

Board of Management Students, Staff & Equalities Committee

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Action	For Discussion

1. Recommendations

To accept this SA update on new developed Student Volunteer Projects for this academic year.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to offer an update on the progress of newly developed SA Volunteering Projects this academic year, following the awarding of additional SA funds from SFC.

3. Consultation

Not applicable.

4. Key Insights

In January 2021, the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) [announced additional funding was being allocated to Students' Associations](#). The purpose of this funding is to further support students' associations to enhance the help they can offer students and to allow this to be expanded where needed. Whilst SFC has offered flexibility in spending these funds they have offered guidance on areas that the funding spend should be reported on, these include:

- The building of safe online student communities
- Increasing membership engagement
- The communication of public health and wellbeing messages
- Building expertise and capacity of students' associations
- Mental health and wellbeing support for students

It was agreed at Student Parliament that recruiting a staff member to undertake dedicated student volunteer projects would align to all of the suggested funding aims above as well as contribute to the completion of the Inclusion Aims within our [SA Strategic Plan](#) – “We will create a strong culture of volunteering and student-led activity.”

Following College approval processes, a Full Time Volunteer Development Officer was appointed to the SA in June, for a fixed term of one year.

5. Impact and Implications

Since June there have been several developments of Student Volunteer Work within the SA, including:

- Review and Update of SA Volunteering Policy, Procedure and Guides
- Implementation of new Volunteer Portal on SA Website
- Partnerships set up with Community Volunteering Providers
- Sign up to Volunteer Standard Awards including Scottish Mentoring Network

All work has been assessed for Equality Impact and where relevant Risk Assessed. An overview of outcomes and achievements will be presented at Committee by the SA Volunteer Development Officer.

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Appendices

N/A