

Go Green weekends

Finished off the promotion and organisation for go green week and hosted the viewing of the yes men and the go green training workshop. Both events were successful, attracting over 150 people to the yes men film showing and 15 to the go green workshop. On balance, I feel the week has achieved its aims in putting the environmental issue firmly in the mindset of students and on the agenda for this year.

Following on from the end of go green week I have tied up all the odds and ends surrounding the week such as ensuring that all of the people involved in the week have received a thank you email.

Campaigns training

I hosted and attended the direct action training day on Saturday and took notes on all of the workshops and have been typing them up to post on the website and contribute towards the campaigns handbook. I feel the day was relatively successful and attracted a number of new faces to campaigning. However, on the same day a large protest was occurring in the middle of town, which may have prevented the attendance from being higher. If students feel they have missed out on this opportunity as a result of their attendance at the protest in Manchester I will repeat any of the sessions asked for.

North campus

I spent 4 hours on North campus on Wednesday and despite a lack of advertising of the office hour three students still came to see me, highlighting problems surrounding computer clusters on North campus and some general enquires.

Emails

I received over 200 emails this week and have spent a fair amount of time replying to them. The emails have consisted of a range of student enquires, event proposals and funding proposals some of which I am now pursuing.

Coasters

We are having new coasters made for the bar with information about the Union on them so I wrote mine.

Newspaper

After convincing the students union to sign up to the 10:10 campaign I decided that it was time I told the students about it so I've written a feature for the newspaper which will appear in next weeks edition of The Mancunion.

Next campaign week's organisation

I am beginning to think about organisation of the next campaigns weeks, so I have begun conversations with the welfare officer over disability awareness week and sexual awareness week, begun to consider how I can support the organisers of diversity week and begun researching each issue. I am also in the process of contacting each of the relevant societies and officers to find out how they can contribute towards each of the campaigns weeks.

Council meeting

I read and attended the emergency council meeting on Tuesday.

NEF the bigger picture event

I have booked a bus for the New Economics Foundation bigger picture event as I feel that the event will positively contribute towards the Union's go green campaign as it will give attending students a chance to explore the issue further. I have also been helping the student organiser too.

Tree planting weekend

I have organised a treeplanting weekend and have been dealing with students who are interested and booking spaces for them.

Carbon Ambassador Project

Over the summer UMSU was accepted onto the carbon ambassador project. Consequently, I had a meeting with the organiser of the event from NUSSL where I took on the role of chief co-ordinator for UMSU. The scheme aims to train up interested students to become environmental auditors. With this knowledge each student will be directed to go out into the local community and carry out environmental audits for free. This will have two positives, as it will help businesses reduce their carbon emissions and reduce their energy costs.

Shared planet

I sent off the quotes for room bookings for shared planet and found some information booklets about Manchester to be given out on the day.