


## University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

Academic Year	2015/2016
Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016
	Week 2 Semester 2
Position:	DP/Welfare
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Profile Picture:	

### Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council

- a. **Walk and Talk**- Team up with Mary I SU and LITSU to create a 5km walk around Limerick city with the aim of getting students talking to each other, looking after or mental health and breaking down the 'rivalries' between the 3 colleges. This will run on April 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, week 10) at approx. 7pm and will raise money for Pieta House.
- b. **E-pub**- A project in conjunction with the Mid West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forum. This will be an online measure of alcohol use for students measuring behaviours/habits and subsequently giving information as to how this can affect your life- WIP
- c. **Samaritans Listening service**- Samaritans will now be running a one-to-one listening service in the SU from 6-8 on Thursdays. Working on getting a second night on North Campus.
- d. **Welfare Team** – still going strong. Running a campaign next week- 'Consent and Domestic Violence' - which was their idea and all their own input.
- e. **Aldi bus** – continuing this semester- starting Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 co-ops in the SU will be managing it i.e. taking bookings, managing the bus on the night and reporting back to Aldi. The bus will now stop at Troy/Groody also.

- f. **Wolf wrist bands**- will be available again this semester with a more visible promotion.
- g. **Student Assistance Fund**- more funding has been awarded; as a result the applications will reopen until March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- h. **Financial Aid**- last semester= €10,870 & €9,887.40 in Childcare bursaries
- i. **Children's Christmas Party**- Approx. 40 children in attendance along with Santa, Rudolph and his elves. All children got a present thanks to a kind donation from UL President Office.

#### **Upcoming campaigns –**

**Week 3-** Consent and Domestic Violence

**Week 5-** Love your body

**Week 8-** Road Safety

**Week 10-** Mental Health

**Week 13-** De stress and Exam Prep (in conjunction with Marian)

**Student issues currently being dealt with** Hardship loans, SAF, childcare bursaries (closing Thursday week 4), various others.

#### **S.U. Finances**

Welfare only

#### **Budget Expenditure**

€142 for Destress and Exam Prep week (week 13, Semester 1)

#### **Short Term Objectives and Update**

- Campaign weeks- Consent and Domestic Violence (wk. 3) & Love Your Body (wk. 5)
- Promotion of Wristbands
- Charity week planning
- Walk and Talk planning
- Processing loans and SAF. Childcare bursaries just opened also.
- Welfare section on website and FAQs- online information forum- WIP

#### **Long Term Objectives and Update**

- Suicide awareness and prevention training- Pieta House during Mental health week & Walk and Talk

- Mental health resources and awareness- successful campaign in Semester 1 and promising for Semester 2. Increased hours of counselling promised for Semester 2.
- Alcohol behaviours and habits- MWRDATF and E-pub- WIP
- Finance guide- Finished! Waiting on screen shots from SUSI

**Meetings Attended (With External Bodies / Of Note)**

Management committee x2  
 SU Exec  
 Charity week x2  
 Student Health Centre working group  
 Financial Aid committee (weekly)  
 Head of Counselling monthly meeting x2  
 Governing Authority  
 GA Access and Student Affairs  
 MWRDATF/ E-pub development x4  
 Samaritans  
 Walk and Talk x2  
 Pay it Forward x2  
 Scholars Club x2  
 Stables Club x2  
 Winter Conferings  
 Walk in My Shoes SU Officers Mental Health training  
 Understanding Self Harm course  
 International and Access students orientation

**GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)**

N/A

**EXPENSES CLAIMED**

N/A

**AOB**

WOLVES

Signed by the Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted to the Chairperson on the \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_