

It has been a privilege working with Bintu as Anti-Racism officers this year. Within the union and its societies a lot has taken place in SOAS to push forward the anti-racist cause. We have collaborated together to put on a number of events and campaigns, whilst also trying to create links with other groups working towards similar goals.

With the Black Poppy campaign we ran during Remembrance day we hoped to integrate new understandings of conflict, raising awareness of the racial oppression manifest in wars, occupations and 'humanitarian' interventions. Much positive feedback was received about this and we hope to assist next years officer in similar campaigns. We also held a film screening for the International day for the Abolition of Slavery, synthesizing historic accounts of slavery with lesser known contemporary cases.

Outside SOAS we have tried to share our solidarity with the ISOC at Queen Marys facing institutional Islamophobia and students at Royal Holloway subject to racial profiling. One of the key successes of this years union has been its engagement in such cross campus mobilisation, exemplified by the Cops Off Campus movement.

Beyond our position as Anti-Racism Officer, our role in the union has also been to engage in student politics. The Justice for Cleaners, UCU and Fractional strikes have been the spearhead of this. While these struggles have brought some change to our institution, I must also reflect on the fact that better communication is crucial to helping them realise their aims. This is something I think myself, and the union, can and will learn from.

All in all it has been a pleasure to work with this years exec and engage in such a lively student union.