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College notices

1. Discussing Prevent – Friday 24th 16.00pm in the JCR

We will be joined at JCR tea this Friday by Judith Maltby, John Watts (VP) and Andy Rolfe. Please drop by to hear about college's Prevent policy and feel free to ask any and all questions!

Doughnuts/cake will also be provided!

2. Open Meeting: Rent and Charges Negotiations – Saturday 25th 17.00pm in the JCR

Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1797173723942040/>

If you have any questions about the process of rent negotiations or want your view represented, then join us in the JCR this Saturday for an Open Meeting!

Events

1. Keble Music Events

Keble String Orchestra- Hilary Term Concert

3pm, Saturday 18th February

Keble College Chapel

Come along to Keble String Orchestra's Hilary Term Concert for some great music and wonderful entertainment. We'll be performing Elgar's Serenade for Strings and Janacek's Suite for Strings in a relaxed afternoon concert that promises to be great fun.

Admission is free. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Roy Griffiths Room, Keble College.

Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1672110456426495/>

Keble Early Music Festival

Tuesday 21 - Saturday 25 February

Keble College Chapel

2. Event of the Aeronautical Society: Occupy Mars

Description: “The Martian, SpaceX, Mars One. The idea of colonising Mars has captured the imagination of the world recently, turning from ‘if’ to ‘when’, from science fiction to real missions. In this talk we tackle one of the big

problems - could you really survive on Mars once you run out of the Earth food supplies? Could you actually grow crops and plants on Mars? Kyle Grant will explain the science and feasibility of the idea behind *The Martian*. In collaboration with NASA, his project specialises in the design of bacteria and plants that can colonise and survive in Martian and Lunar settings aiming to provide crop plants for the support of astronauts on space missions.”

Date and time: Wednesday 22nd February, 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Location: St. Anne’s College, Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre, Oxford.

Additional info: everyone welcome! Drinks and snacks provided.

Contact: aeronautical.society@studentclubs.ox.ac.uk, anna.brurevert@st-annes.ox.ac.uk, website: www.aerox.space, Facebook page: OUAerOx, Twitter: @OUAerOx

3. Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield, 'Brexit: Where are we now?'
3pm-4.30pm, Sunday 19th February
T.S. Eliot Theatre, Merton College

The Bodley Club and Oxford Bar Society are delighted to announce that Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield will be giving a lecture entitled 'Brexit: Where are we now?'. This is a fantastic chance to hear the foremost British constitutional historian discuss the defining moment in contemporary politics.

Lord Hennessy is renowned for his work as an historian, academic writer and journalist (in print and on radio), specialising in British government and political theory. He co-founded the Institute of Contemporary British History in 1986 and since 2001 has been Atlee Professor of contemporary British History at Queen Mary's, London. He won the Duff Cooper Prize for 'Never Again: Britain 1945-51' and the Orwell Prize in 2007 for 'Having it so Good: Britain in the 1950s'.

5. International Relations Society Week 6 Notices

Authority Structures in Islam - Professor Masooda Bano

7:30pm, Tuesday of 6th Week (February 21st)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/377600492623503/>

If you would like to enter the ballot to have dinner with Professor Bano, please

fill in the form below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/gdDXreR35uC2F9Do2>

Dr. Anna Neistat – Amnesty International Senior Director of Research

7:30pm, Thursday of 6th Week (February 23rd)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/388849531491677/>

If you would like to enter the ballot to have dinner with Dr. Neistat, please fill in the form below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/g1gzZEBzu1z1SJTp2>

Ideology and Genocide – Dr. Jonathan Leader-Maynard

7:30 pm, Wednesday of 7th Week (March 1st)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1873557862890658/>

If you would like to enter the ballot to have dinner with Dr. Leader-Maynard, please fill in the form below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/HR6XgppiRqH7Ealc2>

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.

Charities and Community

1. Volunteer with Free To Be

Just one week of your time could make a massive difference to a child who wouldn't otherwise have a holiday. For many, caring and coping with problems is a full time business - some care for relatives, live in conditions of extreme over-crowding or instability and are dealing with the daily effects of poverty. Our breaks offer these children the opportunity to have fun and play, try new things and get some respite. The holidays are packed with activities like canoeing, arts & crafts, climbing and visiting farms. However it is the relationships formed and experiences shared with warm, positive adults that stick in the children's minds for years afterwards – playing hide and seek in the woods together, chatting about the day over hot chocolate and marshmallows or going to sleep to a bedtime story. **That's why we need you!**

Projects will run over Easter and in the summer. For further details, visit our website (www.freetobekids.org.uk/volunteer) or check out our volunteering video on youtube, which gives a flavour of what being part of our

team involves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=373l3lrwqxQ>

As a volunteer, all activities, food and accommodation are free, the only cost is getting yourself to our project site an hour or two's train journey from London. Comprehensive training will be provided in advance of the project.

Time is short! All volunteers will need to complete a Free to Be DBS (Disclosure & Barring Services) check and attend our New Helper Training, which will take place at Balliol College on **Sunday 26th February**, So please go to our website to complete our online application form and register your interest ASAP.

If you have any questions, you can email us on recruitment@freetobekids.org.uk

2. SusCam Recruitment Social promotion

Keen to get involved with campaigning? Looking for a fun and friendly committee to join? Just feeling jealous of our fab socials? All are welcome, whether you've suspended or not. Now is the time to get involved: SusCam are recruiting for a variety of positions, from low-key, low-commitment roles to leadership opportunities! Find us at the St Aldates GnD's in the basement room on Thursday of 7th week, from 8:30-10:30pm. Anyone who signs up to join the committee gets free ice cream - don't miss out!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/256695708106314/>

3. OxHub volunteer notices

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. Both students and the elderly population can benefit from intergenerational volunteering. 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 are recruiting a new committee!

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. We are looking for new committee members to run the activity days. Find out more and sign up [here](#), like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#).

4. #UKSocieties4Chile

Chile has been devastated by wildfires . To date, over 590,000 hectares have burned down —an area more than twice the size of Oxfordshire!

Chilean Societies in the UK have teamed up to raise money for aid and reconstruction efforts in the regions affected by this natural disaster. All donated funds will go directly to **Chilean Red Cross**, a respected Non Governmental Organisation.

Supplies, such as protective clothing and dust masks, are sorely needed as soon as possible. Over 120 different wildfires have scorched entire towns, and people have lost everything to the flames.

Join #UKSocieties4Chile in the fight against these wildfires! We're on Facebook and Twitter. Donate here
- <https://www.gofundme.com/chile-wildfires-disaster-relief>

5. Upcoming events and volunteering opportunities -United Oxmak

United Oxmak connects Oxford students to consult on Uganda-based social enterprises and initiatives set up by students at Makerere University (Uganda). Our Ugandan partners are VISITING OXFORD for the whole of week 6, so DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to learn more about us, the projects, and wider values like global citizenship. There are a lot going on (so do keep an eye on <https://www.facebook.com/unitedoxmak/> for updates!) but to share the most important and useful things:

1. Join a social enterprise called "Vertical Micro-Gardens"

VMG has developed a product - a garden that grow vertically rather than horizontally - to greatly boost incomes of households in urban slums where there is not enough space to farm. The project leader, Paul, is coming, so it's an amazing chance to hear more and join it!

2. Co-hosted with Oxford Hub: International collaboration and Social action

Panel

On 21st February, we are excited to have three of our social impact Makerere volunteers talk to us about voluntourism, misconceptions and misrepresentations of developing countries, global citizenship, equality, student-led social action and sustainable development.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1834661296790262/>

Contact president@unitedoxmak.org for any matters, questions, and interests.

6. Project Access

Project Access is a non-profit mentor network working to level the playing field in university admissions. We use technology to match prospective applicants with mentors, so that all students can have the support that they deserve. Over 1000 matches have been made over the last year; we're now launching in the UK to make personal mentoring available to everyone, free of charge.

To sign-up to become the mentor you wish you'd had, go to <https://projectaccess.typeform.com/to/s9B1qu> or go to <https://tinyurl.com/h2buqt4> for more information.

We're also looking for campus ambassadors to help us spread the word and reach as many people as possible. If you would like to be our representative in your university, or you would like to do even more, please email us on hello@projectaccess.co - we'd love to hear from you!

Careers/opportunities

1. British Council English Language Assistants Programme, 2017-18

Apply to be an English Language Assistant abroad in 2017-18!

The Language Assistants programme provides a unique opportunity for UK students and graduates looking to diversify their CVs, gain transferable skills, and become immersed in another culture.

All placements are paid and teaching time is limited to between 12 and 20 hours a week, giving you plenty of time to explore your new host country.

Develop transferable skills

In an increasingly competitive jobs market, it is more important than ever to stand out from the crowd. Employers are always looking for transferrable skills, such as:

- cultural awareness
- communication and presentation
- creative thinking and problem solving
- time management and organisation.

Learn a new language

While language skills are beneficial, you do not have to be a fluent speaker to apply to become a Language Assistant (though you could be by the time you get back!). There is no better way to learn than by being surrounded by native speakers. As a Language Assistant, your skills will improve immeasurably as you interact with locals and navigate day-to-day life. You could discover Viennese German, Spanish on the streets of Buenos Aires, or French in rural Quebec to name but three!

All you need to have is minimum B1 level in the language of your host country (so, roughly AS equivalent) and to be an English native speaker - further eligibility details can be found on the website.

Applications are open until 28th

February: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/language-assistants/become/apply>

Got questions? Email helen.hardy@queens.ox.ac.uk

2. Sustainability Training Better Leaders course

Applications for the Training Better Leaders Course are now open. TBL is a three day intensive course focused on sustainability principles and practices open to all students across the University. It is currently **the largest practice-based course on sustainability leadership in the University of Oxford**. Last year we had students from 15 departments across the university attend talks, panel discussions, and workshops from over 20 facilitators. Find out more about [last year's programme](#).

This year we already have many speakers confirmed including from WWF, The Nature Conservancy, Deutsche Bank Sustainable Investment, Climate Outreach, PWC and more. Students who attend the course will receive a certification from the Environmental Change Institute.

To apply please [click here](#), and fill in the form. Applications are largely on a first come first served basis, but we will also aim to select students from a diversity of departments and backgrounds.

Miscellaneous

1. Homelessness Survey - The Oxford Student

The Oxford Student is conducting an investigation into homelessness in the city - no matter your perspective, we're interested to hear your thoughts through the survey below. It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgFJteOOqlZrC-Qa2fQpj61RoS7lPtQnWklUTx-T8MZhW5tg/viewform>

2. Research study – participants needed

Interested in taking part in a research study?

We are looking for healthy volunteers aged 18-40 years and fluent in English to take part in a study investigating how a single dose of the medication losartan affects learning and information processing, using a simple computer task. Losartan is currently used to treat high blood pressure. However, we think that it may also enhance the effectiveness of psychological therapies such as Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy. The study involves three appointments of about 5 hours in total.

If you are interested in participating, and for more information, please contact us (andrea.reinecke@psych.ox.ac.uk). You will be reimbursed for your time.

3. Dealer App

The Dealer is on a mission to save everyone money on their food and drink and revolutionize the way people give back. The Dealer App has launched its beta version in Oxford and it needs test users to enjoy money off food and drink. Yes that is actually what they are offering! The deal is simple: they have got 100 venues in Oxford who have agreed to give everyone on The Dealer App discounts at certain times of the day.

All they ask in exchange is that you consider giving a tiny amount (£0.30) of the money The Dealer saves you back to the local community in support of the fight against homelessness. You can also give back in the form of time, 10 minutes (which you can exchange for a volunteer shift when you hit two hours) or you can just pass on a good deed. The app is free, gets you a discount at your favorite venues and helps everyone give back. We are looking for people to trial this version of the product and give any feedback they have on design, layout and any requests for deals that you want to see that are not currently on there. To download it type 'the dealer app' into the App Store and start saving and giving!

4. NUS Survey – Prevent

<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/winning-for-students/campaigns/preventing-prevent-we-are-students-not-suspects/research>

If you've ever tried to hold an event in Oxford (college or University!), had Prevent involved or raised during tutorials, classes, discussions etc, or have worried about Prevent's impact on your freedom of speech and equality, please do fill this out to help the NUS research the impact of PREVENT on campus.

"Since Prevent became a mandatory duty in 2015, requiring institutions to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism", there has been a fundamental shift in the student-institutional relationship. We want to explore the nature of that change, and whether this has led to any change in campus freedoms. Where there have been reports that the Prevent duty is infringing upon the rights of students, they must be seriously investigated."

ALL contributions welcome. Please do spend 10 minutes filling this out! The insight from this research will inform how the national response to the Prevent Duty upon education institutions will continue into the next stages.

If you have any questions about the research, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or with the Preventing Prevent Oxford group ([facebook.com/PreventingPreventOxford](https://www.facebook.com/PreventingPreventOxford))

<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/winning-for-students/campaigns/preventing-prevent-we-are-students-not-suspects/research>

