LEEDS TRINITY STUDENTS' UNION

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2017 - 2018



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Good

NUS Green Impact **Students' Unions**





INTRODUCTION

Leeds Trinity Students' Union is a charity.

As a charity we exist for the benefit of Leeds Trinity students. We do this in five ways:

- 1. We act as a medium of communication between the members of the Union, the Governors, the University and other bodies.
- 2. We advance the education of our members and students of the University as a whole
- 3. We represent the interest of our members and act as a channel of communication in dealing with the University and other bodies
- 4. We promote and protect the welfare of our members through the provision of information, advice and activities
- 5. We promote, encourage and co-ordinate student clubs, societies, sports and student activities

How is the Union run?

The Union is led by two annual elected officers - the President and Vice-President. As a charity there are also nine trustees made up of two elected sabbatical officers, three student trustees and up to four external trustees. They are the first and final decision making body of the Union. Political and policy decisions are made by the annually elected Student Council which includes the President and Vice-President.

A small staff team support the work of the elected officers and the overall strategy that has been agreed by the Trustees.

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"This year has been another proud year for Leeds Trinity Students' Union. We launched three new flagship programmes as part of our Big Plan 2017 – 2020 with a new Mental Health Leaders Programme, Academic Societies for All and a Give it a Go programme of events throughout term. All of these programmes have been incredibly successful as you will see throughout this report.

This year we were shortlisted for Students' Union of the Year by Educate North & UK, achieved the Investing in Volunteers standard and Green Impact Good. We undertook a Democracy Review which put more of our decision making into the hands of our students which successfully passed a referendum. We also had another record election turnout which is one of the highest in the country at 35% of Leeds Trinity students voting and our first Varsity in recent memory against York St John.

Looking ahead we have reviewed our Welfare Service in consultation with students which now will be known as SU Advice and amongst new services will include the opportunity to book appointments online. Other plans include further engagement across our three flagship programmes as well as a new and much demanded for SU Shop on campus launching in September 2018. We are also part of a pilot group for the National Union of Students (NUS) for their accreditation Quality Students' Unions which helps us benchmark towards excellence.

Of course none of this happens without the commitment and enthusiasm of people so a huge thank you to Georgia Wood who was Vice President in 2017/18 and the incredible LTSU staff and student volunteers who have played an integral part in our successes this year."



STUDENT VOICE

77% 24/7 70%

















500 Respondents to SU on Tour and School Report which is one of: our key listening and consultation

activities

led by the

President

and

Vice-President

67 Interactions with 'Students Say', our online ideas zone where you can turnouts in the like or dislike ideas put forward by other students

Over 1 in 3 Students vote in the LTSU elections which is one of the highest country

261 for our Annual Student-Led **Staff Awards**

77% Nominations of courses have a Course Rep

24/7 Library open during peak times after the elected officers asked the University to make it happen.

70% of Course Reps have been trained

Student Forums with the University Senior team held

Democracy review taken place and implemented

"Within my second year I was voted as social secretary for the team, I really enjoyed this role as a whole and getting to know more people through this. During this role I was able to organise two mixed socials of every team at the Uni, over 100 people attended each night and helped make them great. It was amazing to see all teams come together! Going into third year, as well as, Social Sec I am now also the Badminton Women's Captain. I can't wait for another year supporting each team and seeing what comes of my given roles.."

Samantha, Student

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES



SUPPORTING STUDENTS

750+

500+

46 100+

1000+

25

1



750+ Over 750 placement students received mental health training



500+ Housing Fair attendees



46 Student Hardship Vouchers issued



100+ Approx. 100 health related screenings



1000+ Health related packs distributed



25 Sports leaders trained in mental health



1 Student-led review of SU Advice Service

"I'm so glad that I decided to do my second year placement with the welfare officer at LTSU as the time spent on placement and later working for the Students Union was both rewarding and enjoyable. I grew as a person in a number of ways whilst in this role, gaining confidence and skills and knowledge in a range of fields surrounding student welfare. The whole team at LTSU are brilliant and made working for them never feel like having a job."

Anonymous

A UNION THAT ADDS VALUE TO STUDENT LIVES



