

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee
25 – 27 October 2019

STUDENT VOICE WEEK 2019

The CEC is asked to:-

- i) **note** the items on this report and receive a verbal update from the Head of Student Voice at the meeting.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Back in March 2017, the Association ran their very first week dedicated to celebrating Student Voice. This event was supported by many groups at the Association and departments across the Open University.
- 1.2 There were opportunities for students to attend events and workshops, join in conversations online, and provide their views on interesting topics. The week enabled students to provide their thoughts and feedback, which was not only beneficial to the student participants, but also to the University community.
- 1.3 We are running this event again, as the #OUstudentVoice continues to be in demand, and is gaining more recognition and value. You can find more information, and a highlights video on: www.oustudents.com/student-voice-week

2. Aims of Student Voice Week

- To encourage students to share their feedback on all aspects of their student journey, and to have more staff engaged in amplifying the Student Voice.
- To have a dedicated week for running student focused events and invite students to campus to take part in sessions.
- To support OU departments who wish to undertake activities, by sharing best practise for involving students in their work – and to help departments with advertising opportunities
- To advertise volunteering roles which can support students to have their say; both within the Students Association and within the OU.

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