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1. JCR Elections!!!!

Nominations for JCR elections are still open until Tuesday at sunset! Please email Francesca Parkes with any questions. Hustings will take place in the evening on Wednesday 7th in the JCR!

Events

1. Oxford University History Society (OUHS) elections on Sunday 8th week

Come to Oxford University History Society (OUHS) elections on Sunday 8th week! We recommend everyone from any subject background to apply, with only the position needing prior committee experience being Presidents-Elect. Being involved in one of Oxford's largest student societies is great for your CV, as well as a great opportunity to meet our speakers and people from other colleges!

To apply simply express your interest by contacting our President for Hilary 2018 (owen.brooks@lincoln.ox.ac.uk), or similarly if you have any questions about the positions below.

Charities and community

1. It Gets Brighter event 20th November

Come join It Gets Brighter for our video recording event on the 20th November 2017 at 4:30pm in Balliol College. Our charity aims to reduce stigma and increase hope, so that no young person feels alone with mental illness.

If you feel up to it, you can record a video message about your experience having mental illness, or supporting those with mental illness, by sharing your story or saying something you'd want a younger version of yourself to know. Your message has the potential to make a real difference to someone experiencing a disorder for the first time.

You don't have to have experienced something yourself to send a message of support to others, or an anonymous message to a friend struggling.

2. UN Women @ Oxford

UNWomen@Oxford, as part of UNWomen's new Student Champion Programme, is coming to Oxford! This is your chance to get involved in helping to pioneer this new society, where we will be representing UNWomen, raising awareness about their goals and gender equality, and fundraising for them. It's a fantastic way to meet new people and enhance your CV, all while doing your bit for society.

The following roles are currently available within the core committee:

Finance Officer – Oversees all financial aspects of the society, ensures that all activity is commercially viable and that the society brings in funds.

Programme Officer – Responsible for planning the society's events, liaising with the volunteers, and communicating with the UNWomen UK National Committee to ensure that the event is planned within UNWomen protocols.

Publicity officer – Responsible for promoting our events within the student body, maintaining our social media presence, liaising with our college representatives, and ensuring that all our promotions meet with Data Protection standards, marketing guidelines and protocols.

To apply for these roles, please fill out a short form [here](#) by 24th November 2017, Thursday.

If you don't want to commit to a role within the core committee, you can still help us out by becoming a **college ambassador**, where you will help us promote the events within your college, and contribute any ideas you may have for the society's events! Simply email us at unwomenoxford@gmail.com with

your name and college, and please do let us know whether you are in the JCR or MCR.

If you are interested in volunteering on an ad-hoc basis or being informed of our upcoming events, you can sign up to our mailing list [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us at unwomenoxford@gmail.com for more information!

3. KEEN Oxford - Student volunteering with disability charity

We need enthusiastic volunteers to help people with disabilities get involved in sports and social activities. No minimum commitment and no experience or sporting interest required.

Gain valuable and enjoyable experience.

Leadership opportunities - looks great on your CV!

Join our mailing list (<http://www.keenoxford.org/volunteer/keen-review/>) to keep up to date with our events.

Questions? Please email keen@keenoxford.org

Careers and Opportunities

1. Oxford iGEM 2018 are recruiting!

SynBio is the application of engineering principles to biological systems, but the scope is far more interdisciplinary than that sounds. iGEM is an international competition (igem.org) which Oxford has entered annually since 2014, and we're looking for a team for 2018.

So if you're looking for a different sort of summer project, this might be for you! Come up with and develop your own project (with the rest of your team), and work on it in the Biochemistry department over the summer. We're looking for students from all backgrounds who are passionate about solving a real-world problem with science.

Curious? Check out our facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/161890677888653>) for the Monday 7th week 6pm meeting, or email us (oxfordigem@bioch.ox.ac.uk). For an example project, check out ours from this year (2017.igem.org/Team:Oxford).

Research Studies

1. **Study Description:**

Researchers at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford are seeking volunteers aged 18 – 45 for behavioural studies on decision-making and learning. The results of these studies will inform future research on decision making processes in depression and anxiety disorders.

Study 1

This study involves two visits to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. Participants will be asked to fill out mood and anxiety questionnaires and perform a computer-based learning task while receiving transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS), a type of non-invasive brain stimulation. Each session will take no more than 1.5 hours, and participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel expenses.

Study 2

This study involves two visits to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, in which participants perform a computer-based learning task. The task will last approximately 40-60 minutes and participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel expenses.

If you are interested in participating in either of these studies and/or would like further information, please contact Margot Overman at margot.overman@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

2. **Pets As Therapy for Oxford Students**

A team within the Student Consultancy is partnering with **Pets As Therapy** (non-profit charity organisation) to help conduct a survey so as to understand how it may contribute to the wellness of Oxford students by introducing pets as a form of health and well-being for students who are going through stressful periods during term time.

Please see the following link for more information about the Pets As Therapy: <http://petsastherapy.org/>

The organisation aims to understand what the demands are and how open students are to the idea.

Survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YFSX5Z6>