

# Students' Dudley Union

June—Term 3



# President's Introduction!

Hi All!

Welcome to this years final magazine, we are finally here and I simply cannot believe how quick this year has gone!

So, what's happened since the last magazine? We have had a voter registration week, Love Your Campus Campaign, Picnic in the Park, Talent Show and the hard fought presidential & governor elections!

Before we get further into the magazine I would like to say that I have been extremely proud to have been your representative this year, I have seen first hand all year through the value that it adds to the student experience and the opportunities it can provide are essential for building the right skills to move forward in life!



Thank you for letting me represent you this year! I urge every single student to get involved, because together, as a collective, we can make a change, we can make a difference.

If you wish to contact the Students' Union, you can find us on social media or our website:



Website— [www.dudleysu.co.uk](http://www.dudleysu.co.uk)



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# NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION



From the 15th to the 19th May we had a big voter registration drive across Dudley College to ensure that more 'young voters' were able to vote in the upcoming general election, we see this as essential as far too often political parties ignore the 'young voters' and we needed to do our bit to enable those voters to be actually be able to vote!

In total we had around just over 100 students register to vote! These kind of numbers make all the difference, as was seen in Dudley North with Ian Austin winning by just 22 votes!

The voter registration drive was in collaboration with the Sandwell register office and Hope Not Hate, the numbers that we had were good for the week, but we reckon they could be even greater! Maybe we could see an automatic registration to vote when enrolling at Dudley College? Who knows! But It would definitely be a beneficial for democracy and getting students to be active & engaging citizens!





This year was the first year of the love your Campus cam-



paign, and the aim of the campaign was to create an atmosphere more of positivity in the college! There was also fun to be had as we ran a competition for students to follow our social media platforms to win a tablet! We also ran a ballot across all the campuses for them to be able to vote for their favourite campus, whichever campus won the vote (proportionate to the amount of students on the campus), will received a 'fun day' early on in the next academic year!



The votes cast were 380:

Broadway—138 Votes

Evolve—70 Votes

Dudley Sixth—85 Votes

Advance - 42 Votes



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Was show to be the most democratically engaging, as 18.5% of all full time students based at Advance voted for the campus! Congratulations to them, they will be receiving their fun day in the early academic year!



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**TODAY!**





# Picnic in the Park



Picnic in the park came around once again and luckily we had lovely weather to go along with it! We had a nice selection of free food and ice creams being given away, as well as Black Country Radio who came down to blast some music and interview some of our students live on air, alongside some football and badminton! All students & staff members were able to come down to relax in the lovely weather.



Josh Wardle

**TALENT SHOW WINNER!**

Talent show has come round once again and the acts were fantastic, the audience, judges and all the contestants had a fun & exciting evening!

Two acts came incredibly close to the top spot, it had to go down to a vote, Josh Wardle won with the most votes who wowed the judges and the audience with his interactive and engaging magic performance!

The runner up was Katie Teitge who had a powerful singing voice, and even wants to make it to the west end someday!

Finally, the third place act was Jetlag, a band formed within our very college and despite some technical difficulties, managed a rocking performance.



# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



Early June, every year, see's the Student's Union Presidential elections, this year there was two candidates for the running of the position, Dan Wood & Cam Cooper!

Both Campaigns fought hard over the nearly 9 day long campaign week, but there could only be one winner, one person who could convince the electorate that they were the right person for the job!

Both candidates had a focus around mental health issues in their campaign, and as the issue grows larger nationally, we may be seeing more of this to come in the future!

The Results are:

**TOTAL VOTES CAST: 587**

**Cam Cooper: 154**

**Dan Wood: 417**

**Re-open Nominations: 7**

**Spoilt: 8**

**VOID: 1**







For the first time in three years, the college has seen the Governor elections make a return! The students in turn had to take a look at the two possible candidates and vote for who they would think would represent them the best!

The two candidates were Stephen Bennett & Naila Mansouri, the campaigns were ran alongside the presidential ones to ensure that both student governor positions were filled at the same time.

Here are the election results:

**TOTAL VOTES CAST:** 352

**Stephen Bennett** - 31

**Naila Mansouri** - 311

**Re-Open Nominations**—4

**Spoilt** - 1

**VOID** - 5





We Socialise Too has been busy every week since the last magazine, as usual, running their Tuesday evening club, and organising more events for the students to get involved in!

The students got together and decided they were going to enter a show called 'Shine' which took place at the Brierley Civic Hall, in front of well over one hundred people!

The students decided to perform 'Octopuses Garden' with sign language! Before they went and performed at Shine, they took part in our very own Talent Show, which one of the judges was so impressed, that she has now booked them to perform at the Dudley CVS Volunteer Awards!

Well done to the We Socialise Too Group!



Emily (group leader) & the group perform!



The group all had a great evening out!

## THE MAKING OF Harry Potter

We Socialise Too, went on a trip down to London to the Warner Bros. Studios to see 'The Making of Harry Potter'! This took the group round all the different sets that they used in the films, and they got to see many of the props that were used in the films! The group had plenty of fun, and it was a great day out for all!

The authentic and intricately detailed set wowed the students as they toured round, places such as the wand makers shop had 14,000 handcrafted boxes and wands, and the great hall was all real, carved stone!



# Summer Scheme

Last Summer, the We Socialise Too group had a set of exclusive trips that were organised for them over the summer. As it was such a success, the group have come together and decided they want to do another one again!

This year the trips include:



11th July— £12

The butterfly farm in Stratford upon Avon is the largest in the UK, you can discover 100's of different species of insects across a large rainforest-esque landscape. Housing some of the largest and most camouflaged caterpillars, the butterfly farm is a place of discovery!



17th July—£10

The monkey forest offers a large segment of a forest that has been made into a nature reserve but with a twist! Filled with inhabitants from across the globe, the monkey forest allows you to go walking with monkeys letting you get as close to them as you wish, or just let them walk right past you as they stroll casually by.



24th July—£20

Drayton Manor theme park is packed with rides ready to test your nerve! However, if that isn't quite your cup of tea, there are plenty of more relaxing rides for you to choose from! Ranging from the 'apocalypse' to the 'dodgems' in Drayton Manor there is a ride for everyone!

# Other News



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1

During the holocaust memorial event it was recorded by some of the media students, they interviewed Henri Obstfeld (the holocaust survivor) and recorded the story that he told, and compiled the clips together to produce a great video!

Check out the video here:

How Can Life Go On -Holocaust Memorial 2017 -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2Ew0DXbV1Q>

## Student Council Term 3



The final student council of the year took place where students got to hear the final end of year reports from the student leaders in the union! The council got to hear how the money was spent this year and they had the chance to give the union some feedback on recommendation for! the year ahead!



## Ian Austin & Les Jones Q&A Sessions in enhance theatre

The labour & Conservative candidates were invited in to Dudley college to answer some questions from the students, on a wide variety of issues that matter to them, they were grilled for an hour, and the students got the chance to see first hand what their potential representatives think to their questions!



# nus NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NUS National Conference took place this year at the end of April . Over 1000 students attending the largest national gathering of students in the world.

Some of the key issues that were discussed were Tuition fees, and students want them to be abolished. Another major issues is mental health, and how there is not enough provision for students across the country, we want to see some staff members in every institution across the country received mental health first aid training.

Also, there were all the elections for the leaders of the NUS that took place, and it turned out that Malia Bouattia lost to Shakira Martin.

Shakira received 56% of the vote, Shakira aims to put “NUS Back into the hands of the membership”

We'll be back next year in Glasgow!





# We are Outstanding We are Dudley

This is a HUGE achievement for Dudley College not seen ever before! This news isn't just big for the college it is big for the town and the local community, the people now have a local facility that can provide fantastic services to give people a chance to open new doors for themselves and that is exactly what Dudley College is able to do.

Following on from this outstanding grade, this will attract a greater amount of students to the college which will allow the college to open up new opportunities for the people of Dudley.

The union has been the colleges critical friend over the years to be able to voice an uncompromised opinion, we have been vital in the development of the quality of services this college provides!

We did this as a collective, this is the staff members moment, this is the students moment, this is DUDLEY'S moment!



# End of year round up

It is that time again where it is the end of yet another academic year here is the roundup of what we have achieved:

## September

- This year started off with the **fresher's fayre** resulting in the most students in years, resulting in the exposure to local services for students, as well as having a fun time!
- Citizen card Event—giving students the chance to sign up for their free ID Card!

## October

- We kick-started our training programmes for learners, the first one being 'leadership training—stand out from the crowd.'
- FE Festival at Stratford Upon Avon, this training was for some members of the Student Union executive team, which took place over three days, which trained students on a variety of topics.
- Safari Park Trip for the We Socialise Too group!

## November

- The Alton Towers trip took place here!
- Karaoke & Quiz Night!

## December

- Principal Q&A session with students in the main hall, a chance for feedback to be heard!
- Followed by the fundraising we did in December with the Charity Bag Pack In December & the Santa Clause Sprawl around the campuses, raising nearly £500!
- We also ran a foodbank in the SU office!
- Drug & Alcohol Awareness training for students!

### **January**

- Holocaust Memorial Service which saw over 300 people internal & external, come in to see the event.
- Volunteer Fayre to bring some opportunities to the students!
- Feel Good Monday at the end of the month to help lift those winter blues!

### **February**

- Wolf Mountain was the first trip as part of the reach your limit campaigns, testing peoples fears of heights & enclosed spaces!
- LGBT History Month campaign, with the SU team visiting campuses to gather students support for the community that we have here in the college as well as promoting external support services!
- The annually London Parliament trip took place again with nearly 100 students attending!

### **March**

- Samaritans visit on mental health awareness training!
- We promoted the benefits of buying Fairtrade with our pop up café!
- Our Annual Dudley Politics live took place again with 120 students listening to the debate between the parties, and voting for who they resonated with!
- We also had our welfare event which saw nearly 30 stores come into college and promote their services!
- We also took students to the Pre-Election Mayoral assembly, which saw Dan Wood speak on behalf of Dudley.
- Guest Speaker Dr. Suhail Undre came in to do a talk around the effects of mental health, once again promoting awareness of the issues they cause!

### **April**

- Public Speaking Training delivered by Lowell himself!
- Harry Potter Studio Tour with the We Socialise Too group!
- NUS National Conference which took place over the four days, saw many debates, and training sessions delivered!

### **May**

- Love your Campus Campaign ran this year whizzing around the different campuses to create a more positive atmosphere in the college.
- Voter Registration Drive took place over the week with volunteers in from Sandwell electoral registration office, as well as Hope Not Hate!
- 'Use Your Voice' the documentary filmed by channel 4 premiered in London, with two students being taken down to see!
- General Election Q&A With Ian Austin
- General Election Q&A with Les Jones

### **June**

- Picnic in the park, where staff & students could come over, and enjoy the weather with some food!
- Presidential Elections & Governor Elections took place, with the winners being Dan Wood & Naila Mansouri.
- Student Union Talent show 2017 took place in the hall where any family & friends could come long and watch the performers, the winner being Josh Wardle, the magician, well done Josh!
- Once again, for many years in a row now, the student union has ran its Blackpool trip to the pleasure beach, which is a great way for students to end the year and for them to meet new people!



# Media Appearances

## Express & Star

Dan Wood and the political representatives made it into the Express & Star for representing the voices of young people in the local area.

Quoted as a “thrilling live politic debate” and “It was extremely positive—I felt that it gave a bright outlook for the future of young people”



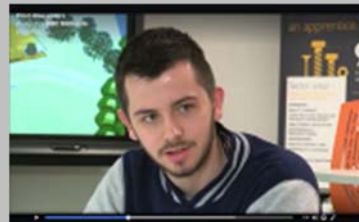
## BBC Midlands Today

The BBC came in to Dudley College to find out who they are going to vote for, and what really matters to them!

Our Vice President of Finance—Rhys Attwell, and Vice President for Equality & Diversity—Gaurav Jassal, both aired on TV!

Watch the Vid here:

<https://www.facebook.com/dudley.su/posts/1533684519998338>



## Radio 5 Live

Adrian Chiles came up to Dudley to interview some local students about the upcoming election, to find out what really matters to them, Dan Wood made an appearance alongside two Dudley Sixth Students!



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