

York St John SSAGO Report

Since the last report York St John have been busy going to our first rally, increasing our numbers at the fresher's fayre and planning our first big charity event!

In June five of our members made the journey to Nerd Rally in London for the clubs first rally. None of really knew what to expect, a couple of people had never been camping before and we had a few hiccups such as forgetting cutlery and not remembering to bring our own mugs! But these things aside we all came away having had a brilliant time exploring London, camping and most importantly being made to feel welcome by everyone, in particular, the executive committee. As a result of such a successful first experience we have had eight people sign up to Loughborough puzzle rally – and they have all been given a kit list this time!

Also five of our members took part in the **Yorkshire Fresher camp** held in Sheffield and all have said how much they enjoyed exploring the city and meeting loads of new people. All the feedback was really positive and everyone said they were looking forward to another camping adventure!

We also had our first fresher's fayre this year and we had to do some guessing seen as we have never done one before. We decorated our stand with all the photos we had, our mascot Toki and we gave out free smores as it's a well-known fact that students like free food! The fayre went really well and we had 65 people sign up showing interest, 25 come to our first welcome social and we now have 24 paid members, **71% since last year which**, for our small university, is pretty good going.

On the 18th November we are holding a **'camp on campus'** event at our university. We have no experience of a camp on campus so we're really just going with the flow with the whole thing! We've had some issues with uni being uncooperative, but with the full support of our SU we have had the go ahead. Tents have been bought, plans have been made and invitations sent out so all we have to do now is wait for the day and cross our fingers for good weather!

Overall, the first few months of the term have been really positive, we seem to be sticking to our development plan, and most importantly people have been turning up to our socials which is a big improvement on last year and things can only get better!

