



SLCSA

BOARD REPORT

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New Student President and Vice President

Best of luck to Claire Patterson - Student President who finished in February to start her maternity leave.



Below: New Student President - Liz Newlands and new Vice President - Anne Carroll.

Liz Newlands



Anne Carroll



Anne Carroll

I hope to use my position as Students' Association Officer to benefit the disabled and vulnerable service users within the college. I am also willing to volunteer my time to attend training courses to improve my knowledge and skills for prevention of suicide, blood born disease or disabilities.



January New Starts

The Student President and Principal welcomed all new starts by conducting class room visits, giving details of who they were and their aims for the College.



Professional Cookery January starts looking very smart in their new uniforms.
(above)

SLCSA Beanie Hats

New SLCSA Beanie hats are now available, costing £2.



Refreshers' 15 & 16 January 2019



Refreshers' was a great success with lots of exhibitors covering many different topics and offering a wealth of knowledge. Organisations included EK Credit Union, the Dolan baths, Clydesdale Bank for money advice and Fit for Health offering free 3-day passes to try out the local gyms. Free Wheel North were also at the event with bikes outside the College for students and staff to try out. There was a DJ who played music during breaks and lunch. Student feedback was very positive.

Healthy Body Healthy Mind Award



We are continuing our focus on the Healthy Body Healthy Mind Award this year and are aiming for further accreditation. To continue having a focus on the benefits of physical exercise, we have organised weekly Smile Mile walks to encourage staff and students to take time from their busy schedules. Class visits to Free Wheel North have also taken place with students from across the College getting involved. The SA and our Cycling Officer were also in attendance.



Feedback from our visit revealed that 80 percent of students rated the experience 10 out of 10. All the students had a really fun experience.

Go with Flo

Stop smoking classes "Go with Flo" started on the 17 January in the College. This is a class that is run in partnership with the NHS and is for students and staff who want to quit smoking. Each week they are given support and encouragement and provided with the essential materials they need to help them stop smoking.



NHS
Lanarkshire

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BY 2021
SUPPORTER

I couldn't
have quit
smoking
without the
help to do it
my way.

Find your way

**QUIT
YOUR
WAY**
with our
support

SLC South
Lanarkshire
College
East Kilbride

NHS Lanarkshire is hosting a 12 week lunchtime
'Quit your Way' support group here at SLC
beginning on: Thursday 17th January 2019
If interested please get in touch:
Students: student.association@slc.ac.uk
or pop into the Student Association Office/Ground Floor Atrium.
Staff: HR.Events@slc.ac.uk or pop into the HR Office.

Big Bang STEM Event

On the 2 October 2018, South Lanarkshire College welcomed 130 school pupils from schools across Lanarkshire for a Big Bang STEM event. The SA and Student Services co-ordinated 30 Student Ambassadors who volunteered their time and energy for that day. Part of the SA's Operational Plan was to arrange volunteer opportunities for at least 20 students. We have already exceeded that target with further volunteer opportunities being made available to students. We now have eight students who have signed up to become Stem Ambassadors. They will be out visiting schools and events throughout the year.

Volunteering Event 25-27 January 2019

The College hosted a Volunteering event this month to offer and highlight the wide variety of volunteering opportunities available across our community. There were a wide range of organisations invited in to chat to the students and staff.



Scottish Parliament Visit

It was a big day for the student movement in Scotland as we were invited to the Student Roundtable event at the Scottish Parliament. Students' Association Student President's from across Scotland got the opportunity to meet with Ministers for Higher Education; Further Education; Science; Mental Health; Housing and Social Security and put forward student issues directly to the Government.



Stand Alone Pledge

The SA's second visit to the Parliament was to support the Stand Alone Pledge. We're delighted the College has publicly signed up to support estranged students. The Pledge outlines our commitment to supporting current and prospective students who are estranged from their family network. At South Lanarkshire College we recognise the many difficulties that estranged students experience and we look forward to working with Stand Alone to continue to build upon the support we currently offer to our students. At the event, a group of estranged students talked about their own lived experience and discussed some of the barriers they faced whilst in education.



Think Positive Event



The Student President and a Student Officer attended the “Think Positive” Learning, Sharing and Networking event in Edinburgh. This was an excellent opportunity to come together with other colleges and universities to share ideas and good practice. All of this activity will help with the work we’re doing to achieve the Mental Health Award that we have signed up to take part in this year.

Learning Development Student Show

The Student President attended the Learning Development students show - Grease. The students put on a fantastic show with lots of singing and laughter. Both the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds put on a great performance.



Gardeners' Question Time



The College was thrilled to host BBC Radio 4 Gardeners' Question Time. This was a cross-college event involving students and staff. The Hospitality students put on a selection of refreshments for the guests, Event Management students welcomed the guests to the College and collected tickets and the Horticulture students made beautiful flower displays.



Student Question Time

This was an opportunity for the students to put questions directly to the College Management Team.



This event allowed students to put questions directly to the College Management Team. The event was a huge success with exceptionally positive student feedback given. We're delighted a number of actions following the event have been agreed to help improve the student experience.

LGBTI History Month



February is LGBTI History Month and we have lots of fun activities planned to highlight awareness and support for LGBTI Equality. Our ongoing Smile Mile walks will be rebranded especially for the event as the 'Pride Stride' and will take place on Thursday 21st February at 12:15pm. FREE Rainbow laces, flags and badges will be available for all students and staff to show support of LGBTI Equality.



We will be hosting a Movie Night for the BAFTA award winning film 'Pride' on Thursday 21st February. Starting at 4:30pm and taking place in the Group Study Room, Library, free tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from the Students' Association and Advice Centre.



We will be hosting our annual LGBTI Purple Friday event on Friday 22nd February, where we encourage all our students and staff to wear purple and show support for LGBTI Equality. There will be a range of support organisations in college to provide specialised support and advice. A selfie photo shoot space with props will be set up outside the Students' Association Office and Inspire Catering will be serving Rainbow Cupcakes. On the second floor, Hair & Beauty students will be offering free purple nails, make-up for all, brows for all and in room 216/218 you will be able to have purple hair designs.

Upcoming Events

12 March 2019 – World Book Day

The SA will be helping Learning Development students with their book/DVD sale. All funds raised from this will go to Comic Relief.

13 March 2019 – No Smoking Day

The SA have organised an event to raise awareness of the huge costs of smoking and how damaging it can be for your health. Part of this campaign is to feature 2 baskets, one to hold an empty packet of cigarettes and the other to hold £10 worth of shopping. This is raise awareness on the huge cost of smoking and help them realise what else they could be spending their money on instead. Information will be available on how to stop smoking and where to go for further help and support.

14 March 2019 – Comic Relief Day

Learning Development students along with the SA will be selling Comic Relief red noses and have also organised to sell 100 cupcakes that day.