STUDENT REPRESENTATION ONLINE

ELECTIONS, COMMUNITY, AND STUDENT COUNCIL
MOVING REP RECRUITMENT ONLINE: PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

• Lack of democracy in rep recruitment
• Recruitment delays
• Reps not connecting the role and the Students’ Union
• Difficult for students to find out who their reps were
• Difficulties for reps in contacting their cohorts
• Administrative burden for UWS + Union staff
# ONLINE REP ELECTIONS RESULTS

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<th>2019-2020</th>
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<td>Recruited by deadline</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>302 (334 candidates)</td>
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<td>Trained</td>
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<td>Total number of reps</td>
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- 6% voter turnout
- 80% of reps elected online engaged vs. 61% ‘elected’ in class
ONLINE TEAM BUILDING

TEAMS PAGE
• 90% Reps have been active on the teams page in the last 90 days
• 60% Reps have been active on the teams page in the last 30 days
• Doggo Content = Introduction of a Stuff and Nonsense channel
• Peer Support

CHRISTMAS PARTY
• Reps Delivering Activities
• Break Out Party Rooms
• Competitions

“one of the best zooms I have been to”
ZOOM STUDENT COUNCIL

• Increased attendance – Average 80 students per meeting and our first council ever with over 100 in attendance

• Staff Support
  – Chair Support
  – Minute Taking
  – Chat monitor

• Choice of engagement methods
  – Private Message
  – Emoticon Reacts
  – Chat Box

• Socialising afterwards

“It was super organised and I didn’t expect it to work out as well as it did online”

“I loved the ability to listen to everyone and really get a full understanding of the issues the university currently faces as a whole”

“It felt very inclusive”
GOING FORWARDS...

• Sabbs and School Officers welcoming the new Course and Divisional Reps at the start of T1
• Sharing and promoting the new Representation at UWS Roadmap to ensure university colleagues are informed and promote online elections
• Continuing online student council
• Offering online or in person options for training and social events