

Part-time officer report- Final 2023/24

Part-time officers work consistently throughout the year to provide for their cohort going above and beyond whilst balancing their courses alongside this responsibility. Whilst they have limited time and funding, all of these individuals have been able to make a lasting impact on our Students Union and the wider University with their dedication to enriching our educational experience.

Joshua-Tyronne Seneviratne (Sustainability Officer 2023/24)

Joshua highlights 3 main areas to tackle regarding sustainability; transportation, waste management and empowering students with sustainability. Though they began with goals wider than the capacity of a part time officer, Joshua was able to find compromise and making promising progress on their initiatives.

Transportation is a largely visited topic within sustainability as a top contributor to carbon emissions, with students travelling from all over the world to attend our university it is important that we take steps to reduce the impact we make. Joshua has been communicating with the finance team to trial a feasible initiative to create a hardship fund linking to rail cards, a more sustainable alternative to travel by car. Joshua was able to implement food waste caddies in University accommodation to promote sustainable actions in the home. Students can dispose of waste that can be used to facilitate eco-systems and contribute to our development goals; this project is supported by ENVVA. This also proved effective to empower students as many students requested these food waste caddies for their accommodation since hearing about their availability. Students have also been provided with the option to engage with blackboard modules to earn accreditations to add to their CV.

Joshua's hard work earns them a pass from Scrutiny committee.