

Forge TV - Unsung Hero - Dan Cross

It might not sound that good, but Dan initially joined the Forge TV committee because he wanted to do technical stuff more than he wanted to do Radio. You see in February 2017 he ran for a position on Forge Radio committee and lost. This was his best chance to work on the area he wanted.

Turns out that was the best thing to happen to him. 1 year on and he leads Forge TV as Station Manager, having done just about everything a Forge based a person can do in a year.

Dan worked with committee members to help secure nearly £50,000 of investment in both Forge TV and Forge Radio. This was tough, as the process for gaining said investment was often difficult to navigate through the processes and systems of the students' union. They did it however, and now Forge TV is in the best position it has been for years. The new equipment means more members than ever can get involved, producing even more content and improving the quality of everything we do.

He also relaunched the intra-mural sports team for Forge - with new kits and sports to compete in. Unfortunately our sporting ability is not what you'd call exceptional but that's not the point. The whole idea of intra-mural sports and Dan's commitment and enthusiasm to the program helped bring together all three outlets of Forge Media. New friendships were made and it was great to see everybody come together and just have fun - we actually managed to win 2 games of netball.

Then came Forge TV's busiest period of the year: SU Elections and Varsity. Dan played a key part in planning the coverage of both events and was present at every Varsity broadcast venue - helping out in one way or another.

Then came the NaSTA Conference and Awards weekend. Dan's role as Awards Technical Coordinator meant he was integral to the planning and execution of the awards ceremony. He created that planning spreadsheet in October and it didn't close until Callum Isaac had managed to get all the confetti off his head. Dan worked immensely hard on the event, making all of the shortlist videos and graphics, liaising with the technical crew on the night, directing the event whilst cueing VT's at the same time and helping organise and distribute entries to judges - that event was his life for about 7 months.

Now Station Manager, Dan has begun to drive collaboration with other stations across the country and has lots of great ideas lined up. Forge TV has already started work on new original content and he has stayed in Sheffield over the summer to make sure everything is ready for the new academic year.

Remember the guy Dan lost to at the Forge Radio EGM? He's now lives with him and the two of them are best mates. Looks like everything worked out for the best...