

Summary:

At the moment the Students' Union presence is quite minuscule as currently our liaison in halls is through Residential Assistants and students who may come to us. In order to have some sort of presence in halls before we can launch halls communities we must first start on a small scale then later down the strategy line we can create a student community board where issues around housing, neighbours, crime can be discussed resulting in a safe community and with scope for students to implement initiatives.

This vision will start with Halls Reps, one for each site, who will meet with the President to discuss the latest in halls and also act as advocates for campaigning in halls acting as a main point of contact for e.g. queries about IMS or events.

The result produced will be a better informed membership, increased activity in halls and quicker responses from halls of residence who will have someone on hand working closely with RAs but trained by, and part of, the Students' Union.

This Union Believes:

1. By having a presence in halls engagement will increase and the Students' Union will be able to include more people in events, activities, feedback and representation
2. This will increase the number of people who get involved because they have been made aware
3. That Halls Reps can foster inter-halls relationships leading to better communities at the University of Derby
4. The Students' Union will have the chance to involve those who do not normally engage because their needs can be catered for as the mechanisms will allow us to be responsive
5. If established there is scope for wider work regarding students and the local community harbouring healthy neighbourhood relationships
6. That any welfare issues that are not picked up will be through tighter halls communities

This Union Resolves:

1. To mandate the President, VP Welfare & Student Rights and VP Student Development to write out job descriptions for Halls Reps
2. To mandate the President and the Democracy Officer to establish how these representatives will be chosen, through elections or applications
3. To mandate that the Sabbatical Officers decide on which part of the Students' Union structure halls reps will be part of
4. That the positions will be according to these names:
 - Lonsdale Halls Rep
 - Buxton Halls Rep
 - Laverstoke Halls Rep
 - Peter Hilton Halls Rep
 - Princess Alice Halls Rep

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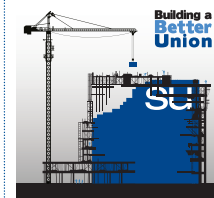
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Peak Court Halls Rep
St. Christopher's Halls Rep

Increase the Students' Union footprint and activity within halls of residence

Embed equality and diversity through the organisation (create dedicated support for international students)

Create a culture that supports societies

Create a community cohesion strategy

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