



## Welfare Campaigns Meeting - 26-11-2021

Attendance: JG (Senior Welfare Officer), AC (Campaigns Manager), LM (Male Welfare), KM (Vice-President), DM, LJ, MS, KH, CW, EL

Apologies: TA (Female Welfare), AW (President), CG

Absent:

Location: Zoom

**\*Minutes Pass\***

### Update

AC: Movember is going well and we have supper soon. When I ask people to make canvas please get them done asap - we had a week and a half of no content but for the future lets try to be consistent with making them

### Next Campaign

AC: For the next campaign it won't be as big or event focused. We normally run a christmas related campaign - mostly on social media as it is only a small 10/12 day campaign and outreach do their 12 days so there are already a lot of events. We focus on resources normally but if anyone has an idea for a Christmas campaign please let us know - normally about going home to difficult family situations and how to cope over the holiday. Would love to hear any ideas

LJ: A lot of trans and non-binary students find it difficult going home around christmas due to inadequate support or just not being able to be themselves and that can have a huge impact on mental health

AC: Been speaking to CH and we want to do something collaboratively with you of course. If you want to do any small events we can all talk about that and organise something

DM: Similar to what LJ said but for students from working class backgrounds, it's not easy when you don't have a lot of money around christmas. It could be social media or in person with things like access to food banks, getting presents for others, and being alone at christmas

AC: That is great, hasn't been focused on much in the last few years

LM: It could be good to do a food bank raising thing

KM: There is a food bank collection as part of the 12 days of Outreach already happening where we are collecting tins and things all around parsons



LM: Another thing was just hot chocolate in the jer - mostly because I want hot chocolate

AC: Can message TM (Bar Steward) about availability of Brooks but I don't think it will be an issue

JG: For small events it would be good to have a christmas coffee mornings, mince pies, hot chocolate - just a more low key event

AC: I have been thinking about estranged students or those who don't go home for christmas - think there was a group before over christmas so they could meet up

KM: Yeah I remember seeing that, it would be good to advertise things like the Christmas dinner that is usually held at Castle on there and things like that if they are going ahead

AC: Will make the group, advertise it and join

LM: There was one last year and Mary's catered beyond christmas dinner

KH: Would be good to contact the international rep for events like movie nights in brooks bar and things like that

AC: If someone could make a post about people staying in Durham and we can link all of the groups and events going on. I will also message EMe and we can get it out there ASAP to give enough notice. Durham estranged students normally post info and they are always helpful

LM: With this year and more conversations about students who are careers, we could do something to raise awareness about the shift you face going from uni back home

DM: Lovely bit of alliteration there: Cuth's Careers at Christmas

EL: It is related to being alone at christmas but you could open it up to people staying but like an anonymous christmas card - get people to write christmas cards and we can send them to people staying in durham

AC: That would be good and easy to do

KM: Could ask art soc for designs

AC: I like all these ideas and we can sort them out quite easily

### Next Term Campaigns

JG: We can start thinking about next term - don't know how many we want to do. Shag week will be next term but just have a think

AC: Would be good to do one as soon as we are back in January - any ideas?

KM: MS's idea of the financial awareness is extremely relevant straight after Christmas

AC: That would be a good one to do



JG: Very social media based but could get a talk, even someone about finding support within the university as it is very unclear

AC: Will look into getting someone in from the uni

JG: CW's one about drug awareness would be good, SSDP would be keen to collab and the loop would do a talk too

AC: Could also do that one in summer when more people are out after exams in summer

JG: SSDP said it's quite good to talk about throughout the year but something to look at in second term - don't want to do too many

KH: Housing is still an issue in second term and we could do a housing coffee morning to get people to meet potential housemates that you have found on facebook or if you are still looking for housemates

AC: That is good as a one off event

JG: I love DM's idea of classless cuth's

AC: Running that parallel to MS's idea would work and I am very keen for both ideas

JG: LJ's campaign ties into shag week so that will definitely happen

### Elf on the shelf

JG: Are we wanting to do elves? I don't know if we have time but we design cards and write nice things on them

AC: We bought elves on the shelf and took pictures of them around durham

JG: Could be a nice afternoon arts and crafts sesh

### AOB

AC: This is a side note, we want to do a welfare social before the end - we went to Newcastle before and went to the christmas markets and got food. We can do something like that or something more lowkey in durham - let me know what you would prefer. Dates wise either Wednesday 1st or Saturday 4th, probably 2pm if we are going to Newcastle. We can also just do something in durham in an evening

AC: Please start making Christmas canva posts so we can create a bit of a backlog and remember to check what is on there so we don't duplicate. Will message someone of you about your specific event ideas and hopefully get brooks bar booked and create the fb group