

Case Study - UNICEF, Faisal Hamze



Pictured above - Faisal Hamze (Master of Business Administration student), fourth from left with UNICEF Volunteers at Student Volunteer Week during February 2006

“My experience with UNICEF started 15 years ago when I participated in a month’s educational program organised by UNICEF in Lebanon. Since then, I always carried a positive picture and attitude towards UNICEF’s essential and civilised role in our modern life. During my postgraduate studies at the University of Lincoln - I did not think twice about repeating the memories I had as a youth and to participate again with UNICEF’s on-Campus programme for communicating with students at higher institutions in the UK. When I started with UNICEF early this year, my main responsibilities were to create and run a UNICEF student club, promote awareness of child rights and global issues among students, fundraise, and to recruit student members. Although we missed the opportunity to recruit members during Fresher’ Fair - at the start of the academic year, the Community Volunteers department helped us to set two stalls decorated with UNICEF posters and materials obtained from the students UNICEF co-ordinator, James MacAonghus. The first stall took part on the “Make a Difference Day” event and the second stall was held in Student Volunteering Week on February 2006. The purpose behind the stalls was to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and ensure that children and young people already affected by the disease were being cared for. Through out the year we were able recruit more than 30 members and hold several group club meetings to introduce ourselves and UNICEF. We encouraged interaction between UNICEF and all the students. In the next academic year and for the first time - we are going to participate in the Fresher Fair to try and recruit more students. A week later, a campaign will be set to elect a new students to take my role as president of the UNICEF club. We also established a contact with the AU and Societies former president who was supportive and believed that our club could be a successful addition in the coming years to the Athletic Union. However, the registration of the club has not been finalised yet and it will be included in the new clubs and societies plans for the next year.”