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I worked for the [REDACTED] Student Association at [REDACTED] University. I was a paid employee [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I worked an event with one student, he was an international student [REDACTED], and under the association never underwent any formal sexual harassment training. While walking back from the event in a deserted corridor at the University, he grabbed me and put his lips on mine. I repeatedly said no in anguish and pushed him away, but he held me there. The only thing that stopped him was that he heard people coming. When we arrived back at the office, he kept trying to lure me into the back corner of the offices where no one could see. Someone came at the right time and without telling them why, I left with them immediately.

I reported this to the Women's Officer, and then to the acting President at the time (as was policy). After a lengthy discussion, I was told that action would be made to have him removed.

Weeks passed and I didn't hear anything, and he continued to come into the offices and sit by my desk. I followed up with the acting President that I reported to, and he simply didn't respond.

Eventually, after involving the Vice Chancellor [REDACTED], action was taken and the offender was spoken to. He gave in his notice, telling everyone that he was given a great opportunity in his [REDACTED] studies, [REDACTED]. He wasn't dismissed, or given any form of reprimand.

I left the job eventually for a short term contract in the [REDACTED], but found myself unemployed and without pay for a few months.

I believe that there is now a Senior Manager in place, however my main concern is that the organisation doesn't have any sexual harassment training (particularly as a University institution)