

Since my last report I have:

Produced Issues 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Student Direct: Mancunion (see previous report if you'd like to see exactly what my part in this involves on a weekly basis... I'll give you a clue- it's a lot).

In addition to editorial duties, I've written several pieces for the paper including a full survey report on academic advisers, a longer news report on some AGM irregularities at Salford Students' Union, a theatre review, an interview with Liam Byrne and an article for lifestyle.

Helped out at North Campus awareness raising, handing out papers with some other exec members (Monday 16th Nov)

Took part in a debate for Fuse FM on the merits of grammar (slightly self indulgent, but as it's supporting Union media and all that...)

Attended a meeting with the President (Monday 23rd Nov)

Taken a day off (hurrah!) on Tuesday 23rd Nov

Tried to arrange my scrutiny committee meeting, but to no avail

Lots of admin faff- arranging reimbursement for writers' travel/tickets etc, mail outs and meeting rooms (lots of which I'm still very behind on)

The last few days I've also been preparing for when our Advertising Sales Exec (full time position based over at Salford) leaves for greener pastures (she will have finished by the time you read this) as currently we have no one to replace her. I am hoping to at least keep things ticking over until we have a new person in the role, as it is vitally important we don't lose ad revenue, which so far seems to have been steady and an improvement on last year (although will be able to confirm this with exact figures after my next SD Board meeting).

Lastly, not necessarily in my capacity as Student Direct Officer, I wrote a short comment piece for the Guardian's Comment is Free (their online comment log) on the MENS society, again this was in my spare time, but hopefully raised the profile of *Student Direct: Mancunion* a little (I posted several links on comment threads etc and have subsequently noticed an increase in posts on our website) Anyway, check it out if you're interested!