

## Southend Black Officer Report

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### Introduction

This month I hoped to catch up with students in order to understand their wellbeing, whilst also connecting with the Black Officers on the Loughton and Colchester campus to see the ways in which we can support each other.

### Goals

- To continue to build and maintain wider and deeper connections with black students
- To host an event at least once every three weeks
- To provide a comfortable space for students to talk about their mental health and the ways in which their surroundings are affecting it
- To build connections and relationships with other communities to show solidarity and support for those in intersectional communities

### What have I been up to?

This month I had a wellbeing check-in evening, however due to the late notice for the event, there were not many people in attendance. However this allowed us to partner up with another event at the SU which allowed students to meet people they've never met before. I was also able to meet with students outside the events, which gave good opportunity for them to share any of their concerns with me.

I also had a zoom meeting with the other Black Officers from Loughton and Colchester, in which we discussed events on our own campus and the ways in which we can help each other, ideas for possible future events.

### What to expect next month?

I have a flag-painting event planned as part of the One World Essex week on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March which will be connected with some other events also taking place in the SU.

I am still talking with the Women's and LGBTQ+ officers to put on a joint event. We have been thinking about if we can find a queer black woman to speak or hold an event/workshop for the students.

It has been mentioned, possibly for the third time, about having another cross campus mixer/event with the other Black Officers and students.