Since the last forum the main events that have been the focus are Refreshers and Varsity.

**Refreshers**

For refreshers there was a mixture of free and paid events. The paid events where a late-night quiz, welcome back party at senses bar and a Birmingham bar crawl. Overall, these events where well attended, however the bar crawl is the event where we had the most numbers. This has been a common theme when we have put on events outside of Newman. This is something to be consider in the next academic year. On average, we engaged with around 70 people in terms of ticket sales however we did sell tickets individually which numbers I do not have to hand but there were more people that attended that bought singular event tickets instead of the wristband.

**Varsity**

I helped with promotion of varsity; we created an Instagram reel which was then posted at least once a week on my Instagram to increase participants. This was a paid event which included, travel to and from Wolverhampton uni, taking part in the event itself, an afterparty in Heidi’s bar on broad street and a varsity t-shirt. The event was moderately attended, however that being said it was an event enjoyed by everyone. 2024 varsity was the first one done in 5 years, hopefully now we have started the ball rolling with this event, it will be something that can continue in future years. For Varsity we sold 30 tickets and also sold after party tickets separately so people could come and celebrate after.

**Drag Bingo**

This was a paid event at £2 for three games and the event was well attended. I didn’t have loads of participation in this event, but was glad to see high numbers and students enjoying the event. For this event, 25 people who paid to play including staff and students, however there were more in attendance who just didn’t pay to play and enjoyed the show!

**Awards**

When this AGM is taking place awards will not have happened however, there has been conversation around themes and nominations for this event.

**Throughout the year**

Alongside these events we also continued to put on events on our regular Tuesdays and Fridays.

The events included on these days where mainly quizzes, karaoke’s and bingos and then our synergy Fridays.

In the last forum I expressed we did notice that the bingos where the less attended events and when asking students why, the common theme was that they did not want to pay the £5 for it which resulted with the numbers dropping. This year has been very different from pervious in terms of events. I stated higher up that were getting more attendance to events that are not on campus. This just means there is a change in what our students are wanting from the SU for events. When considering events in the next academic year, more off site events is something to consider to keep students engaged and to continue that sense of community at Newman.

Addtionally, continuing to collect feedback from students both negative and positive is extremely beneficial. It allows us to know what events have gone well and can potentially be used in the future, and/or it allows us to know what events students are not so keen, on therefore we can change the events and put on things that students would like to see. Student voice is number 1 on my manifesto pledge and this pledge and has continued throughout my time to be important.

Alongside planning and attending these events, I also participated in a video of international women’s day saying who was my inspiration and why.