**VP Community’s Report** Monday 18th March 2024

Presented to Student Parliament 5 by Justyna Kardasz, Strath Union VP Community 23/24.

1. **Manifesto Updates** *Information*
   1. Community
      1. Provide Training and Development Opportunities
         1. The current development opportunities I am still working on is to create an online marketing training in collaboration with societies feedback and the marketing department in the Union.
         2. All current trainings are still being reviewed by socs team and new trainings are being developed. New training is now being implemented.
      2. Sort Room Booking System
         1. Currently working with the University to assess the rooms needed for student activity.
   2. Sustainability
      1. Reduce Single-Use Plastics
         1. Student Climate Assembly folks are looking into this.
      2. Promote Sustainable Transportation
         1. Started promoting via the “What we already do Wednesday” Social Media Campaign as a run up to Sustainability Month in March.
      3. Support Local and Sustainable Food (Strath Party)
         1. In conversations with the head of Hospitality in the Union on how to make this work without the previously mentioned inspection.
      4. Increase Awareness and Education
         1. Running Sustainability Month activities which include events and a social media campaign.
         2. University has passed a motion that education for sustainable development will be in each programme by June 2026. Bo mention of staff inductions yet.
      5. Expand Volunteering Opportunities in Sustainability
         1. Re-launched the sustainability volunteer’s initiative that I trialled during summer in a different way, linking in with Sustainability week in March. And added 2 other volunteering opportunities for the month.
2. **Non-Manifesto Updates** *Information*
   1. Community
      1. STAR Awards nominations are approaching, they close on the 31st of March!
      2. Launching podcasts to do with student recognition, elections, and sustainability.
      3. Reviewing stages of Charity Month.
   2. Sustainability
      1. Working on an Overarching Sustainability Policy for the Union via the established Union Sustainability Policy Working Group.
      2. Helping shape the Student Climate Assembly with a group of volunteers.
      3. Running Sustainability Month until the end of March- still a few events to get involved with so please do.