

LEEDS TRINITY
STUDENTS' UNION

2018 - 2019

ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR AWARDS & ACCREDITATIONS



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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.

Thank you to Leeds Trinity University for their continued professional and financial support. Also thank you to our sponsors Arrow Cars, Dominos, Endsleigh, Hemingways, PRYZM and Superbull.

"As we go into the last year of our current strategy within the Big Plan we reflect with pride on our achievements over the past year.

Our Mental Health Leaders programme is now at full speed with over 50% of students having taken part. We also opened an on campus cashless convenience and clothing shop which scored a 92% satisfaction rating in our most recent annual Rate your Union survey.

We continued our commitment to the environment and sustainability achieving for the second year running the Green Impact accreditation. Our work was externally audited by the National Union of Students (NUS) through their Quality Students' Unions standard with us achieving the best possible score across a number of categories firmly placing us as a sector leading Students' Union. We have also presented on sector leading work in student commercial services and mental health.

Engagement with students continues to increase with us achieving a 39.5% election turnout in March 2019 which is the second highest turnout in the country. Our new ideas hub 'Students' Say' had 30 ideas submitted which included successfully lobbying the University to increase provision of lockers within the library and a microwave station being created for students to use. We also ran a range of events with the brilliant Student Council for Black History Month, World Mental Health Day, International Women's Day and LGBT History month.

Looking ahead we are delighted to be launching a new café and bar space StUdio on campus and will ensure students, as they are with everything we do, are at the heart of our service delivery. We launch a new website in Autumn 2019 which will offer our members enhanced access to information and funding for Sport Clubs and Societies. Additionally, we have a range of campaigns planned to ensure students have the best possible experience whilst at Leeds Trinity University, helping them gain experiences and opportunities like no other, it's our inclusive, personalised, student first approach that means our students will never feel as if they are not represented or left bored. Hosting our third annual Varsity this year against York St John also sparks excitement.

Finally a huge thank you to our predecessors Jake Bainbridge and Charles Isherwood and the incredible LTSU staff, student volunteers and trustees who continue to play an integral role in the organisation's success."

CHRIS DOW
Vice-President
2019-2020

ZOHA SHAH AND CHRIS DOW
STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT &
VICE-PRESIDENT 2019-2020

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President
2019-2020

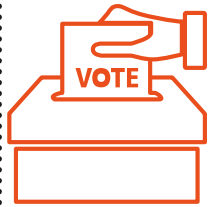
STUDENT VOICE

437



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

39.5%



39.5% election turn out.
One of the highest in the country three years running.

300+



300+ nominations for Academic Interest Awards

55%



55% Course Reps Recruited

12



12 New Council Policies passed

51



51 Students at two Student Forum

"Over the last 3 years my involvement with the LTSU has provided numerous opportunities for volunteering, work and sport. In my final year I worked as part of the engagement team, sat on the student council as the first ever Sustainability Officer and was elected as the Chairwoman of Women's Rugby Union. Through all of these roles I have engaged with a wider range of students than ever before and become more knowledgeable about the needs and wants of students at Trinity. With the help and support of LTSU I ran several successful campaigns, all of which were rewarding and contributed towards our annual Green Impact award. I've thoroughly enjoyed each and every role so far and can't wait to make even more memories in the year to come!"

- Chelsey Grooby, Student Council 2018-19

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

165
Give it a Go
and
Social Events run
by your SU

Freshers week
events 50/50
alcoholic/
non-alcoholic
focused

1,500+
Welcome
Bags handed
out to new
students

150+ Students
attending
Graduation
Ball

8 New
Academic
and
Liberation
Societies

1,500+
Attending
Freshers'
Fair

12 New
Societies &
2 New Club

First away
Varsity vs.
York
St. John

500+ Clubs
and Society
Award
nominations

370
Sports Club
and 305
Societies
Members

270
Clubs and
Society
Award
attendees

Sport Club Hall of Fame

Club of the year - Netball
Club Committee of the year - Boxing
Coaching of the year - Henrik Bader (Boxing)
Team of the year - Swim team
Society of the Year - Dance
Society Committee of the year - Christian Union
First entrants into BUCS tennis championships
First entrants into the BUCS individual
badminton championships
First time entering two competitions in one
season for Cheerleading
New netball team added to the club and in BUCS

“3 years at Leeds Trinity University has given me a number of opportunities to make some fantastic memories, with the help of the Students’ Union. Throughout my time at Uni I was part of the women’s rugby team and undertook the role of captain in my final year of study. I was able to expand my knowledge of the sport, further understand discipline and see how rewarding it is to have such an important role on a team. I have made some friends for life during games, socials and team training. My sporting experience within LTSU has been greatly rewarding and my confidence has grown significantly, which wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the staff. The staff are always there for guidance and advice, on match days and before or after. I hope the Students’ Union continues to expand and grow to be able to keep giving the students the best university experience.”

- Rachel Brown, Women’s Rugby Union Captain 2018-19

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

750+



750+
Over 750
placement
students
received
mental
health
training

200+



200+
Housing
Fair
attendees

9



9
Student
Hardship
Vouchers
issued

20+



20+
Approx.
health related
screenings

500+



500+
Health
related
packs
distributed

25



25
Sports
leaders
trained in
mental
health

1



1
Student-led
review of SU
Advice Service

“My time at the SU has been nothing but enjoyable! After running the Student-Led Staff Awards and being elected as Disabilities Officer, I had the opportunity to be involved. The Union gave me the opportunity to make the changes I wanted to see and supported all my events and ideas. Volunteering enhanced my time at Trinity and allowed me to make my mark”

Anonymous

“My aim is to tap into the community atmosphere on campus and incorporate awareness and understanding within this. I will endeavour to create such a change that discussions surrounding diversity, inclusivity and stereotypes in relation to mental health and disability become part of normal daily discussions. As well as influencing the social aspect, I will push to improve policies and services on campus which will have the potential to impact not only students and staff, but also the local community outside of campus.”

Heather

A UNION THAT ADDS VALUE TO STUDENT LIVES

**Shortlisted
SU of the Year 2019
by Educate North & UK
Leadership Awards**

**Volunteers recognised
on their official
academic transcripts**

**14 page cut the
costs report after
consulting over 200
students**

**Lockers on Campus -
Student Council
successfully agree the
arrival of lockers in
the library.**

**We have achieved
Green impact
Good Accreditation**


**Free periods
- Student Council
successfully agree the sale
of sanitary products in the
shop at cost price.**

**Microwaves -
Student Council
successfully agree the
use of onsite microwaves
for all students.**

**LGBT+ Inclusive Sport -
Our Vice President led a
rainbow laces campaign to
promote an LGBT+ friendly
atmosphere.**

"I've been part of the boxing team at the university for a year, in that time we have developed a huge amount. It is great to see more and more students getting involved in the sport and supporting the club. The SU have helped enormously, as this was a new club last year which me and my friend started. We were unsure about how things work and how to run the club but the support from the Students' Union helped us launch the club and helped us achieve much more than what we expected. I'm really looking forward to what next year brings for us and the SU."

Henrik Bader, Boxing Chairperson 2018-20.



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