

# Students' Dudley Union

DEC 2016—TERM 1



# Dan wood—President 2016/17

Hello, I am Dan wood and welcome to a new academic year at Dudley College. I am proud to be your elected president for this year 2016/17, and my aim is to help you achieve the best you possibly can, through support to extra opportunities that help to build YOU—Our members!

This year there are many obstacles that face us, the potential uncapping of tuition fees, cuts to the budget for further education and mental health issues that so many students suffer with, we NEED to tackle these issues, we NEED to STAND UP for our rights!

So I urge you, if you care for the future of education, then you must get involved with the lobbying of MP's, we need to show the establishment that young people care, that they will vote, and we are worth shaping policies for!

I would love for any of you to get involved in anyway that you can, because as they say, 'every little helps' so as long as you come here with the right mind set, we would love you to get involved in our work!



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or pop in to our office B4 at the Broadway—we welcome any suggestions!

Alternatively, if you see any of the exec team or myself just give us a shout and we will be happy to discuss any ideas you may have!

To keep up to date on what we're doing, Like our Facebook page—[Dudley SU](#)

**GET Involved and develop yourself, not just for today but for the future!**



## Meet The Executive Team



**Charlotte Casey**  
Vice President  
Student Matters



**Rhys Attwell**  
Vice President  
Finance



**Joel Taylor-Hammond**  
Vice President  
Social Activities



**Gaurav Jassal**  
Vice President  
Equal & Diversity



**Josh Deakin**  
Vice President  
Marketing



**Benjamin Woodcock**  
Vice President  
Campaigns



**Stephen Bennet**  
Vice President  
Welfare



**Kirsty Parish**  
Broadway Campus  
Officer



**Naila Mansouri**  
Welfare Officer



**Sunil Patel**  
Volunteer Officer



**Juliana Fonseca**  
LGBT Officer

We don't yet have a photo of the following team members but didn't want to leave them out...

Marcus Beese - Mons Hill Campus Officer

Cameron Richards - Mons Hill Campus Officer

Muskan Shah - Social Activities officer

Nuzhat Shaikh - Finance Officer

# Fresher's Fayre 2016

Fresher's Fayre was a massive success with over 45 stalls, the biggest Fresher's Fayre in recent times, with over 1000 students attending!

We would like to thank all of the students that volunteered on the day couldn't have done it without you!



The animal man was a huge success showcasing a nice variety of creatures, from owls to lizards, the students all have a chance to get up close to them all.

The event even allowed for Stir to show off their new menu to the students, as it is now run by them! It was safe to say it was a success!



## A quick word from your VP Social Activities Joel Taylor-Hammond:

Fresher's Fayre was an amazing event, and I look forward to delivering some more great events during this year! However, to achieve such greatness, these events require volunteers, so if you want to build up your CV, take the opportunity and pop into our office to find out more!

# Where are we with Learner Voice?



The way in which we achieve the impact is through the Class Rep System, where they are the voice of the students. By now, your class should have an elected representative, that will attend the centre manager meetings on your behalf that will voice your collective views!

They can also attend student council where they can raise a mandate with the president and the team!

As you may be aware, we facilitate the Learner Voice System, which is considered extremely important to the college. We want to ensure that your views are heard and acted upon, to make your overall college experience the best it can possibly be, we are YOUR Voice!



# Class Rep Meetings

Class reps have now been elected for every curriculum area. The SU hosted 24 sessions of training to ensure the reps are ready for the job!

Class reps enjoyed designing their 'perfect class reps' This task is designed to get the students thinking what would make the best class rep and what could they draw to represent that. Its also a great way for class reps to get talking to other students they



Students get together with other students from across their curriculum, they then work together to come up with their 'perfect class rep'.



CLASS REPS!



# Student Council Term 1



**Dan Wood Kicks off the student council with a welcome, and a brief introduction to the union, staff & the exec team.**

**Dan also inform the council of his priority campaigns for the year ahead, also asked the council whether they had any ideas they would like to implement to help the campaigns develop.**



**After the presentation was completed, the exec were invited down to the tables with the students, where they discussed multiple topics, each table had 10 minutes before the bell rang, they then progressed to the next table where they engaged with the next topic. It has given the Exec lots of ideas for them to work on and a real insight into what and how students are engaging in wider college life.**



**Vice President Student Matters—Charlotte Casey**

**Delivers her speech to the council, informed them on her position & what her aims are for the year.**



# Student Council Term 1—The Aftermath



## The Meeting

Later that day the Exec members gathered together for their usual Thursday Night meeting, all the feedback gathered at Student Council was discussed and Priority areas of work were considered based on the feedback. This has helped to shape our work for the year ahead, as we know what items the student body want the Union to tackle

## The Result of the Council:

- ♦ Welfare Officer Naila, will work throughout the year to promote awareness of bullying & disabilities, to help students & staff alike to understand these issues and find support
- ♦ LGBT Officer, Juliana, to provide extra LGBT support for students 'coming out' and how they can deal with the process with their Friends & Family
- ♦ VP Campaigns to work with MP's around Mental Health funding & the rising tuition fee's & cuts to FE
- ♦ President to work to tackle low level mental health issues, such as stress & anxiety to help students cope particularly around exam period.

# Priority campaigns

## Dudley Students Love your Community

This Campaign aims to increase the amount of volunteering opportunities students have access to and get them involved within the community—both college and wider not just to help them develop their skills that they can take beyond college, but



## Welfare at the Heart of What we Do

We aim to raise awareness this year with the students and staff around mental health issues, even low level experiences a high number of students go through, stress, anxiety, etc.

Or just mental health, but sexual health is being tackled, with our safe sex sessions being delivered and the C-card being handed out so

students have access to condoms.

## Do Politics

We believe that taking part in a democratic process can help you to become a good citizen , so we will be actively be working to get more students registered to vote in the next general election, but more

imminent is the new mayor elections for the West Midlands!



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## NATIONAL DEMO



On Saturday 19th November, 15,000 students and staff gathered for a massive UCU/NUS demonstration in central London to protest against the government cuts to further education & funding for international students & the rising tuition fees that are set to reach £12,000 by the year 2026.

Students are unhappy with the college merges, resulting in job losses & course closures, we believe in free education, it's a privilege not right!

Students should not have to be up to their eyes in debt after receiving education, and within Dudley Unemployment is high, we believe that education is a way to solve that issue.



### A Quick Word from your Vice President of Campaigns

"Hi what's up guys Ben here, at the demo the team and I, passionately protested against the cuts on your behalf, representing our college on a national level right down in the capital! It was great to see so many passionate people who all believe in a future, a future where education is free!

Look out for some of the campaigns I will be organising this year, let's fight for our rights! Who knows, you may even be the face of the change!"



# Students' Union Clubs

This year so far has seen the continuation of many successful clubs, all maintaining decent numbers for them all, the Students' Union are meeting the needs for extra curricular activities, helping to improve students social lives, by bringing together students from all over the college!



## **Retro Gamer Club—Every Tuesday—12:00—1:30**

### **FREE**

Love Gaming?

Love The classics?

Then come along to **the base** opposite the Students union office, to relax with your friends and play some games together!



## **Football Club—Every Wednesday—5:00—6:15pm**

Over at the Evolve Sports hall, the football club takes place, where anyone is welcome, boys & girls!

A fun & friendly atmosphere—**£1 a game!**



## **5K Beginners Running Club -**

### **Monday—4:15pm—5:30pm - FREE**

Love running and want to meet new people or just want to improve your fitness levels? Then the Running club is for you!



## **Learn To Cook—January 2017—FREE**

If beans on toast is your limit on your cooking ability, then this is the club for you, with FREE sessions every week for 2 hours, you can discover new favourites and become healthier!



We Socialise Too is a club set to bring together students who identify as having a disability to have some fun have and make new friends!

We Socialise Too is back and stronger than ever this year, being active all over the summer with multiple trips for the club, such as Cadbury world and Trentham gardens, and there was even a trip to the safari park in October!

The group is run by Emily Simmons, a former student of Dudley College, this will be the fourth year now it has been running, with a steady flow of members that take part!

Every Tuesday up in the Aspire house, there will be various activities that the club members take part in, from **arts & crafts**, to **developing skills** where everyone is involved in how the group is run, everyone is included & their opinions matter!



### The Club Aims To:

- ♦ Increase Confidence
- ♦ Increase Social Skills
- ♦ Increase Team Working skills
- ♦ Promoting Democracy
- ♦ Boost Self-esteem

# Upcoming Events



## Principal Question & Answer Session—

**8th December - 12pm –2:00pm**

Have anything you would like to ask the principal regarding the college? Then come along to the Main hall over at the Broadway for a session with the Principal!

**FEEL  
GOOD  
MONDAY**

## Feel Good Monday—23rd January

Come Along to The Base on the one of the most depressing days of the year, and we hope to help you through the day, free food, music, and just socialise with people from across the college to discuss what reasons they have to be happy, chilled & a friendly atmosphere!



## Rock Climbing—3rd February—5pm—10:30pm—£20

A trip to wolf mountain will kick off the 5 months of activities, there will be three activities over three hours, intense & exciting!

Any students from all campuses are welcome!



## Paintballing— 7th April—7:00am—4:00pm—£28

This action packed trip will see you against another team whilst you work towards multiple objectives whilst the enemy team is working against you, if you're a thrill seeker, and after adventure and an adrenaline packed day, this is for you!

**PLUS MANY MORE—Look out for posters, on our social media & the team around promoting what we do for the students!**



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TODAY!



# In Other News



## NUS Festival 2016

This year saw a massive presence from Dudley Student Union yet again, where the new officers of the union went along to learn how they can make an impact within the college and develop skills such as public speaking.

Dan made it onto an NUS Committee of Union Development, whereby he will work with the Vice President of Union Development, to help him develop his work on a national scale.

## Black Country Foodbank

The union and the art department both gathered food donations from students & staff from across the college to take along to the foodbank.

Nearly a dozen boxes full of food were donated, and the union has decided to carry it on throughout the year.



## Meet with Lib Dem Mayoral Candidate — Beverly Neilson

Beverly visited the college on Monday 5th December to talk to some students about what they really care about in the local area.

This was in hope that Beverley could get a greater understanding of what the people of Dudley would like to see..



## How YOU can get involved



- Volunteer
  - Participate in a trip or event
  - Set up your own Club or Society
  - Voice your issues, concerns or compliments to a representative
    - Visit our Office over at the Broadway campus — Room B4
- We are always happy to hear any new ideas you may have
- We are always happy to support!

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