

AGM Report For Co-Women+ Officers

Name:

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Role:

Women+ Officer

Progress on Manifesto Pledges:

- **Reclaim the Night and Women's History Month** – we put on a completely virtual Women's History Month with nine different events which were well-attended and intersectional with other forums and student groups
 - *Being Disabled Women+* - an intersectional TED-style event with SWD Forum discussing our experiences
 - *Women in Politics* with Politics Society – supported and ran a workshop
 - *Reclaim the Night Banner Making*
 - *Creating Intersectional Academia: Ethnic Minority Women+ in Academia* – a discussion with Why Is My Curriculum White
 - *Reclaim the Night* – Virtual protest
 - *Reclaim the Night* – Vigil
 - *#BossBabe: Helpful or Harmful?* – a discussion chaired by two exec members on different types of feminism
 - *Changing Perceptions: Menstrual Health* – a roundtable discussing period poverty, menstrual health conditions and intersectionality with other forums and identities
 - Social media content was also produced including the Unspoken Histories, and #ChooseToChallenge pledges
- **#SheShouldRun** – we have expanded our executive committee to include more roles to give more women+ a platform. We ran two workshops during the FTO/LCO election season to encourage more women+ to run for LUSU roles, as well as releasing testimonials from officers and doing Q&As on our social media. We also met with the Democracy team at the Union to think about how we can further encourage participation.
- **They Matter** – we produced the gender-neutral toilet map, and are continuing to push for pronoun usage in the SU and JCRs; we worked with the LGBTQ+ Forum on Pronoun Day. We would like to increase this to include guides and information on how to support non-binary/trans students for those who need them, as well as to further understandings on gender identity and pronouns
- **Increasing engagement with the forum** – we have increased our exec to 15 people and begun a group chat for the whole forum which is currently at 55+ members. We have increased turnout significantly at weekly forum events and have also begun a book club.
- **Accessible and proficient social media** – We work with our exec to produce prolific social media content including awareness days and recently our Unspoken Histories campaign
- **Period poverty** – we worked with President and VP Welfare to push for the hygiene self-isolation boxes to be free. We are about to start work with VP Welfare on her library products campaign.
- **Changing Perceptions: Menstrual Health** – although this campaign took a back seat due to other things popping up during Covid, there has been a selection of social media posts for the campaign and we had our intersectional roundtable event during WHM

discussing menstrual health conditions, period poverty, having periods as a trans person and more.

Other Projects We Have Been Working On:

- **Anti-misogyny training** – this is something that was bought to VP Union Development. We have planned this to a small extent but will be focusing on it after our exams
- **Mental health crisis** - had several meetings around the mental health crisis and provisions at the university. Charli recommended a free piece of training staff could undertake which has now been recommended to university staff.

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- **Sexual assault** – We have begun work with Amy Merchant and Emma (Welfare Policy Coordinator) on how we are going to lobby the university for better provisions for survivors as well as provisions for prevention, and bettering the consent training. We are reaching out to grassroots student groups, the forum and others to involve them in the working group.

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- **Ethnic minority outreach** – we have created the Ambassador role within the exec to work with the Ethnic Minority Campaigns Officer and hope to fill these roles soon

Priorities for the remainder of the year:

- **Further work on the anti-misogyny training** in preparation for next academic year
- **Non-binary outreach** – we want to make sure that we are reaching everyone who wants to engage with the Forum, including those who may feel it is not their space. Therefore we want to look at changing the description of the forum as well as how we can make events and the space more inclusive and welcoming.
- **Further ethnic minority outreach** to work out how we can further engage students of ethnic minorities and understand to make the forum more inclusive
- **Period dignity** – we will be working with VP Welfare on her campaign to put free products in the library, including both collecting product donations and doing a fundraiser as a forum.

Officer Budget Expenditure:

Currently no spending – giveaways planned for summer term