

SUSUtv

SUSUtv has had its best year ever, with our focus being on building the society to be successful well beyond our time at the University; and this year, we have been able to achieve that and much, much more.

Our year began with a brand-new committee and a sparkling new logo, and our team worked tirelessly over the summer to lay the foundations for success to come. Our Director of Creative Production and Assistant Station Manager wrote and designed our 'Production Protocol', a comprehensive booklet of how-to's and guidelines on equipment, video production, editing and graphic design. And, we implemented a new booking system, key list, and kit storage system to ensure that all of our precious kit was accounted for and well looked after.

Our pre-fresher's content went out and we had everything from how use the bus system (translated into over 5 languages), to a detailed explanation of private rented accommodation.

Our team spent all day and night over Fresher's to get some of our best content yet and gained our highest intake of new members to date. After freshers was over, we wanted to give our members - old and new - the best possible start. To try and make our events as accessible as possible, we created a calendar with all our society information and session dates on. Over the course of the semester, we trained our members on sound, lighting, camera, camera techniques, editing and tech. We even had external speakers from local companies come in to give a professional edge to the training, including a BAFTA award winning documentary producer.

We then went on to produce 'Live Your Life', our most ambitious cinematic project ever. The short film follows an elderly man whose wife suddenly leaves him. It was prepared over 8 months, shot over five days, with professional actors, cinema cameras and in authentic locations including a hospice, crematorium, church, bus and beach. The result has been exceptional, winning three awards at the University of Southampton Student's Film Festival (Best Director, Best Cinematography, Audience Award) and has been nominated for five NaSTAs, winning one for cinematography, and being shortlisted for another two.

For us, the awards didn't end there, we won 3 NaSTA's, a highly commended, and a nomination for Best Society at the National Society Awards – with our Station Manager winning the highly commended for 'Outstanding Individual Contribution'.

We did everything from running Blue Planet 2 screenings, sponsored by Domino's pizza, to organising the Universities Film Festival. And when Christmas rolled around we even made a 12-part series, featuring 12 high quality videos, all festive themed, on the lead up to Christmas.

We've worked with Raise and Give Southampton to promote their events and fundraisers, hosted our own show on SURGE Radio, and even collaborated with Victory Studios for Varsity 2018.

It truly has been an incredible year for SUSUtv, we've become a close-knit family of passionate creators, and we couldn't be prouder of the year we have had.