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OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

22 – 24 January 2021

REPORTS FROM OU STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GROUPS

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Reports submitted by:-

Disabled Students Group (DSG)
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REPORT FROM THE DISABLED STUDENTS GROUP (DSG)

Since our last report:

Committee

We are currently running at 3 Officers and 6 committee members.

Participation

Freshers October: The committee hosted a lively drop-in session.

International Students Group: Colin Pritchard spoke to this group about who the D.S.G were and what we did.

Updates:

Freshers January: We have a guest speaker Chris Hughes, to talk about an accessibility project within STEM. (maths & stats)

Megan Brown

Acting Chair,

For and on behalf of the Disabled Students Group (DSG)



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REPORT FROM PLEXUS

Following our last submission, we welcome the opportunity to provide this quarterly report to the CEC and wider Student body.

Committee Update

Since our last report the committee has gone through elections and the new committee have now been notified and are arranging an induction as soon as possible.

Membership

The Group currently has 573 members.

Engagement

Social Media

One of the key areas of focus for the new committee will be ensuring we are engaging with the student body as effectively as possible.

Coming Up

PLEXUS Re-Launch

A competition was ran to come up with a new name for PLEXUS. The committee came up with a few options and then put it out to the membership to choose their favourite. As such the new name for PLEXUS is ***OU PRIDE***.

A further competition was put out to the membership to come up with a new logo. The top 3 have been chosen by the committee in December 2020 and again the group membership have been asked to pick their favourite. We had hoped to have this in place but due to technology issues this is being revisited. Once a new logo is chosen the committee will pick a date for a relaunch to the whole student body.

Future Commitments

We have not pencilled in any future commitments due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of things have been put on hold or have been cancelled such as the pride dates.

We will continue to post on social media with the LGBT calendar dates and ensure that we hit as many as we can to keep spirits up in such a difficult time.

And Finally

I would just like the committee note my extreme gratitude to the Student Support Team, for their ongoing support.

I would also like to thank the PLEXUS Committee for their ongoing engagement especially through this difficult time.

I would also like to ask the everyone that reads this stays safe, stays home and helps protect the NHS. Alongside this I would also like to add that we all need to look out for each other, mental health is just as important as physical health. If you are struggling and would like to have a chat, please reach out via social media or my email below.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. If you have any questions, please feel contact me via email.

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