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Issue

An update on Do Something Different 2017/18 focusing on the Festival week (19 – 23 February 2018).

Recommendation

Recipients are invited to receive the update.

Resource Implications

The delivery of Do Something Different during 2017/18 has been resourced by the University and Student Union working in partnership.

Risk Implications

It is considered that the partnership working arrangements between the University and the Students Union will increase participation and awareness of the events. The Do Something Different initiative does not impact the overall level of risk facing the University.

Equality and Diversity

Equality and Diversity will be taken into account when considering the programme of events to be offered under the Do Something Different banner.

Timing of decisions

n/a

Further Information

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Discussion

The Do Something Different campaign for 2017/18 is running extremely well. So far, from September, there have been 4631 student attendances to a DSD event or session, from a total of 1525 unique attendees.

The launch of the website and calendar for the Festival week (19 – 23 February 2018) was received very well on Wednesday 24 January in the Blue Bar in the Student Union building. This year's calendar boasts over 150 different sessions running through the week.

Careers Central have been very engaged with the project and are running several different sessions including A Global Campaign Challenge; where students can come and solve one of the 10 UN World Challenges, such as climate Change or Human rights. Mentors from business will be present to support students and help their teams succeed.

Danny Buck, a History Student is running a Kriegsspiele War game– Fight a Napoleonic Battle. This gives students a chance to take command of a Napoleonic Army and lead their divisions to victory (via computers!)

Michelle Sewell is coming in to run various sessions, including the importance of script writing and grant applications for the Arts. The workshop focuses on taking an idea from conception into reality. This involves looking at the script development as well as the importance of Arts Council and trustee grants.

Audrey Richardson from LTS is running a beginners knitting session. Audrey will show students how to learn to knit in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, and all equipment will be provided and students can take away with them after the event.

Nursing have been very engaged and are running three events. Steve Smith is running a session on whether music could benefit dementia sufferers. He will be discussing whether it's the domain of musicians and music therapists or something health professionals should be more engaged in. Captain Jonathan Herron from Army Medical Services is coming in to inform students about the medical roles in the Army that are available. Gabrielle Thorpe will be running a session on Critical writing.

Maria Gomez Bedoya from Languages has organised her team to run nearly 20 different language events, ranging from a taster session in British Sign Language to Walking and Talking German to standing out from the crowd and "Go for Greek".

Maths student Katy Hobbs has organised a trip to Bletchley Park, where students can discover the secret work done at Bletchley Park during World War 2 to break the German enigma code machine. They will visit the stately home that served as the headquarters during the war, and the code-breaking huts where the ground breaking work took place.

The Headlights Comedy Society are running an evening of stand up and improve comedy, while the Geek Society are running a film marathon of beloved films – complete with free snacks and lively discussion.

There are also some outside guests coming into run sessions on Calligraphy, Stained Glass, First Aid and information on signing up to be on the stem cell, blood and organ donation register.

This year we have a 'Missing Painting Theme' running through the week. The Vice Chancellor will be revealing the beautiful Las Meninas, on Monday 19 February, but Blend and Zest, two no-good thieves are on the loose and up to no good. Look out for them on campus and for Police Officer Ziggy to see if they are captured! A painting competition, a session on the history of Las Meninas in Spanish (with English translation), a finger print session and a trial will all be run as part of the theme.

We are aiming events at all students this year and running events in the evening so Postgraduates can come along as well.

The total number of events being run in the DSD Festival week so far are 175 and counting.

There are 132 events being run by staff and 43 led by students.

The number of society's running an event during the Festival week is 24.