

Halls Rep Forum

13th November 2018

Minutes

1.0 Apologies

-Uchechukwu said she would be slightly late to the forum. No other apologies.

Attendees: Ella (Chair), Kimberly (Residences), Kate (Secretary), Aleena, Natasha, Kaeleigh, Gayatri, Emma, Aoife, Lily, Nameer, Alvise, Alex, Ahmed, Pavi, Ayesha, Sofia, Ines, Calin, Daniil, Melissa, Adam, Hannan

2.0 Introductions

-Ella asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves and where they live

3.0 Residence Update

-Aspire Point event has been organised as a result of the feedback from Aspire Point Residences at the training. Kimberly asked for Aspire Point Halls Reps to try to attend this.

-Recently met with Tom (VP Barts and the London) about Foyer and Dawson Halls League Events. Kimberly asked Foyer and Dawson Residents to meet with her and Tom in a few weeks to organise this. Kimberly will contact Halls Reps.

-Holiday Events are being put together by Residences and Kimberly will update Kate and Ella in their meeting tomorrow. Have some plans for events at Mile End and BL.

-Kimberly asked if any Halls Reps will be around over the Christmas period. Melissa said she will only be away for the week of Christmas.

-Residences will be organising some Christmas presents for residents.

-Kimberly said she was impressed there haven't been very many red warnings in Residences from cleaning staff when they need to do their big clean. This has been good as Residences have been able to clean effectively.

-Kimberly said she will be organising a 'Deck the Halls' event to decorate some areas of Halls for Christmas. At least 7 Halls Reps were interested in being involved in this. Kimberly to contact them about this.

-Kimberly spoke about students who are only here for one term and how it can be a struggle for them to integrate when people in Residences have made friends. Kimberly asked Halls Reps to work with Residences to ensure these students felt integrated into Halls and is keen to hear in January how successful his has been.

-Kimberly encouraged Halls Reps to take part in events which are being run by Residences. She also expressed that she will be keen to hear feedback about what went well moving in etc.

-Laundry rooms- Kimberly asked the Halls Reps whether the laundry room changes have been positive or negative. Reps said positive. Kimberly expressed that she is keen to set up a feedback group and if you are interested to let Kate know.

Action: Halls Reps interested in being in this group to email Kate and let her know.

-Melissa asked if she and Daniil could meet with Residences to discuss some of the issues in France House. Kimberly said yes, they also listed some of these, which were:

-Cleaners leaving rubbish in the lifts, and cleaning products used in the kitchen smell of sick and it isn't very pleasant.

-Other reps then fed back about some things they had in their Residences as well. These were; Maurice Court the hoovers smell, Dawson Hall there is a problem with the showers.

Action: Kimberly to follow up with the Reps about their issues.

4.0 Halls Rep Update

-Pooley House group chat was bad but now there is no way of communicating and Pooley is a big house. Asked if there is another way to contact people. Kimberly and Kate suggested the Facebook Halls Rep Group on the Student Union website.

-Daniil- people have been disregarding that it is a smoke free campus and are smoking anywhere. People are smoking outside windows which is blowing the smoke smell into people's rooms. Other Reps agreed with this point. Daniil asked if we could do something about this- another smoking area? Smoking campaign? Ella said she wasn't sure what the focus of the campaign would be as everyone is aware of the bad sides of smoking but suggested we could do this with negative pictures on shelter's like they have on cigarette packets.

-Melissa raised that the Poppy appeal was weak at the University and she was disappointed. She said she would be happy to lead something next year and asked whether the Students Union could lead this.

5.0 VP Welfare Update

- Working with the University on global leaders.
- Working with Residences to build up the Canalside. Melissa said the organisation she works for could help with that they are called MobyUK.
- Working with Residences on some posters to make the Halls Reps more visible.

6.0 Sex and Relationships Month

- Ella provided an overview of the month and explained she will be focusing on healthy relationships, how you can help your friend in an abusive relationship, international consent training, bystander training as well as having sex toy party etc.

7.0 Get Active

- Kendra, the Sports Participation Intern came in to speak about Get Active and encouraged to get the Halls Reps to get involved and promote this to students.
- Kendra is currently reaching out to student groups and reps to help with getting more students active.
- There was a suggestion that Get Active could do specific Halls Rep events if they'd like to get involved.
- Ella suggested this would be a good way of Halls Reps to speak to students more.

Action: Interested Halls Reps to contact Kate if they'd like to be involved in this.

8.0 Event Planning

- Brooklyn 99 event has been organised. Ella asked reps to try to get as many students in Halls to come to this event. This event is on the 12th December.
- Melissa asked if we could do a similar event next term and watch The Office.
- Ella echoed that all events need to be alcohol free.
- Ideas for other events included- Daniil suggestion was to have a Halls Festival at the end of the year, halls reps to lead on getting people to attend etc. Ella said with exams we will need to think about the logistics of this.
- All Halls Reps like the idea of booking an event every month.

Action: Ella to book in events every month.

9.0 AOB

-Kate asked new Halls Reps to take their hoodies

Action: All Halls Reps to send in photo of themselves for website and poster and inform Kate about whether they're happy with their email address to go on the website.