attendance will be LGBT Youth, Deafblind Scotland, and SAMH.

### **NCLS Societies Survey**

NCLSA have designed our very own clubs survey which will give students the opportunity to pick which clubs / focus groups they would like to see being set up in the college.

All surveys will be issued to all students via their student email making sure that all students' voices are being heard.

### **NCLSA Upcoming Plans for the Year.**

- Come and Chillax.
- Wear it Pink / Blue Day.
- LGBT Focus Groups.
- Mental Health Awareness.
- Stop Smoking Day.
- Stop Bullying Campaign.
- National Volunteer Week.
- Mouth Cancer Awareness.
- Halloween dress up Competition.

### **Student Magazine**

NCLSA are working in partnership with the Marketing team with producing a new student magazine.

We are looking to role out the magazine in the next few months.

## SA Leaflets

NCLSA have been working with the Marketing team on designing a more up to date leaflet,

Each month a new leaflet will be produced by one of our returning volunteer officers Louise, after the success of our first edition that we had created for students.

We currently have another one being produced at the time of writing this report.

## National Inclusion Week

NCLSA have National Inclusion Week coming up across campuses, the event will be taking place from 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

National Inclusion week covers all 9 characteristics.

The whole aim of this event is to promote Equality, diversity and Inclusion throughout the college and to the students.

We have a wide range of diverse and exciting organisations coming along we have SAMH, Deafblind Scotland and LGBT Youth are just some of a few to name.

## Work Experience

NCLSA are looking to continue to offer work experience to students within the SA, due to the success of last year.

## NCLSA Operational Plan

NCLSA has started updating our operational plan for this academic year,

