**Accountability Report: Vice President Activities & Development**

*A fairer funding system for Sports and Societies*

* Organised Societies and Sports focus group to understand the experiences of the committee members
* Researched the funding process of other Students’ Unions to get an understanding of best practice
* Introduced a Society and Sports Club of the Month
* New funding policies for both Societies and Sports being created and will be implemented next semester

*Greater accessibility in recreational sports and social events*

* A new recreational sports timetable created so that students who don’t want to play in competitive sports can still get involved
* The Union will be introducing a “Give it a Go” programme so that there are a diverse series of events unrelated to sports and societies

*A more inclusive selection of Fresher's events*

* Freshers 2019 was one of the most successful one we have had in years. The events were a good balance of alcoholic and non-alcoholic events so that students can get the best welcome possible
* To build on the theme of welcoming students and helping them acclimate to university; Refreshers has also been a priority for me to build momentum in the second semester.
* Refreshers is now in progress: with stalls on multiple campuses for societies, sports as well as volunteering.

*Non-judgemental spaces & more opportunities to make more friends*

* Worked with the VP Welfare in order to expand the prayer room and at the same time find a neutral area for the quiet room to be placed
* The Union would like to expand the students union space and speaking to the university about growing space provision. One of the main priorities for any space expansion is for one of the areas to be a quiet room

***Other areas I’m working on***

* *Creating more opportunities:*Changed the byelaws to give the student council the power to ratify sub committees to work on strategic aims and objectives of the students union so that we can also diversity the activity and commitments
* *Sustainability:* Created the sustainability Project Group. This group will work on all areas of sustainability in the university and the union
* *Volunteering and Fundraising:* Created the Raising and Giving group that will work on charity and volunteering efforts not only within Kingston and our student groups, but also in the wider community
* *Academic Societies Development:* Working on encouraging every faculty in the university to have a society linked to them to improve course satisfaction and student experience