

Chair: Carrie Allen

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(Contact the Secretary to put something on the agenda, send your apologies for absence or to ask a question)

Date of meeting: Tuesday 11th October 2011

Venue: Café Drift, The Haigh Building

Agenda Items

1	Welcome from the Chair, apologies and introductions		
5.30pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	None	Chair	5 mins

2	Ice Breaker and outline the upcoming forums		
5.35pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	The group each introduced themselves with an interesting fact and which course they were on	Chair	10 mins

3	Introduction to Vice President; James McGarvey		
5.45pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	James introduced himself and ran through his objectives for the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation- the Halls survey and Rate your landlord survey • Focus on Health Faculty- Looking at placement experience within the faculty and how people can support this work by Tweeting etc whilst on placement 	Vice President	5 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go Green- Looking at aspects we can change to become 'greener' 		
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4	Purple Flag presentation		
5.50pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	Carrie delivered a presentation on The Purple Flag, explaining what it was, who is involved (Police and Council) and the process through which Liverpool was awarded the flag.	Chair	5 mins

5	Interactive activity based on Liverpool		
5.55pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	<p>Attendees were split into groups to discuss what their expectations of Liverpool were before they came and whether or not they were met after spending time here.</p> <p>Feedback of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1 expected; to be scared of new City, a good nightlife, football, new friends. Suggested an induction to the City in welcome weeks Group 2 expected; Friendly people, theft, violence, City of Culture, good nightlife. Expectations were exceeded- friendly people, Group 3 expected; lively nightlife, rough areas. Felt safe on nights out, and got their info from family friends and university Group 4 expected; typical Liverpool stereotype, accent, poverty, theft, good value for money. Expectations exceeded- cultural, friendly, young, not as cheap as thought Group 5 expected; danger crime, cheap drink but not as much crime as thought, good nightlife, bad for parking. To be safer and suggested later busses. 	All	15 mins

6	Break		
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6.10pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	None	All	30 mins

7	Where do you feel safe and why?		
6.40pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	<p>Attendees were split into groups based on where in Liverpool they lived/have previously lived.</p> <p>Areas and feedback were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aigburth: Felt safe in areas they had grown up in (home students) Education of specific areas would be good o change people’s perceptions • Toxteth/Princes Park: A lot of regeneration zones, but it takes a long time for work to begin. Street kighting is poor, one person had been a victim of crime 3 times, a lot of drunks in the area • City Centre: Generally felt safe. But some taxis can’t take you all the way to your door (one way systems etc). Conflict within some apartment blocks- how can we manage this? City Centre halls seem to have poor security • Smithdown: The closer to town you get the worse the area seems to get, student houses targeted for crime. There is a forum of local people against students. High police presence • and Allerton: Strong community vibe, residential with neighbourhood watch 	All	10 mins

8	Guest speaker Steve Allman (LJMU designated Police officer)		
6.50pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	Steve delivered a brief talk on how student safety in Liverpool can be policed and what police procedure on busy nights out in Liverpool is.	Guest speaker	10 mins

	<p>Q and A session with guest speaker</p> <p>Q- Could you spend the day in one of the LRC's for more engagement?</p> <p>A- This has been tried but was not successful, student did not approach</p> <p>Q- Why not send an all student email to inform people of the police collaboration?</p> <p>A- The information is in all handbooks so students are informed about it</p> <p>Q- Is there any distinguishing features to make Steve stand out from other police officers?</p> <p>A- No but this is something to be considered</p> <p>The question of 'what LiverpoolSU can do about student safety' was asked in order for attendees to think about this over the break.</p>		
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9	What LiverpoolSU can do to improve safety		
7.00pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	Attendees will feedback on their thoughts and opinions of how LiverpoolSU can improve and work towards enhancing student safety in Liverpool.	All, lead by Carrie	10 mins

10	Referendum		
7.10pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	President; Darren McCabe spoke about the upcoming referendum in order to inform attendees of how they can get involved and why they should use their vote. All key dates and details to be given.	President	10 mins
11	Delegates		
7.20pm			

	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	Debbie introduced the delegate positions and explained how students can get involved	Debbie	5 mins

11	Prizes		
7.25pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	A raffle draw was carried out for the prize of a LJMU hoodie	Chair	5 mins

12	Any issues?		
7.30pm			
	Actions or decisions	Owner	Time
	None	All	10 mins