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STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Black History Month is an annual event which takes place every October to celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

To celebrate Black History Month this year, Student President Hannah Carragher worked alongside NCL's Equality and Diversity Adviser, Jaz Sandhu, to put together a small presentation of some important and iconic black figures in modern and historical society.

The presentation was shared with both staff and students and daily posts were shared on the NCL student voice social channels for students to read more about their stories.



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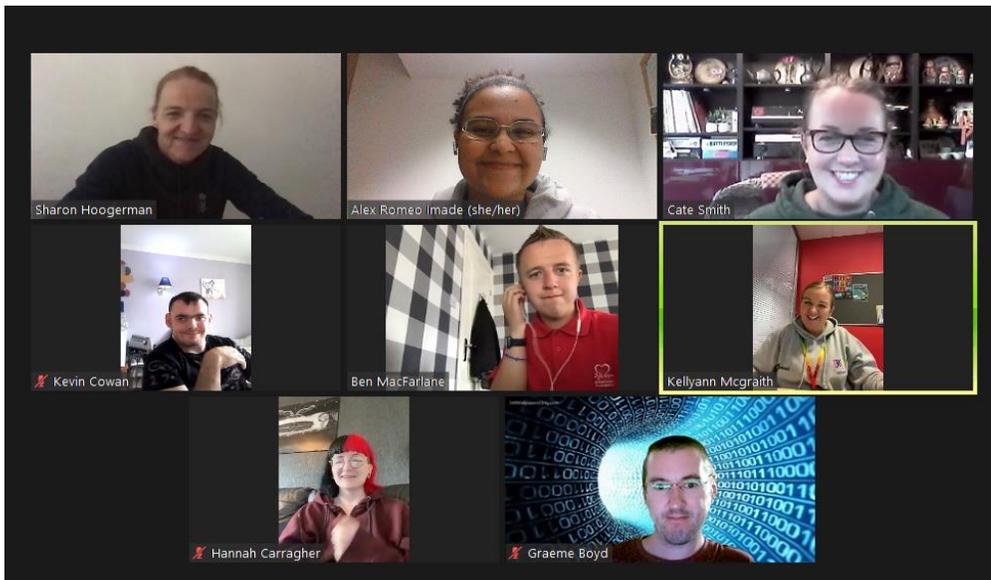
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Tea and Talk Time with NCLSA



TEA AND TALK TIME.

The Students' Association recently started up a new student initiative, based on last year's Morning Minds sessions, that offers students the chance to come together in a safe online space and talk about anything related to their studies.

Tea and Talk Time is a monthly session and so far interested students have had the chance to meet their new Presidents, learn about the different student services on campus, got the chance to learn about the Educational Learner Support team and were given the chance to learn more about the College's partnership with The Talking Rooms counselling service.

The team hope to collaborate with more departments across the college for upcoming sessions and hope to expand their numbers through further promotion.

SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA.



Act Now Video

As mentioned previously in the last update, Student President Alex has been involved in helping a local youth group create a video for the North Lanarkshire Act Now initiative – to support action taken to tackle the climate emergency. The video was finalised on 16th September and is now available to view on NLC Youthwork North Lanarkshire YouTube channel under Act Now. This can now be shared with our students.

Swap Shop

Student President Alex has been focusing her activity the past couple of months of the new Swap Shop initiative which is currently being demonstrated at NCL's COP26 Hub at Edward House in Glasgow. The Swap Shop will become a live campaign to help reduce the number of clothes that go to landfill and the aim is to have a pop-up shop on each campus that students can use and also help run. Donations have already started to help open the shop, and the first pop-up is expected to open at the end of November.

Climate Fresk

Climate Fresk is an organisation who deliver educational workshops on climate change to students across Glasgow and is an accredited Observer to the UNFCCC. Climate Fresk will be delivering a fun, participatory and creative workshop on climate change on Saturday 6th November at NCL's COP26 hub in Glasgow and we are encouraging our students to come along and join in to learn more about what they can do to help save the environment.

NCL MARKET DAY PROJECT.

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

New College Lanarkshire's Market Day Project, which is funded by the John Mather Trust, is an exciting opportunity for any budding entrepreneur looking for support with a start-up business.

Created by the College's Learner Engagement Team to build on the success of their award-winning 'Be Engaged' initiative launched in 2016, the Market Day Project has partnered up with Young Enterprise Scotland's Bridge 2 Business programme to offer students a range of services to inspire, connect and support them from college into business.

Students can attend weekly sessions delivered by business development experts which will cover a range of useful topics to help support any start-up business such as financing, marketing and building business connections. As part of NCL's commitment to environmental sustainability, students will also learn about the importance of becoming a more sustainable business.

This year's Market Day project was launched at New College Lanarkshire's COP26 Hub at Edward House in Glasgow. EFQM and Bridge 2 Business joined the event to discuss aspects of sustainable business, including the circular economy and incorporating UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The next steps for the project will be to continue the recruitment drive within the departments to encourage applications from students with a particular focus on sustainability. Preparations are also underway in anticipation of permission to commence some on-campus activity in the near future.

SPORT AT NCL



Student President of Resource and Wellbeing, Kellyann, has been focusing on developing the sports agenda within the college and a below is a small update on different activities:

- A survey was distributed amongst students during Freshers to gauge the interest level in participating in various sports. There was a good response to the survey and prizes were distributed to selected responders for their valued feedback.
- Communicated with wide range of established community sports clubs to promote and encourage participation.
- Successfully fulfilled criteria of SSS's HBHM basic level and working through second level (Bronze). Confident of completing Bronze level by end of 2021/22.
- Currently working through criteria of SSS's College Sport Award (CSA).
- Men's Football team started their season on the BUCS league and are unbeaten in their first 3 competitive games.
- Match reports being posted on MYNCL sports page to raise awareness and gather support.
- Creation of first NCL Women's Football team in progress and recruitment process underway.
- Entered Women's team into Scottish Cup and will play Glasgow University on December 8th in Glasgow.
- In discussion with TV & Film students to be present at upcoming games to record for mutual benefit.



CLASS REP SYSTEM.

The student voice is an integral part of how we operate at New College Lanarkshire, how we learn and how we improve the student learning experience. The Class Rep system is a vital link between college staff and students.

Class Reps play an important part in the growth and development of NCL and each academic year, an individual is nominated by their class to fill this roll.

In planning for this year's group of Class Reps, the following has been undertaken:

- All staff email to teaching staff to initiate Class Rep nomination process.
- Role remit, guidance and timelines provided to ensure timeous selection.
- Numbers of Reps identified on Info Point now in excess of 300.
- Introductory communication sent to Reps to invite them to participate in basic training.
- Liaising with SPARQS coordinator to secure multiple training dates & time for Rep convenience.
- 93 Reps responded to opportunity to attend online training meeting.
- Meeting was scheduled for week commencing November 1st.
- Semester 1 BE HEARD meetings provisionally scheduled for week commencing November 29th.
- Department Reps to be selected ahead of forums to collate feedback to present.



FURTHER UPDATES FROM NCLSA.

This month's report covers some of the activity that has been happening with the three Student Presidents over the last couple of months. The team would be happy to talk about their objectives and initiatives further if anyone wishes to get in touch.

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