

TITLE: SoCS Rep Officer Report
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WHAT HAS BEEN WORKED ON IN THE LAST MONTH?

1. Hold first Women in Science Roundtable – Identify what we as SoCS can do and develop plan to engage – this is an area that is key to the CoS and SoCS has a large part to play with many great voices wanting to contribute. – Ongoing. Participants identified and will commence early Jan for proposed series of 5 roundtables each taking a new topic – results of roundtable will be presented to the school to aid in guiding inclusivity.
2. Keep improving visibility to ensure full rep support over these next weeks were assignments etc are due - complete

This period has been a shorter than normal period. It has also been a period where exams and assignments have been handed in. The reps have been pro-active in supporting where contacted as well as answering feedback and posting this onto our feedback section of our website: <https://socsreps.github.io/feedback.html>.

Several areas of feedback around low level quality lectures and assignment support have been raised and these have been followed up with the school. These tend to be around areas that are complex and need further support to understand. With this in mind discussions have then followed to amend SoCS demonstrators from just text based support to video, screen sharing, as well as mini tutorial support. This was also raised in the rep hub session (7th Dec). From discussion with the acting head of school, this improved support should be more available in come Jan.

SUCCESS FROM THE PAST MONTH AND ANY REP WINS:

The team have been busy helping others at the start of the new Semester. Our key achievements over the last 4 weeks have been:

1. **Enhancement Week** – Several reps have supported in promoting and taking part in the Week 10 SoCS Christmas Lecture enhancement week program. Although not an activity that directly supports students it does significantly help on engagement and shows ways to get involved and build up community in the school. From this several students reach out to us and recognise who we are.
2. **New Reps** – We have an additional MSc rep, Stewart Leonard, (1st Year MSc Computer Science). This particular cohort of students is a group that we historically miss and so it is great that we have Stewart join us to capture this group. To support this we have extended our monthly briefing to students (email) to include the Masters and Post Grad students. Previously this was only sent to the 1/2/3 year groups.
3. **MSc Social Support** – We have been contacted by an MSc programme lead to help support on student engagement on these post grad programs. Engagement is not a direct role of the reps but we are happy to support as several under grad engagement activities have been developed. The MSc group will be included and we will also reach out and extend ourselves to them to build further community between these groups and bring SoCS closer together. The first meeting has taken place with Onyinyechi Chukwuma (MSc student in RAS) which went really well with several outcomes to follow up on.

A big thanks to all the student reps (who can all be found here: <https://socsreps.github.io>) for their support over the last part of the year and wish them all a very happy winter holidays.

PLANS FOR NEXT MONTH:

This coming month is winter holidays and the next Rep report will be circa 25th Jan. Lectures in SoCS start on the 4th Jan and F2F on the 18th Jan.

1. Hold first Women in Science Roundtable with first topic of discussion (to be identified by participants) feedback to SoCS
2. Support arriving back to Uni and completion of Semester A