

COVID-19: President Aldrich Gonsalves' Official Statement



Go to

www.dudleysu.co.uk

for Aldrich's
official video
statement



At the start of lockdown our priority was ensuring students were getting the information they needed from us and the College, and that we offered as much reassurance and opportunity for students to stay connected as possible. We therefore launched the campaign – 'SU are here for you'.



SU are here for you!
Hi , your SU is here for you!



ICYMI: My statement on the coronavirus is now live for your viewing! Please take a look above for the video!

Again, i want to assure everyone your Students' Union is still here to represent, offer support and provide a bit of fun during your self-isolation. So, without further ado, welcome to Active April! We've used our time working from home to develop a schedule of activities we will launch soon!

Follow us on... Dudley Student's Union @dudleysu @DudleySU



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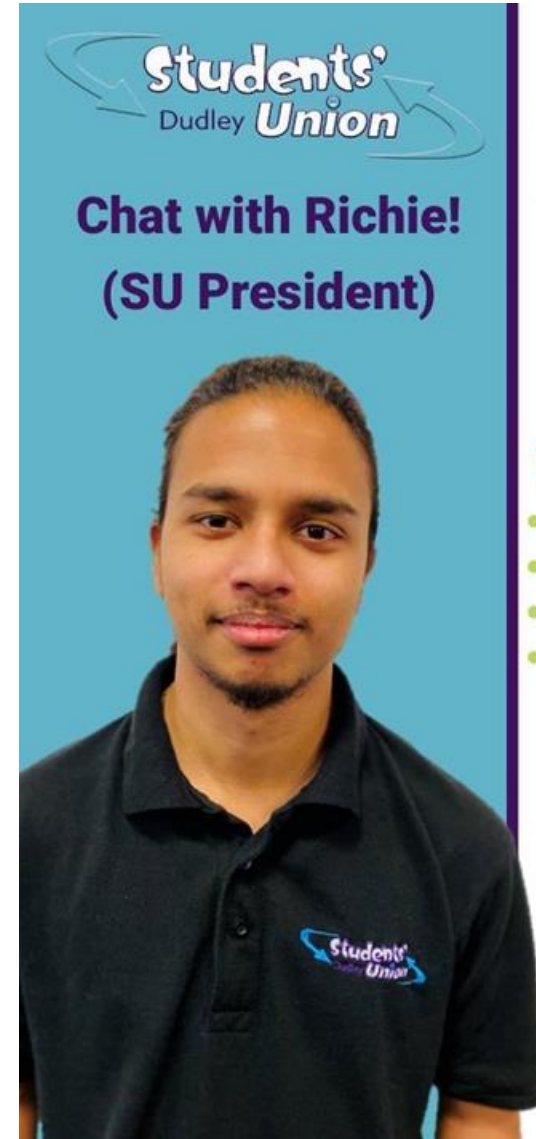
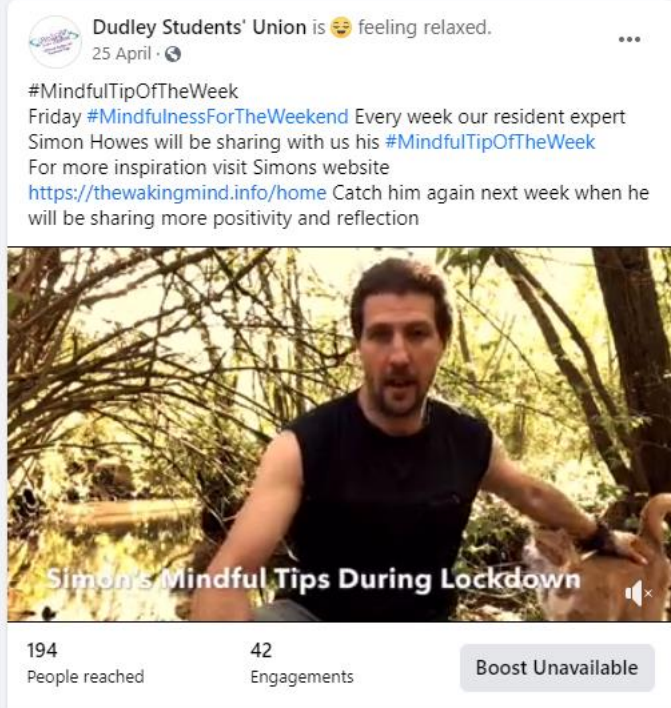
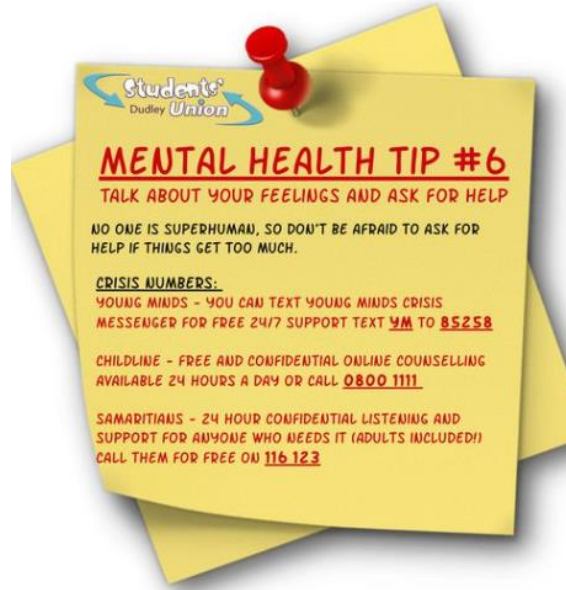
**Your SU are
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Click here to access our **SPECIAL**
E-newsletter >

We prioritised sharing information about mental wellbeing and support services.

We worked with lecturer Simon Howes to share weekly Mindfulness videos, ran a socials campaign of mental health tips and advice and hosted a virtual chat twice a week.

We connected with local mental health charities across the borough to ask for advice around messaging and signposting details. We promoted to students that the counselling service at the College was still available.



TEA & TALK

HOSTED BY ALDRICH GONSALVES

- ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!
- VIDEO CHAT WITH OTHERS
- SHARE ISOLATION TIPS
- STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

6 - 7PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

TO JOIN JUST SEND YOUR NAME

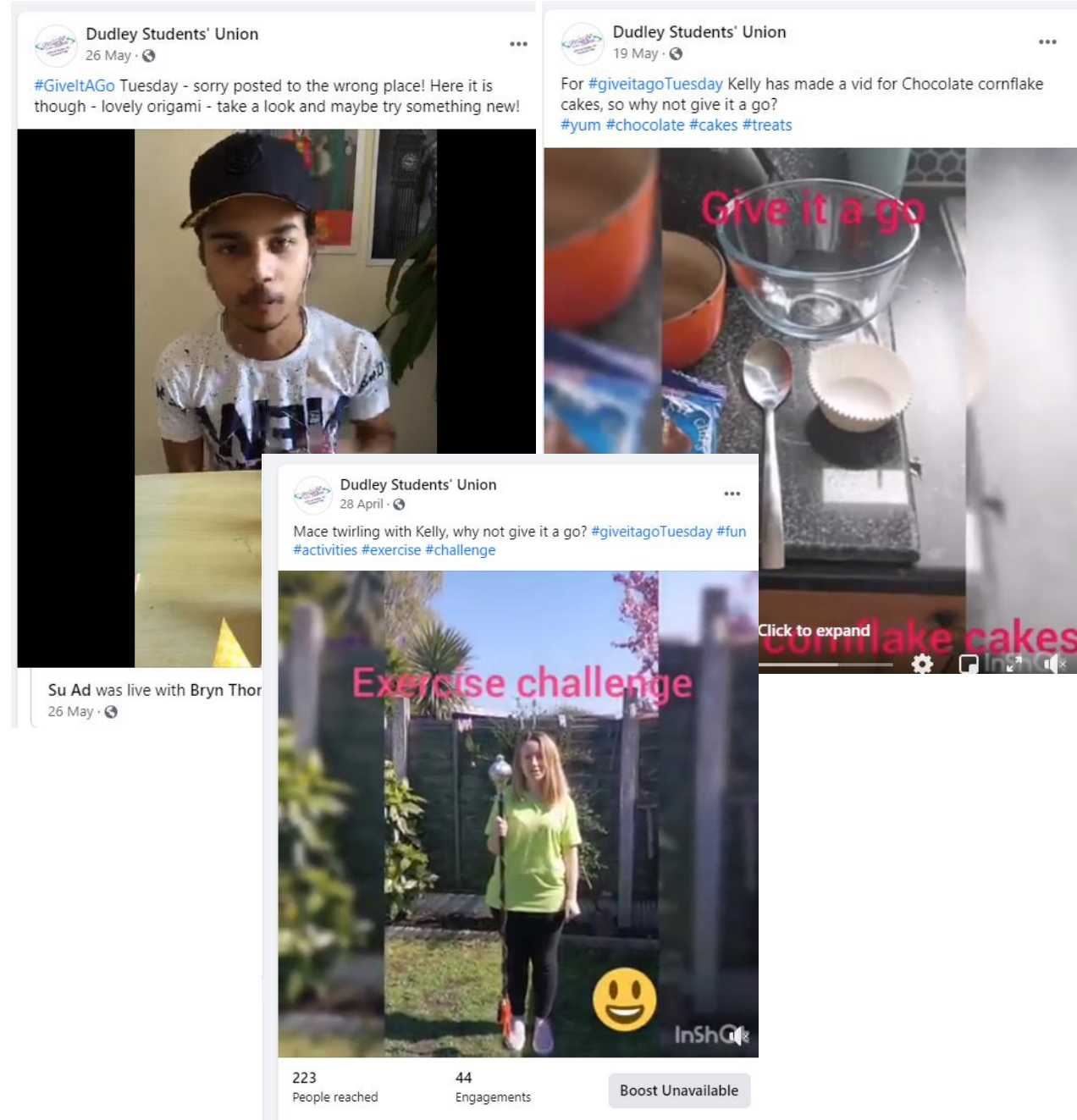
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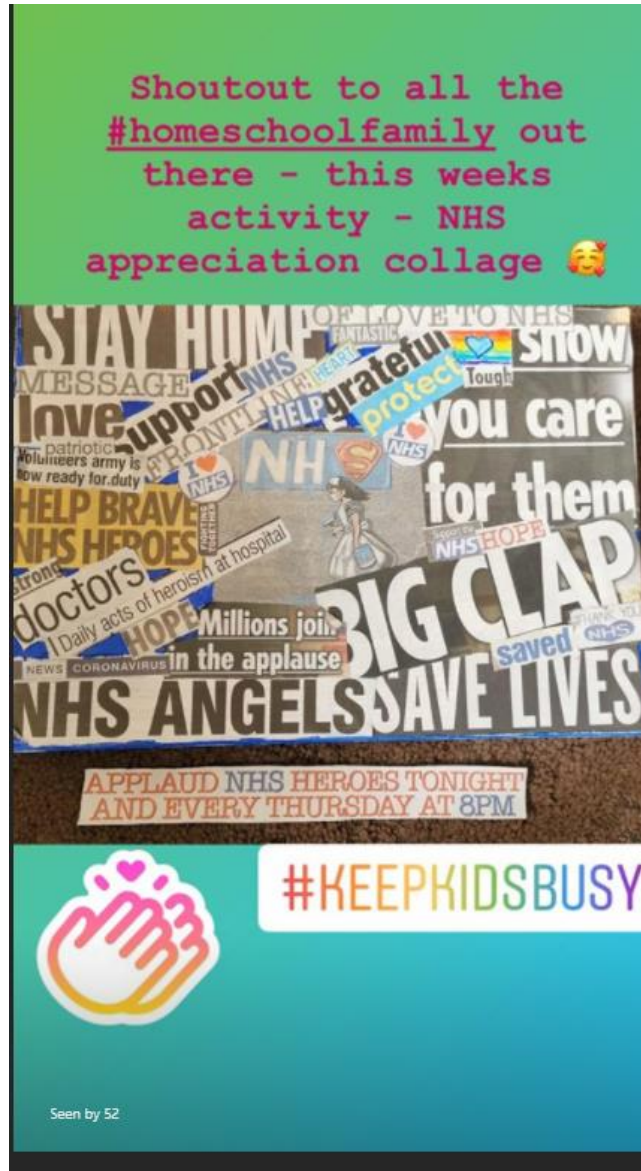
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We promoted activities to do from home such as exercise challenges, cooking club and weekly 'Give it a Go' sessions ranging from origami, to slime making, make your own stress balls, crochet – again all activities placing an emphasis on mental wellbeing and keeping busy and active during lockdown.

We also hosted an activity session on campus for students in the vulnerable learners group – Aldrich was able to promote the online activities being delivered by the SU and students from that group attended some of the evening activity sessions



We were mindful of the diversity of the members and how we could best support different groups. For parents and carers we promoted the sense of pride for those that were home schooling. Every week we ran a kids arts and crafts session online and promoted the hashtags associated with the campaign.



We recognised that for some students their pets were the thing that kept them busy and mentally well. We offered for students to send us pics of their pets to feature on our 'Insta pet' feed.



And similarly to lots of voluntary sector organisations we hosted a weekly lockdown quiz which proved popular for current and alumni students.

Dudley Students' Union
19 May · 🌐

Meet the candidates! Who will be the next President of Dudley SU?! You decide - see what they had to say during the Q&A session and find out more here: <https://www.dudleysu.co.uk/candidates>

NB - only current enrolled Dudley College students will be able to vote
- College Microsoft 365 account required



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Candidate Questions and Answers Session 2020

148

People reached

46

Engagements

Boost Unavailable

VOTE FOR CHRIS

HI! MY NAME IS CHRIS, I'M A FORMER CLASS REP WHO IS RUNNING FOR STUDENT PRESIDENT. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT 4 PROMISES TO YOU BELOW!

1. INCREASE SOCIAL SPACES, ESPECIALLY SEATING AREAS WITHIN EACH COLLEGE CAMPUS SO THAT STUDENTS CAN CHILL, SOCIALISE OR WORK.
2. PROVIDE A BULLETIN BOARD IN EACH CAMPUS DETAILING JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT ON HOW TO WRITE CVs AND HOW TO OPEN UP YOUR OWN BUSINESS
3. MAKE SURE STUDENTS RECEIVE THE PROPER ATTENTION AND CARE IN A POST COVID-19 WORLD
4. BUILD OUR UNION TOGETHER AND HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS FOCUSING STUDENT CHOICE: TRIPS, ACTIVITIES, FOOD CHOICE IN STIR.

VOTING ENDS 27TH OF MAY
PLEASE CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

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#SUMAKESYOU



#GETYOURVOICEHEARD!

The President election remained a priority in the SU calendar. We moved the entirety of the election process to an online virtual format. This included recording video hustings, a live candidate Q&A over Facebook, promotions across all social media and college platforms and an online only voting process through Blackboard.

We were pleased to be able to return to campus in September and open our doors once more (in a socially distanced way!). We continue to run services for our members including the Redbox Free sanitary scheme, SAFE sexual health appointments, Age ID and Student discount verification and act as a point of contact for any student experience related items.



Amanda Appleby – SU admin/accounts clerk is working from the office Mon – Thurs

We considered other ways of connecting with students and have utilised MS Teams for this purpose since March. We created a number of students 'Teams' on MS Teams and we update these every day on information relevant to students such as voluntary opportunities, campaigns, virtual socials, training and online learning and so on.

**Dudley Students' Union**
10 September · 🌐

Your **#SU** is always **#HereForYou!** Click the link see the various ways you can reach us, or just pop into our office! Room B4 on the Broadway Campus!

Find out how to reach us -> <https://linktr.ee/dudley.su>

#Dudley #DudleyStudents #DudleyCollege #DudleyStudentsUnion #StaySafe #StayConnected #BackToCollege #SuperSeptember



WE'RE BACK!

We're back in the office and ready to rumble...

"Dudley Students' Union will continue to support the students of Dudley College through this challenging time.

Our office is now open, so new and returning students alike can use our services, we look forward to seeing and meeting you all soon!"

Click the link above to see the various ways you can reach us, interact with us and stay connected with us.



Dudley College CEO and Principal, Neil Thomas - Welcome to the Students' Union Freshers' week

Wed 23rd Sep 10:00am - 10:05am (BST)

CEO and Principal, Neil Thomas, welcomes all students to Freshers Week



Sing Sign Workshop - Brought to you by Fletch@BSL

Wed 23rd Sep 12:00pm - 1:00pm (BST)

Fletch@ is one of the UK's leading Deaf Sign Song performers - Enjoy a fun filled workshop learning songs in sign language



Insta chat all about the project Dudley Young Health Champions

Wed 23rd Sep 1:00pm - 1:45pm (BST)

An opportunity to find out more about what Dudley Young Health Champions is all about and how you can volunteer to



West Midlands Travel - meet the travel choice specialists

Wed 23rd Sep 2:00pm - 2:45pm (BST)

With new restrictions around travel in place, this session helps you make the right choices about travel to college and



Wendy Preston - Royal College of Nursing Q&A

Wed 23rd Sep 3:00pm - 3:45pm (BST)

We are delighted that Wendy is able to join us during Freshers week. Wendy will be able to talk about her career as a nurse, what skills and qualifications nurses require and what a nurses life has been like during the pandemic.



At Home Scavenger Hunt

Wed 23rd Sep 7:00pm - 8:00pm (BST)

What better time to get silly and have a laugh with your new college mates? Fun riddles that get you running around your home for household items.



Want to learn to drive? Find out more from a certified driving instructor

Tue 29th Sep 11:00am - 11:45pm (BST)

A must session for anyone thinking about learning to drive or anyone who needs some advice before their driving test - hints, tips, advice and guidance all on offer during this Facebook live chat



President Q&A session - Helen Lawley

Tue 29th Sep 12:00pm - 12:45pm (BST)

Meet the newly elected President of Dudley Students' Union - Helen Lawley. Helen was a return to learn mature

Online Event Location: [Meet the President](#)



Papyrus suicide prevention workshop

Tue 29th Sep 1:00pm - 1:45pm (BST)

Papyrus is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. Suicide is the kindest killer of young

We hosted our first ever virtual Freshers Fayre. With over 30 different sessions students could participate in over a week period. We worked with 15 community organisations to help them share information about their work with students. We had great feedback from the organizations as they felt we had done a lot to support them to think about alternative ways of connecting with clients. This included support to host Facebook live events, supporting with the set up of social media accounts and giving them training on the usage of Microsoft Team events. All of the sessions were recorded and can either be accessed via IGTV, YouTube or Stream for Teams. We were very proud to be able to organise this type of event for the first time and although a steep learning curve it is now one which the staff team are all more confident running again in the future.

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Welcome Week 2020

More information to follow soon, watch this space!

Our first VIRTUAL Freshers' Fayre

Virtual Escape Room

Live Q&As! Volunteering opportunities Competitions

Freebies Make friends DJ and Quiz

Wednesday 23rd - Wednesday 30th September

Once again the SU celebrated Colleges Week. Using the week as an opportunity to write to all local MP', 29 letters were sent to local constituency offices introducing the President and asking for support in highlighting the vital importance of colleges and all they do. The SU also used the opportunity to speak to local business owners about the campaign, asking them to recognise the importance of the College and student population.

We also decorated the BASE window with the Love Colleges logo.

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COLLEGES

campaign supporter



- We continue to support students of all identities and offer them a space to connect, celebrate and share.
- We ran a socials campaign to highlight Black History Month and we continue to populate a channel on Teams with information about Black History, including support organisations, arts projects, reading and song lists etc.
- We have worked with local LGBT plus support center the What BeeHIVE project over lockdown and have run a number of live chats with them over socials about varying topics.
- We have re established the social group 'We Socialise Too' – a club predominantly for our Aspire learners. We have also organised an upcoming disability forum and have a disability committee that meets regularly to listen to and support the advocacy of disabled students.



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DISABILITY COMMITTEE

HAVING THE **ABILITY** DESPITE THE **DISABILITY**

The Students' Union Disability Committee are here to help you embrace life at Dudley College. We can offer help and advice with any issue you may have, offer trips, activities and many different clubs that you may wish participate in to make friends.



So why not join the Disability Committee and have a say in how things can be made better for students with disabilities and special educational needs!

REASONS TO DISCLOSE DISABILITY NEEDS AT ENROLMENT

- The sooner you let college know the faster they can assess you and put strategies in place to help you achieve your best
- Your Tutors will be best advised before the interview stage
- The College has many different ways and many different teams to help, advise, encourage and embrace life here at Dudley College.

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The What? Centre Ltd

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Instachat Announcement!

Monday 12th October 11am
to celebrate National Coming Out Day.
Drop your your questions down below and we will answer them!



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MONTH

The Hidden Faces behind Black History

Sislin Fay Allen was an inspiration for many when she became the first black female police officer in the Met and the UK in 1968.

Sislin was working as a nurse at Croydon's Queens Hospital when she decided to switch careers after seeing a recruitment advert for male and female officers. She trained at Peel House and her first posting was at Fell Road police station in Croydon, so she could be stationed near her family and where she

For the remainder of this academic year we want to support members as much as possible, we will do this by

- Creating opportunities for students from across the college population to meet and connect on topics and in activities that they want to and will find interesting and inspiring
- Highlight services that students can take advantage of and drive students to utilise these services
- Ensure students are well informed about college life, are being listened to and receive timely responses from the college about items they raise
- Offer a number of student team building opportunities to curriculums
- Run a campaign to highlight volunteering opportunities in the community
- Organise activities which tackle student loneliness and isolation