

Southend Black Officer Report

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Introduction

I've been using this past month as a way to plan and organise events for the upcoming months. I've also been making progress in how I can change aspects of the uni, particularly the ways in which certain modules are being taught, and who they're being taught by, in order to create a change that lasts after I've left.

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 have been putting my thoughts for events into action, and have sent off the forms for the well-being and flag painting events. I've also been developing a short film that will be made with someone in the healthcare department, and hopefully filmed soon, to show the effects of racism in the workplace.

I feel I have started to get back on track with my responsibilities this month.

What to expect next month?

Next month I should have had the well-being evening, and hope that will be a success, and will be preparing the final parts for the flag-painting event. I also hope to organise an event with the LGBT officer, and the Women's officer, to put on a joint event. I also hope to have made progress with the short film. I also hope to have feedback from my community and as a result, have another mixer or event in mind that will be put on soon, possibly even bringing in a speaker.