

Reading University Students' Union Encourages Students to Respect their Community.

Reading University Students' Union is campaigning to keep the local community clean and quiet, asking students to respect the areas they live in.

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During the summer term the Students' Union's 'Silent Students Happy Homes' (SSHH) campaign at the University of Reading has promoted the importance of students returning home quietly, whether just leaving the Union venues or finishing a late night of studying.

Reading University Students' Union (RUSU) has teamed up with the local Redlands Primary school to see how noise during the evening affects the children. The children have produced posters for the campaign and these can be seen around the university's Whiteknights campus and out in the community. Head Teacher Sarah Bergson, who also lives locally said, 'As a community school we take issues in the local community seriously and so do the children. Noise at night is a problem and when we were approached by RUSU we thought it was a good opportunity for the children to take action on a local issue.'

During the exam period Union events and venues will be closing earlier to reduce the noise levels. In addition lollipops and information is being given to the students as they leave highlighting how noise levels can affect other people.

In order to reduce the amount of waste students leave behind them when vacating their properties at the end of the summer term, RUSU and their Community Reps will be organising collections to remove unwanted items which will then be donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Emily Bell, RUSU's Vice-President Democracy & Campaigns said "Here at RUSU we work closely with groups in the local community to ensure that students make a positive impact. The posters the school children have created are fantastic. The feedback from students has been very positive and the posters have really made them think about the families and children who are trying to sleep at night. We are also really hopeful that the end of term collections will mean that there are fewer issues with waste and overflowing bins in the summer months.'

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For further information visit www.rusu.co.uk/SSHH

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