

WSU 2022-23

Term 1 Impact Report



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Introduction

Wow, what a start to the academic year! Term One was one of the busiest and most successful times anyone at the SU can remember, with a fun-packed Welcome Week, Autumn Elections, sold-out events, and some hugely successful student and Officer-led campaigns.

Most pleasing of all was the big leap we have seen in student satisfaction with the SU, as reported in our Student Feedback Survey.

Overall satisfaction with the SU amongst students increased from 49% in T1 last year to a whopping 67% in T1 22/23!

This increase builds on the upward trend from 20/21 to 21/22, so it's great to know we are delivering the improvements you want to create a world-class Students' Union. We know there is still lots to do, but please take a look through some of the amazing things we have achieved together in this Term 1 Impact Report.

Support

SU Advice Centre

The SU Advice Centre **supported 348 students in Term 1**, with enquiries across housing, money, academic issues, and health & wellbeing. This represents an **increase of 52%** versus Term 1 2021, with more enquiries coming in for almost all areas of our support provision.

Our biggest increase in enquiries was for housing – up from 96 to 158. We also saw a significant

Student feedback:

When asked what can we do better? Any other comments?



“Nothing at all, absolutely fantastic service, thank you so much!”

“Nothing - the whole experience was positive.”

“I am so impressed with the help and support I had from the service. I had a prompt reply and a helpful discussion with [an Advisor] within a couple of days of submitting a request for assistance. I'm really grateful for the help.”

“Thank you for your help and guidance, it's been a privilege to have you support me throughout this process, and I will absolutely be in touch with other things again.”

“Thank you so, so much for your repeated help, it has made this process a lot less stressful that I think it would have been otherwise.”

“I am really grateful for all of the support from [the Advisors] in the midst of a challenging situation. I am appreciative of their time, effort and kindness.”

Representation

Student Voice

- Our **Governance Regeneration project was passed** at Student Council, so we can make significant improvements to our democratic structures
- **1,754 student voters** for Course Reps, Faculty Reps and Department Reps
- **300+ Course Reps elected** to represent your academic interests
- **600 voters in our Autumn Elections** to choose your Part-time Officers, Committee Members, and NUS delegates
- **17 motions submitted and debated** at both Student Councils/ASVs



Campaigns

The SU Projects and Campaigns team have supported our Full-time and Part-time Officers in delivering a variety of impactful events and activities. Some of the most notable include:

Blackness, Imagination, Liberation

Our Vice President Welfare & Campaigns, Tomi Amole, led on a series of events during Black History Month, including:

- **Decolonisation is Not a Metaphor** - A discussion group about decolonisation and how it can be done effectively in collaboration with Warwick Anti Racism Society.
- **Showcasing Warwick Black Creatives with black [untitled]: Film** - A film showcase where students were able to submit short films to play on a cinema screen.
- **The Criminalisation of Black Culture and Politics** - A lecture by Adam Elliot Cooper, an academic from Queen Mary.
- **Rethinking the (Black) student subject in neoliberal times** - A lecture by Khadijah Diskin, PhD student at Manchester Metropolitan University.



- **Mental health among the Black student community** - A discussion and interactive workshop about black student mental health hosted by Oge Obioha.
- **Showcasing Warwick Black Creatives with black [untitled]: Music** - Student performances of DJ sets, instrumentals, singing and rapping in the Copper Rooms.

Stand Up Against Islamophobia

Hamza Rehman, the SU Vice President for Postgraduates, organised a series of talks for Islamophobia Awareness Month, which included:

- **Gendered Islamophobia** - A discussion about how gendered islamophobia is woven into society and how Muslim women have resisted.
- **Students not Suspects: Prevent and Islamophobia** - Samayya Afzal hosted a talk and Q&A about the prevent policy and its impacts on Muslim students.
- **An evening with Suhaymah Manzoor Khan** - A poetry performance and discussion about Islamophobia and the idea of 'good and bad' Muslims.
- **Homonationalism and Islamophobia**
- **Neoliberalism and Islamophobia**

Party Smart

Harm Reduction stall in partnership with SOS-UK to campaign for Student Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, giving away bottle/cup stoppers and an educational activity around alcohol units.

End Period Poverty

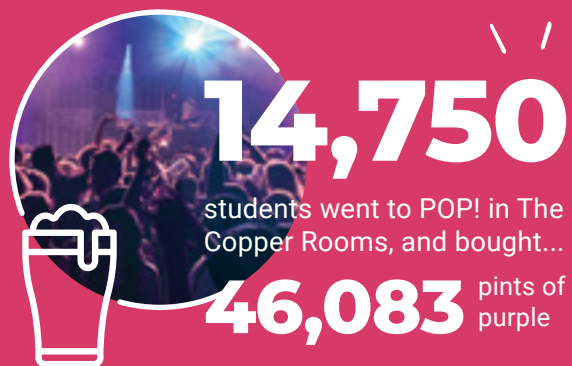
Campaign and volunteer drive from our Women's Officer, Enaya Nihal, to reintroduce menstrual product boxes around campus and recruit student volunteers to help with distribution, making menstrual products available to those in need.



Social Activities

Venues and Outlets

In Term 1, The Dirty Duck rolled out a brand-new summer menu, and loads of you had a great time eating and drinking in **ALL** the SU's venues and outlets...



46,083 pints of purple



11,000+ burgers
and **2,000+** pizzas sold



the terrace bar

PLUS, The Terrace Bar saw the return of the popular Bus Stop promotion, with cheaper drinks for Warwick students 5pm – 8pm, Monday to Saturday during term-time.



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16,384
hot drinks sold



Social Activities

Sports Clubs

63 Sports Clubs with a total of **4,174 student members**.

429

matches played

224

match wins

21

BUCS events attended

Societies

We currently have **320 Societies** who between them put on **132 events**.

11,160

total attendance

70

standard events

39

special one-off events



11

trips/tours

8

performances

4

balls



Communications

In Term 1, we introduced the SU to our new cohort of students via our communications channels. We wanted to ensure new and existing students are aware of who we are and what we do!



Ran multiple Welcome Week competitions across social media and at the Welcome Fair, with **one lucky student winning a massive tech bundle & an Amazon gift card!**



Over 1,600 students joined our brand-new **Warwick Freshers' 2022-23 Facebook group**, facilitating a space for new students to meet each other and receive updates from the SU.



Over **47,000 followers** across our main Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels.



10,000+ students regularly read our weekly email newsletter with updates from the SU.

The SU website had over **1.2 million unique page views** across Welcome Week and Term 1!



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