

Mental Health Advocacy Resource: Template

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Activity name	Switch off Zone
Give a brief descriptive name for the	
activity you were involved in organising related to mental health and well-being	
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Target group	All students
Was it aimed at all students or staff or a	
particular group?	
Description	Created a quiet area in the library to take a break from study/exam
Give a short description of what was	stress. Comfy chairs, coffee tables, mindfulness word searches,
involved in organizing the activity.	jigsaws and colouring activities. Windowsill with plants. Leaflets
	signposting to well-being support on and off campus. Situated next to our Reading Well (Books on Prescription) collection
Partners	Library only
Was this solely run by the library or were	
other stakeholders involved, and if so	
how?	
Strategy	Linked to University student well-being strategy
How, if at all, was the activity linked into	
wider library or institutional strategy?	
Evaluation	N/A however you could leave satisfaction forms on the tables if
How, if at all, was the activity evaluated?	wishing to gain feedback
What worked	The space we chose was already a silent study zone which helps to
Colleagues are looking for tips to help	keep the switch off zone a calm and quiet space, perfect for
them run their events more effectively,	individual relaxation. Use printable sheets rather than buying full
what tips would you share to someone	colouring or mindfulness books to keep costs down. Ask staff to
wanting to repeat what you have done?	donate unwanted plants and picture frames
What did not work	If students are needing to talk to a friend or library staff, the area is
What you would change if you were doing	not particularly suitable with it being a silent zone. We can walk
it again? Sharing what did not work can	around the corner however away from this zone if needing an in-
be as useful to help others as what did	depth 1-1 chat and some support/signposting
work.	
Resources	https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/study-at-
Is there a URL related to the initiative?	hull/library/services/disability-services/inclusion
Your name, institution and contact details	. Katie Austin, University of Hull, katie.austin@hull.ac.uk
Are you willing to share your contact details to other ALN staff so if they want to find out more they can contact	
you directly?	

Yes