



# Papers for SRC Meeting

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# Report from the Director of Wellbeing and Equality

CW: Mentions of sexual and gender-based violence

## Emily Test Submission

On Friday 17 February, the Emily Test Charter submission went to the Principal's Office for review before it is submitted to the Emily Test. As part of this final push, I have been collated details of the work done by students over the last few academic years that supports gender-based violence prevention and support. The final submission should include existing and upcoming GotConsent workshops, events and infographics from SHAG week, plans for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2023, and the map from Reclaim the Night showing places students feel safe or unsafe in town. We were also looking for quotes from students about the importance of St Andrews' commitment to the Emily Test charter – if anyone wants to contribute, please email me your message!

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

Planning for SAAM continues, and anyone who is interested is super welcome to help out! We have plans in place for several events covering topics of disabilities and relationship dynamics, student sex workers support and information, supporting a friend after sexual assault, and other events focused on healing. We're also looking at creating infographics around consent and disabilities, sexual assault of LGBTQ+ people, sexual violence towards men, moving forward/healing after sexual violence or abuse, and reporting and supporting options in St Andrews. If anyone would like to be involved, we have meetings every other Tuesday from 2-3pm over Teams, and our next meeting is March 7. Email me at DoWell@ if you'd like to know more or you can just sign up to be added to the Team.

## Student Equality Forum

At the recent meeting of Equality Committee and Student Equality Forum, we started brainstorming ideas for an information campaign around hate crimes and microaggressions after discussing recent incidents and general issues where students who experience hate crimes might not know how to report or whether they will be taken seriously. The campaign would cover what hate crimes and microaggressions are, give specific examples to help people identify them better and validate experiences, and explain options for how to report them. As work on this campaign progresses, I will update SRC.

## Supporting officers

A lot of my time is spent supporting officers to meet their goals, from small room booking issues to larger joint projects and feedback for the University. Lately, I have supported volunteers on: options for subsidising event costs; creating safe spaces for students of colour; better representation for care experienced students and estranged students; finding spaces for trainings; and writing and submitting motions for SRC.

I have also, along with the other Sabbs, been looking at how to better support our officers in their roles through training. One area of weakness in our current training is the lack of dedicated and in-depth training around IT safety and data management, which is crucial when it comes to common practices of our subcommittees of holding mailing lists, conducting surveys, and using shared inboxes. I am pleased to report that I have met with IT Services and have arranged for them to deliver training sessions on cybersecurity, data protection, and Microsoft tools for incoming SRC officers in the spring.

## Elections reminder

As everyone knows, elections are coming up, and I will take this opportunity to remind all current officers to please share information about your role on your social media pages, with your subcommittee members and other relevant potentially interested students. And get started on your handovers soon if you haven't already – even if you run for re-election or someone you know well takes over your position for next year, it is still important to get all your insights and experience from your term down on paper while it's still fresh in your mind so that any future successors can look back on your pro tips whenever they need and see how you ran your subcommittee or what you got up to in your role and how.

Also, if anyone would like to know more about the Director of Wellbeing and Equality role, please feel free to reach out to me and we can set up a meeting!

## Other

Low/no alcohol drinks in the Union – The GotLimits Coordinator and I met with the Union Bar Managers to hear about the menu they rolled out for Dry January with new selections of Alcohol-Free and Low Alcohol drinks. They are working on new graphics to launch this menu beyond January, and we are excited to have more of a range of options available for students when they come to the Union to have a drink. GotLimits may hold events in the Union in the future that encourage and normalise trying no/low alcoholic drinks or using them to pace yourself when drinking. We will also be looking at ways to advertise the no/low menu so students are more widely aware of these options.

Cost of Living – The Association President and I met with Food4Students, a student-run food larder, along with the Director of Student Experience from the University. They shared some useful insights into the products students may need or want the most right now. Items from the meeting I was immediately able to action were getting a blurb about Food4Students up in the Union's Cost of Living Guide and involving the students who run Food4Students in putting questions/topics up on the sabb office window to collect student input about pressing cost of living issues (such as food!). A longer-term action was to find space for the food larder to operate out of more sustainably, which I have pushed for in discussions around the Students' Association Strategy (becoming financially stable enough not to rely on the income from the vintage shop and instead use that space for student support services), and will continue to push for in the University Cost of Living Taskforce meetings.

## **Report from the Athletic Union President**

Since the last meeting these are the headline things I have been working on, alongside the ongoing club support and work that is in progress:

### **Supporting our clubs with handovers**

We are looking to engage our clubs in effective handovers this year to support the incoming committees more than we have previously. This is being done through effective collection of information so that we can provide clear answer regarding finance, membership discussions and club development to this committee and future committees. This relies on effective use of club Teams groups and each club will also be assigned a staff member within Saints Sport who will be their dedicated contact for all club support. AGMs should be complete by the 24<sup>th</sup> March and the following reaffiliation process should further enhance the support for incoming committee members.

Sam Gorman and I met with GotConsent and have pencilled in some dates for training to be provided to sports club and society representatives before the summer in their Leadership training. Saints Sport will also be running essential committee training for key positions before the summer which will be followed up by further training at the beginning of next semester for other positions and to supplement this training.

### **Gym Accessibility Hour**

I have started investigating how we could start an accessibility hour in the main gym at the sports centre. I am proposing that this be at 1300-1400 on Sundays, which already seem to be a quieter time. I will be working with the operational staff to assess what we will be able to provide in this hour. **Any suggestions or feedback on this would be greatly appreciated.** We also hope to have someone attend these sessions to collect feedback once they have started up.

### **Sports Awards**

We have just announced the date and some initial details about the new format for Sports Awards this year. Unlike previous years, this event will be held in the Old Course Hotel and will be open to all clubs and students to attend. Tickets will be subsidised and include a drinks reception, dinner, ceilidh, and Olympian guest speaker as well as the awards ceremony. Tickets/seats will be available to reserve from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Water Polo Update**

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# SRC REPORTS

## SRC Alumni Officer – Aditya Goel

### ***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

- Hosted an Alumni Talk by a MSP.
- Got in touch with more potential Alumni so that we can host a talk with them.
- Increasing network on LinkedIn so that we can reach out to more people.

### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

[https://www.facebook.com/events/517653140429991/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/517653140429991/?active_tab=discussion)

### ***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

By the next report, I hope to have planned more Alumni Talks so that it can be beneficial for the students of the University.

### ***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

Alumni Subcommittee is hosting a talk by Member of the Scottish Parliament Liam Kerr. Please feel free to come to the Large Rehearsal Room on 20th February at 7pm.

## SRC Arts and Divinity Faculty President – Francesca Jane Lavelle

### ***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

- accepted, reviewed, and published over 60 students pieces of work for the journal
- wrote the agenda and prepared presidents for UAF
- met with Chase Greenfield about elections promo
- filmed videos for elections promo
- assisted SPs with events like the Symposium, Bull and Bear Ball, and ModLangs Ball
- emailed with students regarding problems in their classes
- REC working group meetings
- SSG meeting
- meetings covering things like Music Class Rep structure, EduExec, EDI Faculty at the university
- hosted physics SSC
- attended LTC
- spoke with potential incoming ADFPs
- nudged people for roles in upcoming elections

### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Link to the Journal <https://artsanddivinityfacultyjournal.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/> and I am continuing to work on my handover document (I have a draft done)

### ***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

have assisted with elections and helped new presidents have a clear transision

### ***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

## SRC BAME Officer – Yuyu Jasmin Zheng

### ***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

Along with my subcommittee, we organised the BAMEfest including four events and a cocktail night.

### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Finished the 'BAME Student Handbook' and distributed hard copies during BAMEfest.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I will keep working on the REC student lifecycle group, develop a Q&A video with Student Services and organise the FUSE night.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

*No response submitted.*

## **SRC Charities Officer – Alice Chapman**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

We ran a successful CATWALK! Race2 is in final preparations and Charities nominations for this year have closed and the charities are being contacted ahead of the shortlisting panel. We also have a speaker night planned with our charities for this year and are planning our Gives Back Awards.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I've been focusing on making sure that our speaker night is open to as many people as possible, as every student is supporting the unions charities, so I want as many people as possible to be able to see where their money is going.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I hope to have the charities shortlist for the next year to be finalised and have had a successful Race2!

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

*No response submitted.*

## **SRC Community Relations Officer – Mashaim Bukhari**

*No response submitted*

## **SRC Disability Officer – Jane Yarnell**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

Worked on guides project and prepared our Disabled Students Survey, prepping for Disability pride week.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

The guides project and survey are both key components of handing over the subcommittee next year in a good state so that we can make further progress on lots of pieces of advocacy!

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

Have run the survey and be interpreting data.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

Our Disability pride week is this week (w/b 20th). We have events running all week, including a chat about Disability and neurodivergence in science fiction and fantasy with a professionally-facilitated writing workshop on Friday from 7-9pm in the Arts lecture theatre.

## **SRC Employability Officer – Mathis Bourassa**

*No response submitted.*

## **SRC Environment Officer – Marcelina Lekawska**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

Completed Green Week in Week 3 of term - our most active week during which we put on various events including a careers talk with alumni, a tour of eden campus, an open mic night and an eco-anxiety cafe with the Third Generation Project.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Educational activities. Community engagement (collaborated on green week with Transition and the St Andrews Environmental Network including events put on for school kids).

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

To talk more with environment subcommittee members who are interested in running for the position about advice for running in the upcoming elections.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

**SRC Gender Equality Officer – Rach Nevinova**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

- successfully organised, co-ordinated and advertised Gender Equality Week
- cooperated with GotConsent, DSN, Nightline, SaintsLGBT, Femsoc, EmpowHER, Sexpression and a number of other societies to deliver events addressing a number of issues, ensuring affordable and barrier-free access to every event during GEW23
- collaborated with Sexpression on collecting data for a sexual health survey during GEW23
- collaborated with GotConsent on developing workshops addressing toxic masculinity and its impacts
- promoted societies focusing on gender equality to a wider audience through the official University channels
- engaged in talks about student sex worker support, currently scheduling further meetings
- been in contact with staff regarding report and support advertising
- collaborated with SaintsLGBT on identity meetups
- contacted the Trans/NB officer to offer collaboration on Transfest
- addressed concerns from the student body
- attended the student services open forum

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

- collaborated with GotConsent on workshops
- running Gender Equality Week
- worked towards building student SW support
- engaged in Report and Support advertising talks
- worked towards targetting issues impacting masc individuals
- collaborated with Student Services
- collaborated with SaintsLGBT

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

- present a student SW support motion
- help in advertising Report and Support
- further work on GotConsent workshops
- extend collaboration with other societies

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

If you didn't come to Gender Equality Week events, you missed out big time :)

**SRC International Students' Officer – Raghav Kediya**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

- Attended Equality Committee



- Attended Equality Forum
- Attended Transitions In Strategic Group

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

- Representation for International Students on all these different forums

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

- Create Handover document for successor

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

*No response submitted.*

## **SRC LGBT+ Officer – Sofia Johnson**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

Been collaborating with BAME Officer and PoC students to work on solutions for Saints LGBT+'s exclusion of queer PoC students. We will be working on creating more events for PoC students and working on creating a BAME rep role for the committee. I have also started a job on the EDI team at the university so have been using this role to make changes such as amendments to the University's Trans Policy.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Have been working on inclusivity goals as I want to leave effective and positive impact before I finish my term as LGBT+ officer.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

A motion to be created for a BAME rep on Saints LGBT+.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

*No response submitted.*

## **SRC Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer – Molly Paule Wilson**

*No response submitted*

## **SRC Postgraduate Academic Convenor – Sandro Eich**

***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

- attended Learning and Teaching Committee, Academic Monitoring Group, Academic Monitoring Group (Collaborations & Partnerships), Postgraduate Research Committee.
- initiated a meeting with the DoPGR of the School of Modern Language and the Provost to discuss the progress review procedure in the School, as this was a particular point of concern for postgraduate research students.
- attended three meetings as part of the "Reimagining Student Representation"-project to discuss commendation and recommendations about student representation across different university committees.
- supported academic staff on picket lines both, in my capacity as PG Academic Convenor and as Graduate Teaching Assistant.
- have met St Leonard's College representatives to discuss future PG engagement initiatives.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

- have organised comfortable seating for Old Burgh School (in collab. with STLIC).
- launched PTES and PRES; both national PG student experience survey.
- pushed for increased focus on how to incentivise PG student engagement for the university's benefit.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

- further publicise the upcoming elections.
- support the PG Activities Officer in their efforts to recruit committee members.
- begin drafting a proper handover document for my predecessor.
- clarify how PGAC role fits within the larger structures of SA representational system.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

### **SRC Postgraduate Activities Officer – Niya Dobreva**

*No response submitted*

### **SRC Postgraduate Development Officer – Samuel Woodall**

*No response submitted*

### **SRC Rector’s Assessor – Stella Maris**

*No response submitted*

### **SRC Science and Medicine Faculty President – Martyna Kemeklyte**

#### ***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

- Finalised the plans for STEM Ball, had weekly planning meetings, promoted the STEM Ball, etc.
- Had a joint EDI SciMed and ArtDiv meeting
- Held a Physics president co-option and successfully confirmed the new president in EduCom, as well as had training meetings with the new Physics president
- Collected EduCom reports, planned and chaired EduCom meetings
- Participated in the UAF workshops, in the preparation for UAF and the UAF meeting itself
- Participated in the National Student Workshop
- Attended weekly check-ins with EduExec

#### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Fostering community by running events available to all students

#### ***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

- Have successfully run STEM Ball
- Helped run the elections smoothly

#### ***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

Your lovely Science and Medicine school presidents are hosting the STEM Ball this week! Get your tickets here and please share this:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stemball2023/838811>

### **Secretary to the SRC – Lewis O’Neill**

*No response submitted*

### **SRC Societies Officer – Laura Connies-Laing**

*No response submitted.*

### **SRC Student Health Officer – Sana Aboobacker**

#### ***What have you done since the last meeting/report?***

We had a recruitment session and have elected three new members.  
 Attended the SESMG meeting, with new action plans in motion. Plans to work with the head of student services and initiate new forms of student feedback.  
 Held a small subcommittee social for the members.

Events plans for SMHA in motion.  
Current plans to hold monthly info sessions with NHS sexual health, fife.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

In the process of starting a new anonymous feedback system within the subcommittee.  
Research in novel and effective ways to increase engagement with the student body through the subcom and other collaborated projects.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

Start preparations for Wellbeing week.  
Prepare for Mental health awareness day with Nightline.  
Follow up SESMG with action points.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

Mental health awareness day coming up on 9th March.

**SRC Widening Access and Participation Officer – Ramsay Bader**

*No response submitted.*