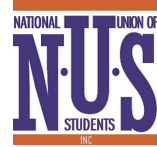


**Report from the National Disabilities Officer:
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Campaigns

- Started research for the fact book.
- Organising my materials for the year as well as O week.
- Contacting community groups in regards to Mental Health month in October.

Grants

- I submitted three proposals to the grant writer.
- Will also be looking for other outside funding and grants, as well as other groups to work with NUS and the Disability Department.

O Week

- Working with Disabilities Officers to ensure that their O week plans run successfully.
- Working on materials to distribute to campuses.
- Organising the stall for Flinders University O week.
- Will be visiting South Australian and Victorian campuses during the major O week between the 23rd and 27th of February.

South Australian EAN and National Day of Action

- Attending South Australian EAN meetings every fortnight.
- Ensuring that the NDA's are accessible to all students.
- Organising NDA materials for the group as well as those sent out for each campus.
- Contacting potential speakers on behalf of the group for the National Day of Action on the 25th of March
 - Only potential problem with speakers is that it is both a Federal and State sitting week, so far no politicians from any party are able to speak.

Skype Link Up

- On Wednesday the 4th of March there will be a Skype link up for all of the Disability Office Bearers and equivalent office bearers – Notice will be given on Wednesday the 18th of February.
- This link up will not be autonomous, and Campus Presidents and National Officer Bearers are invited to join.
- This will be to discuss plans for the year, National Campaigns and have campus report backs.

Students with Disabilities Network (SDNA)

- Continuing to liaise with the group when they have questions regarding NUS and our campaigns.
- The group has not been very active since the last report; however there will be another skype link up on Monday the 16th of February at 7.30pm which I will be joining.

Swinburne University

- The Health and Disability Officer at Swinburne and I have been starting to lobby the University for an autonomous Disability room that is accessible for all students.
- The Swinburne Office Bearer was able to book a meeting on the 13th of February that went well. I was unable to attend as there was not enough notice given, but the Office Bearer was more than happy to attend by themselves and I sent a letter along.
- Was able to contact universities that have Disability spaces or will be getting them in the near future to also send letters recommending that Swinburne builds an autonomous Disability space.

FUSA Student Assist

- Flinders University Student Association has taken to my role and has been liaising with me via email. A face to face informal meeting will occur during O week.
- They would like to be able to assist with my counselling and any mental health campaigns I run if possible