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1. Personal Development Fund applications are open

Applications are due by Monday 6 February (Monday of 4th week).

In short, the Personal Development Fund provides grants for students who, due to financial realities, may otherwise be prevented from taking part in activities 'beyond the academic sphere'.

Applications can be made for activities in the future, and retrospectively for activities undertaken in Michaelmas. The maximum that can be awarded is £200 (per academic year) for any one activity. See email for application form from .

Events

1. Schools Plus Speaker Series

Thursdays 7.30, Schulman Auditorium, Queen's College - Free and all welcome!

26th Jan: Educational inequality between children growing up in Oxford: can it be reduced, and can examinations improve social mobility rather than entrench divisions?

Danny Dorling - Halford Mackinder Professor of Human Geography

2nd Feb: Film screening of The History Boys, with free refreshments.

9th Feb: Is school maths training chimpanzees when it should be cultivating artists?

Panel talk with Dr Vicky Neale, Prof Anne Watson, Prof John Mason

16th Feb: Carole Willis on careers in educational research, Pupil Premium, educational disadvantage (title TBC)

Schools Plus is Oxford's largest student-led charity, combatting educational inequality in Oxford through tutoring.

2. Massada Visiting Fellowship Seminar, Worcester College

The Seminar will be held in the Nash Building at 5 pm on Tuesday, January 31st

Professor Ronen Perry from Haifa University will be speaking about

"Online Anonymous Speech: Technology, Law and Economics:" problems and solutions arising from social networks, online newspapers allowing reader

comments and talkbacks, websites relying on user generated content (such as Trip Advisor)

The presentation will be followed by questions and discussion.

This event is free and pre-registration is not required, but if you would like to attend please email elizabeth.smith@worc.ox.ac.uk , so we have an idea of how many to expect.

3. International Relations Society Events

Japan, China, and the 1937 Invasion - Professor Rana Mitter

7:30pm, Monday of 2nd Week (January 23rd)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/738563962962038/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Professor Rana Mitter for what is sure to be a fascinating talk. Professor Mitter will be giving a talk at 7:30 in the Danson Room of Trinity College, on the topic 'The 1937 Japanese Invasion of China'.

Dr. Elisabeth Kendall on the Politics of the Middle East

7:30pm, Wednesday of 2nd Week (January 25th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/324834661249999/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Dr. Elisabeth Kendall at 7:30 in New College, where she will be giving a talk on the Politics of the Middle East.

State Reconstruction - Professor Richard Caplan

7:30pm, Tuesday of 3rd Week (January 31st)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1815860162014923/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Professor Richard Caplan at 7:30 in Lecture Room 6, New College, where he will be giving a talk on the topic of 'Reconstructing States'.

Eurooptimistic Goals of Ukraine: Global and National Perspectives

7pm, Tuesday of 2nd Week (January 24th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/248766065560314/>

Hosted by Oxford University Ukrainian Society
Location: University of Oxford, St Antony's college, Dahrendorf Auditorium

Brexit and the current trends in Mediation

5:30-7:30pm, Monday of 2nd Week (January 23rd)

Venue: MGM Lecture Room, St. Hugh's College, St. Margaret's Road

<https://www.facebook.com/events/490255691144640/>

This is the official launch of the Oxford ADR Society. This society aims at furthering the spread of Alternate Dispute Resolution through increasing awareness about different processes of ADR and getting a larger number of students involved in ADR-related activities. This includes speaker events, panel discussions as well as inter-college and international competitions. Last year, for the first time, a team represented Oxford at the 11th ICC Mediation Competition in Paris. At present, the Society is again working towards sending a team to the 12th edition of the same competition, to held in Paris in February 2017.

All events are FREE for members and £3 for non-members, with a special offer of £20 for lifetime membership of the Society available for a limited time.

4. Economics Society Week 2 Notices

Professor Tim Besley on Growth Challenges in Fragile States

5pm on Tuesday January 24th, Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1400541743303033/>

The New Geography of Investing - Martyn Hole

5pm on Monday January 30th, Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/256334311467904/>

Lord Mervyn King

5:45pm on Thursday March 9th, Lecture Theatre, Saïd Business School

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1405197232824519/>

Charities and Community

1. EPAfrica Volunteering Opportunity

We Invest in Schools. And You.

EPAfrica is recruiting committed students to spend 10 weeks in East Africa investing time and money in one of our partner schools. Living and working in a rural community, our volunteers develop essential transferable skills whilst experiencing vibrant East African culture.

Working in teams of 2 or 3, volunteers collaborate with their school's various stakeholders to improve the quality of education offered. Focusing on the sustainability of their interventions, they invest in new educational resources, small infrastructure projects and schemes to improve students' health and welfare. Whilst receiving specialist training and support from the Central Charity, EPAfrica's volunteers are given the autonomy to decide how to invest their funds, based on their school's specific needs.

Internally, EPAfrica volunteers have access to a wide and diverse alumni network, which provides informal careers advice as well as a formal mentoring scheme. We have alumni working in a diverse range of NGOs, as well as civil servants working for the Department for International Development and academics working on development-related issues.

Find out more and apply here: <http://epafrica.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/project-worker/>

Application deadline: midnight Wednesday 25 January 2017

2. Volunteering Opportunities with OxHub

LinkAges - volunteer with the elderly population in Oxford

LinkAges helps students engage with the elderly community in Oxford and the issues facing an ageing population. You can help older people stay connected by teaching basic IT skills, volunteer in care homes or helping at our one off events. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

Branch Up - volunteer with children in Oxford

Branch Up provides disadvantaged children with extracurricular opportunities. Through fun Saturday activity days for children referred by social services and a youth group for children who have a parent in prison, you can give children access to new opportunities and improve their social skills and confidence. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

NEW: Good Neighbours – try out some flexible “microvolunteering” opportunities!

Only got an hour to spare? Never volunteered before? Want the flexibility to try different things? Small actions add up to big changes! Register your interest to hear about upcoming opportunities to volunteer - from kids' art clubs to environmental conservation. Learn more [here](#).

FELLOW - help members of the Oxford community improve their English!

We're currently looking for volunteers to run English language classes for recent immigrants, refugees, foreign workers and students. If you want to help provide a safe and friendly environment for learners, apply to get involved with our Friday or Sunday afternoon classes [here](#). No previous experience needed as support and training is available from the Hub.

Start your own social enterprise with Oxford Hub!

Have an idea for a social enterprise? Want to develop new skills and effect social change? Oxford Hub's Social Enterprise Support Programme offers seed funding (£500 or more) and practical support for students wanting to start their own social project. You can find out more and to apply [Here](#).

3. International Guidance Counsellors' Conference, 17 and 18 February 2017

The University of Oxford International Guidance Counsellors' Conference will see around 50 guidance counsellors, teachers and careers advisers from across the world coming to Oxford to find out more about the courses we offer, student life and our admissions processes.

The Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach office are looking for international undergraduate volunteers to help with a variety of roles at the conference. This will include guiding our delegates around Oxford and the colleges used at the conference, helping with logistical elements, and sitting on a Q&A panel to answer counsellors' questions. The event will take place from **8:30 until 14:00 on Friday 17 February** and **9.00 until 16:30 on Saturday 18 February**. If you are available to support for just a portion of one of the days we would be really keen to hear from you. Lunch will be provided!

If you are interested in helping out, or would like to find out more, please complete the form [here](https://goo.gl/CMcvci): <https://goo.gl/CMcvci>, or contact IGCC@admin.ox.ac.uk

Arts and Journalism

1. Lighthouse Call for Submissions

In this term's edition of the International Relations Magazine we will be exploring the concept of Progress and we would love to hear your ideas.

We would also like to invite submissions for a brand new debate feature, which will be entitled "Progress is a meaningless concept in 21st century international relations". Make sure to indicate clearly in your pitch whether you are for or against the motion, and add 'debate pitch' to your email title.

To pitch an article, photo essay, interview or artwork piece to Oxford International Relations Society's termly journal email irsoclighthouseeditors@gmail.com with both a short paragraph outlining your idea and a sample of previous writing, artwork or photography by midnight on January 21st, or Saturday of 1st week.

Final written pieces are usually 800-1,500 words in length but we are happy to consider pitches for pieces which fall outside of this range if there is a particular need (for example an in-depth investigative piece which would benefit from a longer word count). <https://www.facebook.com/events/454128214975944/>

2. Edward II at the Oxford Playhouse

Drame Fatale presents Christopher Marlowe's political thriller, Edward II, at the Oxford Playhouse from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 January. The production is reimagined in 1980's Britain amidst a court filled with unsavoury characters, deceptions and treacherous alliances.

Weds 25th-Sat 28th January 7:30pm (8pm Fri), Thurs & Sat matinee 2:30pm (2nd week)

£19 / £15.50 / £13.50 / £11.50 CONCESSIONS

Ticket Office 01865 305305 or

Website: <https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/whats-on/all-shows/edward-ii/3563>

Edward II - Breaking New Ground

at Worcester College, 26 January (Thurs of 2nd) 5.30-6.30pm

Note: this event is only available to Edward II ticket holders.

Who was Edward II - and why did Christopher Marlowe write a play about him? A panel of leading academics, alongside the team of Oxford Playhouse's student production of Edward II discuss the king, his reign, and his depiction on the stage; while also touching on how Edward II shaped modern drama.

Speakers include Sir Jonathan Bate, Dr Philip Morgan and Professor Emma Smith, joined by members of the 'Edward II' company.

Tickets for Edward II are going fast - get yours
at <https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/whats-on/all-shows/edward-ii/3563>
Panel chaired by Catriona Bolt, dramaturg of Edward II.

3. Crazy for You production

CRAZY FOR YOU is the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930s playboy whose dream in life is to dance, despite the serious efforts of his mother and soon-to-be ex-fiancée. It's a high energy comedy which includes mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers and classic Gershwin music. Memorable tunes include *I Can't Be Bothered Now*, *Bidin' My Time*, *I Got Rhythm*, *Naughty Baby*, *They Can't Take That Away from Me*, *But Not for Me*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *Embraceable You* and *Someone to Watch Over Me*.

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A DIRECTOR

A MUSICAL DIRECTOR

A PRODUCER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR ANY OF THESE POSITIONS PLEASE EMAIL

JOSEPH.JOHNSON@QUEENS.OX.AC.UK BEFORE FRIDAY OF 2ND WEEK STATING WHY YOU WANT THAT POSITION AND ANY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (ALTHOUGH NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED!)

Also, please feel free to email me or drop me a message if you're just looking for more information about what the roles entail!

Careers/opportunities

1. Recruitment for CBL international summer positions 2017

Happy New Year from CBL International! Recruitment for 2017 summer positions is now in full swing and we are actively looking for great candidates to join Oxford Summer Institute's team. This is a great opportunity for University of Oxford students to work in an international, and academic environment during the summer and support students from all over the world within Oriel College. The job description is attached, and if you could circulate this in your weekly newsletter it would be greatly appreciated.

All applicants should send a CV and a cover letter to elizabethwood@worldstrides.org

2. OIP-JHC Summer English Programme in South Korea

Oxbridge Intercultural Programmes

This programme will take place in Jinju Health College (JHC), a vocational training college located in Jinju, South Korea.

Benefits:

- FREE return flight to South Korea (with flexible return dates for your own travel afterwards)
- FULL accommodation + food during the programme
- Weekend Excursions (e.g trips to ancient capital of Korea , Templestay, etc.)

You can apply NOW by filling in our application form at <https://form.jotform.me/60172951601449>

The deadline is 5th February (12 noon GMT) After reviewing your application, we will let you know by email whether or not you will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be held in Oxford on 16th and 17th February, and in Cambridge on 18th and 19st February. (TBC)

To stay posted and to find out more about our programmes, please like our Facebook page. You can also contact us here with any questions.

facebook.com/oxbridgeinterculturalprogrammes

Alternatively, you can contact us via email at oip.jhc.summer.2017@gmail.com

3. HKOSC, Hong Kong Oxbridge Schools Camp 2017

Come teach in Hong Kong this Summer!

Running from the **2nd July-5th August 2016**, there will be two twelve day slots teaching English to schoolchildren in residential summer camps in New Territories, Hong Kong. You will be part of a team of 10 Oxbridge teachers. There will be a five day gap in between the camps in which you are free to go explore China, Hong Kong or further afield.

Teachers are paid £800 total, split into £400 at the end of the first camp and £400 at the end of the second camp. **Food and accommodation is covered during the camps** and HKOSC makes it v easy to get a double entry visa into China.

No teaching experience or knowledge of Mandarin or Cantonese is necessary - just energy and enthusiasm! Please fill in the short form below if you are interested in taking part. If you have any other questions at all, please feel free to email guy.bennett-jones@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk

Applications close Friday 11th February (4th week of Hilary). [Apply Here](#)

4. Interviewer for The Times Final Year Student Survey 2017

Each year, The Times Final Year Student Survey is run at the Top 30 Universities in the UK and every year we've had great success at Oxford.

We hire a **team of student interviewers**, and I wondered if you would be so kind as to possibly forward on the job description for myself, and my fellow University Manager, Tristan (CC'd), to aid our immediate recruitment?

We are looking for students who would be willing to interview up to 20 peers with our supplied interviewing equipment and set questions. The Survey is presented to the top graduate employers in the country regarding students' opinions on the graduate market and their expectations and so we'd love to involve as many Oxford students as possible.

Remuneration/ (Pay rate): £80 / (approx 6-7 hours work with 1 hour training) over the course of a week

To apply, please email The Times University Manager, Daniela, on halcyon.hirst@keble.ox.ac.uk , ASAP!

Miscellaneous

1. Oxford Study Seeking Participants

Oxford's Social and Evolutionary Neuroscience Research Group is looking for people to participate in an online experiment on language and perception. The experiment is expected to take roughly 1 hour. Participants will be entered in a raffle draw to win a first prize of £100 and a second prize of £50 (in Amazon vouchers). You must be over 18 years of age, and English MUST be your first language. On clicking the link below you'll be given a complete description of the survey and you'll be free to stop at any time.

Link:

https://oxfordxpsy.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_a4dleGW1SD1XsUJ

This research has been approved by the University's Research Ethics Committee, ref no: R39324/RE001

2. Focus Group notice - Improving Financial Support for Students

OUSU are working with the University's Fees and Funding department to make sure that any student who needs financial support can get access to it as smoothly as possible.

We're running focus groups to find out what would improve the current process of applying for university 'hardship funds' and make sure that students who need to feel able to apply to them. We'll be discussing things from making the vocabulary of financial support as accessible as possible, to what applications for financial support need to include space for.

If you're a student who has needed or would benefit from additional financial support, come along to the OUSU offices share your thoughts over some free snacks on **Thursday 26th January at 5.30!**

Please email vpaccaff@ousu.ox.ac.uk to register your interest, or if you have any questions!