

## Welfare Zone 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Attending: Suzie Morris (SM) – VP Welfare, Cat Clothier (CC) – Chair Links, Jonathan Milnes (JM) – Chair Links Elect, Phil Pocknee (PP) – Black Students Officer and VP Welfare Elect, Charlotte Olley (CO) – Chair of Nightline Elect, Stacey Dodd (SD) - Women’s Officer, Dominique Richards (DR) – Women’s Officer Elect, Tanya Hegarty (TH) – Disabled Students Officer, Darryl Jones (DJ) – Disabled Students Officer Elect, Imogen Martin (IM).**

### VP Welfare

SM reported back on achievements since the last Zone meeting. The Sabb Meet and Greet was arranged and was a big success with 37 people attending. The volunteer awards went well and congratulations to all nominees and award winners. We had a meeting with the VC and it was decided the best course of action for the Wheelchair Campaign. Had a nice break for a holiday. In the last week has attended the Scheme Executive, Student Progress Committee and Trustee Board. Over the year SM reported back on many successful events. With over 100 volunteers for Adopt A Fresher, A successful mental health day, SHAG week finally happened on the second attempt. Two free your money days have been run with over 650 people attending both events. Housing week proved successful with the mystery shopping and the questionnaire. To date the Advice Centre have raised over £700,000 this year.

### Disabled Students Committee

TH reported back on her year, congratulations for her receiving an award for the best student led campaign. The committee attended many events throughout the year, with TH being involved in early plans for the Wheelchair Campaign. Many stalls have been set up which have improved the publicity of the committee, and training has been being carried out with DJ for handover. The Wheelchair Campaign is now complete and will be taken to the University Disabled Committee. DJ told the zone about his plans for the next year. He has plans to work more closely with Scarborough, and with the Universities Disabled Officer. With TH they are planning a venue accessibility guide highlighting facilities available around Hull. They are also looking into funding opportunities for the committee for the next year.

### LINKS –

CC reported on a strong year from LINKS, unlike previous years, due to continuous sign ups and training, they have not experience the fall in retention which had been predicted. With continuous members being signed up, more training has been able to take place, and many members have been able to take part in advanced training. Plans for the End of Year Ball are well under way. Congratulations to Cat on her award of HUU volunteer of the year – The John Franks Award.

### Women’s Committee –

SD reported that the women’s committee started strong this year, but has dropped in membership throughout the year. A good attendance from Hull was seen at Women’s conference this year. Women’s week was strong and improved the publicity of the committee. Many of the committee took part in the Fund our Future Campaign in November. Most recently SD has ordered a bra bank,

this is to be used to collect unwanted bras from the students. This will be then sent off to raise money for breast cancer, before the bras then being sent to third world countries. This was going to be launched in the next academic year, but it has been decided that as students may be packing clothes up and throwing some away it would be a good opportunity. Space has been sourced in the Student Activities centre for the bin to be placed. DR reported that she is looking into training bar staff on a zero tolerance policy, and IM has been elected onto the women's committee within the NUS. SD told the zone about the 25 year anniversary of Gender Studies in Hull on the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Black Students Committee –**

PP reported on his year, a good start to the year with committed members and the Black History Campaign during October, and helping with other Welfare related events throughout the year. PP has signed up for Black History conference, to attend with IM. Dedicated members of the committee have dropped throughout the year, but still strong work being done on the planning for next Black History Month. Recent work has been the handover for the elect.

### **Nightline –**

CO reported that Nightline has had good retention rates this year, and have carried out a higher amount and more effective training carried on throughout the year. They have seen a steady increase in the numbers of calls.

They are currently preparing publicity to display on both campuses, and a strategy for the direction of nightline over the next year. CO is also looking at preparing for the National Nightline Awareness Week.