

Welfare Reform Bill

- wrote an article in Student Direct about this and the negative effect it will have, the bill will particularly affect single parents, those with long term disabilities, and the newly unemployed with special measures being aimed at 18-25 year olds.
- Facilitated and attended a day long national planning meeting for taking action against the reform bill and will be helping to coordinate action in the north west.

Student Parents

- Again, I feel there is really progress being made here, but it is of course a long process, here's an update.
- A survey has been sent to tutors and admin staff about their experiences of dealing with students with caring responsibilities, the responses to this will help form a maternity policy for students.
- I've been doing research into other universities' maternity/pregnancy policies in order to hopefully draw a new one up for us – the university seems keen to do this now,
- Met with someone from the Michael Smith building about a breast milk expressing/breast feeding room, and the possibility of more on campus (or even in the union).
- Later met with Chris Davies who supported a lot of what I've been doing and was especially interested in the breast milk expressing room and issues regarding teaching and learning.
- Met with Pat Sponder (head of student services) and Jenny Wragge as they wanted to be updated on everything I'd been doing in relation to student parents.

Riveters

- We've been engaged in much direct action and have been very active as can be seen in the student paper. I generally write all of the press releases, make the publicity, and organise events. New faces appear at every event and people feed back that they genuinely feel more empowered and confident.
- Reclaim the parks: ran another reclaim the parks event and made a banner for it.
- Started initial planning for reclaim the night march including open route planning in the Union foyer.
- Started to put together a new edition of the Riveter.
- Almost every Friday is spent writing up minutes, drafting weekly email, and following up immediate action points such as booking rooms and making flyers.
- Started researching for the annual play that the women's office puts on.
- Day of action to end violence against women: started planning for this, read more in next report.

World AIDS Day

- I've made much of the publicity for World Aids Day as well as organising speakers and inviting people. This has been a good collaboration between the LGBT secretary and myself.

Societies Committee

- Since being elected to Societies Committee I have attended every meeting and enjoy working with other Union members on this.

Miscellaneous

- Had a stall on north campus about being women's officer and drop in sessions.
- Made drop in posters to go around south campus too in an effort to get more people in.
- Attended feedback event for undergrads and post graduate event to get to meet more students.