

Student Council (11.05.22) – Updates from Rhi

What has been achieved since the last meeting:

1. Since the last meeting I have launched a consent awareness survey and received over 300 responses which confirms a concerning lack of awareness around what behaviours constitute sexual harassment in addition to confusion around what consent is. With this in mind I have been continuing to push the University to roll out mandatory consent training for all students, however it is proving to be a challenge. I am now going to be rolling out a one question survey which asks students whether they would support mandatory consent training and I would really appreciate it if you could fill this in – This is the link
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ur7mk6rEMUevXdc1sJfq2wlcB_6antRKjjDluLxLH4pURUM0Q0NTSEpEUUMyVzEzTDM5Nlo5RVRCTi4u
2. I also explained in my last update that I was pushing the University to sign the pledge asking Universities to no longer use NDAs. I am really pleased that the University agreed to sign the pledge a few days after Student Council and thank you for student support on pushing for this.
3. I also hosted two Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance fairs which were very successful, and it was great to see so many students engaged in such an important topic. As stated in the last council the plan is to host a full Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance week the week after Fresher's, with lots of events and activities.
4. In my last update I also announced that active bystander training awareness training was being launched and the first session took place on Monday 28th March. The session was a success, and we are now planning future sessions for the summer/next academic year. This is also going to be a mandatory session for the Student Leadership Development Programme which all student leaders have access too.