# Welcome Week Volunteers 2014 Alvin Ramsamy, QMSU, Westfield Fund 2014



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QMSU has successfully run the Welcome Crew volunteering scheme for the welcome weeks for the last 10 years. This involves the Union managing 70-100 student volunteers over the move in weekend and welcome week, whose primary task is to ensure that all students have the best welcome to the University as possible.

# Aims & Objectives

## 1 - Welcome Week Intern

For a student or recent graduate to be recruited for the Welcome Week Volunteer Internship role and for the experience to boost the confidence, skills and experience of the successful candidate.

# 2 - Presence on campus Friday 12th September

To provide a welcome week volunteer presence on campus on this

#### 3 - Non-alcoholic events

To provide non-alcoholic day-time activities during welcome week to engage new students in a different way.

## 4 - Information point

For the Union to have an information point in library square from Thursday 11th to the 19th September. For this to be run by welcome week volunteers.

# Outcome & Evaluation

#### 1 Intern

A fantastic student, Kester Richardson-Dawes, was recruited for the role, and was pivotal in the success of the project. With guidance and support he organised the non-alcoholic events and facilitated the Students' Union crew.

## 2 Presence

The information point was open and volunteers were around campus a day earlier than previous welcome weeks. This ensured students arriving early received the same welcome as students who arrived over the weekend.

#### 3 Non-alcoholic events

The following non-alcoholic events took place with the recorded attendance:

### Week 1

- Mon 15th Sept Tue 16th Sept Tues 16th Sept
- Wed 17th Sept Wed 17th Sept Thurs 18th Sept
- Speed meeting 125 people
- Graffiti workshop 100 people - Ikea trip - 95 people
- Climbing wall activity 80 people
- Markets trip 47 people
- Floating cinema 155 people

#### Week 2

- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept
- Speed meeting 60
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept
- Games day 75
- Thurs 25th Sept
- sound of ground 65

# 4 Information point

This was run throughout the 11th to 19th and the Students' Union crew volunteered their time to help run the stall and give information to students.



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Information Point

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