

Taryn's To Do(ES) List:

Freshers' Week

I think we can change up the format of Freshers' week so that we can create a better experience for our students. By providing more diversified acts during the week, we can make sure that Freshers' week appeals to as many students as possible, and shows them all the spaces the Union has to offer. As a result, we will be able to afford bigger and better acts for both Freshers' week and throughout the year. By looking for comedy, dance shows, and theatre in addition to live acts and DJ nights, we can really utilise the union spaces to kick off the year right.

I also think that by getting in contact with affiliated groups before the year is over, and letting them know what spaces in Freshers' Week are available, we can work together to use them effectively. This will let us create a more engaging week dedicated to showing off the passion and creativity in this community.

Bigger Venues, Better Spaces

The Union can reach out to university spaces, like Younger Hall and The Byre Theatre, in order to facilitate bringing in bigger acts for Freshers' week and throughout the year. Bigger venues mean bigger capacities, so we can make sure that more students have the opportunity to see our best events without driving up ticket prices excessively, and by using these spaces, we can free up more Union space for student events throughout the year.

Saturdays in the Union have always been a challenge. I think it's time we got our societies involved and started collaborating with them to put on more themed events so that our affiliates have more opportunities to fundraise in our spaces.

A Better Night Out

It's really important that each bar has its own personality, and that we vary what's on offer to make sure there's a space to suit every occasion. But we can make your nights out even better. In 601, for example, we can vary up the drinks available by working with the bar staff to make cocktails that can be sold in fishbowls or pitchers, so you spend less time queuing for single drinks, and more time enjoying your night.

We can also create 72 hour drink promotions, meaning that we can potentially offer drink deals where club entry to Club 601 gets you £1 drinks all night. It's a method that's successful in other Unions and it could mean that your night out just got a lot more affordable.

We can work a lot harder to diversify the kind of acts we're bringing to the union to make sure that there's something for every student. Club nights are successful and will always be a staple, but more one-off events that revolve around stronger, more innovative ideas, will attract more groups of students.

Our events, commercial and student organised, can be better publicised. We put so much time and effort into planning these events and I think we can better utilise the Design Team and marketing spaces outside Rector's and around town in order to make sure students know what events are going on in the Union.

Being There for our Societies and Subcommittees

The reason our union is here is to support our students. There shouldn't be a society or subcommittee that feels that they have no one to turn to when putting on an event in one of the

Union spaces. They also shouldn't feel like they can't use the Union because their society gets nothing out of it. I want to make sure that sure you know what spaces are available to you - especially utilising unconventional spaces - e.g. Rector's during the evening when they experience a drop off in attendance.

I want to make sure all events have an accountable Director of Events and Services with whom to plan and budget events, so that our societies have comfortable set up times, receive timely confirmations, and feel supported in their union experience.

Our relationship with the AU can be even stronger. Increasing collaboration with sports teams so that that beyond Sinners, we can bring more sports teams to the union for team sponsored events will let our Union really be a place where everyone can come together to make the most of their night out.