

### **Reclaim the Night**

This is this Friday (the 8<sup>th</sup>) and will be an open march that anyone is welcome to (please come along). It has a focus of 'ending street harassment for all'. I have been working hard to organise an afternoon of workshops, stalls and creativity as well as the march itself and the after party.

### **Women's Week**

This has been my main job over the last week. I have been organising a week of events with a variety of focus. The main overall aim is to raise awareness of some of the problems women face today. There are also some fun arts activities going on, a clothes swap on Thursday, where you can bring your old clothes and swap them or if you haven't any old clothes you can get new ones for £1 a piece to help raise money for the changing place toilet. On top of this, there will be workshops on a range of topics from body image to consent and even a special two-hour self-defence course.

### **TUC Demo**

I attend the TUC Demo in London. This was a very empowering event where we worked with people of all ages and professions. I was also involved in helping make banners and placards the day before for the NUS LGBT and black students campaign.

### **NUS Conference**

**Women's:** At women's conference I spoke on a range of motions and as a result the conference now have policy that includes supporting student unions on the ground more and looking at the accessibility of the campaign. This was also an excellent networking opportunity and some ideas for the coming term came out of this. This conference also reminded me how lucky I am to be Women's Officer at UMSU where I feel we take the issue of sexism and liberation seriously.

**Disabled Students:** This was held in Manchester and meant I could attend both this conference while returning to the Union for meetings. It was generally an interesting event and definitely an important learning curve, as I'd never attended Disabled Student Conference before. I'd like to congratulate Hannah Paterson for winning Campaigner and the Mental Wealth Campaign for winning campaign of the year at the conference.

### **Compositing**

I have attended lots of compositing for the Union's Women's and LGBT. This is where all the motions that the various Unions' have written for conference get orders and also where any similar motions get put together.

### **LGBT NUS**

In my role on NUS LGBT committee, I have been working on an accessible guide to conferences to ensure all delegates know what is going on and that those attending have an enjoyable and engaged experience.