



JCR General Meeting 3 - Minutes MT20, Sunday 15th November

Motion: The college alternative prospectus should be updated every 2 years.

Proposed by: Rebecca Tearle

Seconded by: Sanaa Mughal

This JCR notes that:

We are in the process of making a new alternative prospectus as the last one didn't fully reflect life at Anne's.

This will become an issue in the future years when the prospectus becomes inaccurate or fails to represent the ever-changing Anne's community.

This JCR believes that:

The alternative prospectus is a valuable resource for prospective applicants and, this year in particular, will be incredibly useful to share with our offer holders.

This resource should therefore be maintained and of a high standard for the benefit of future applicants to St Anne's.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Ensure the relevant reps should review and update the alternative prospectus every 2 years to make sure it reflects college life and answers the questions prospective applicants might have.

PROPOSER:

- The alternative perspective from 2016, despite being fine for the basics, doesn't go far enough to answer questions from people from unrepresented backgrounds
- This should also include contacts, such as Shelia for disabilities enquiries, so that all questions can be easily answered
- We need a prospectus that evolves alongside the ever-changing Anne's community
- Not necessarily completely redoing or reinventing the prospectus every 2 years, only adapting it (removing information that is no longer relevant and adding in other useful details)

QUESTIONS:

1. Do we need to specify which JCR offers will be involved?
 - a. That year's Access Rep would decide who needs to be involved based on the updates they believe need to be made on that particular year.
 - b. If the Access Rep reviews the prospectus and wishes to make changes they would then consult, and be assisted by, the appropriate members of the JCR Committee.

DEBATE:

1) Supporting the motion:

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2) Against the motion:

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VOTE:

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The motion has passed

Motion: To donate £700 to the Oxford Mutual Aid student fundraiser

Proposed by: Sofia Robson

Seconded by: Sanaa Mughal

This JCR notes that:

- Parliament's rejection of the opposition motion regarding the extension of the Free School Meals voucher scheme in October 2020 will lead to a food poverty for many families, children specifically, in the Oxford city council region.
- The news that the government will provide funds to councils is welcomed, but we recognise that this will leave 1.7 million disadvantaged children across the country ineligible for the benefits from Free School Meals, because their family does not quite meet the financial threshold to qualify.
- The issue above is further compounded by the hardships of the pandemic as well as the high costs of living in Oxford.
- Oxford Mutual Aid (OMA), a local community-action group, is providing regular food support to an estimated 250 children in the local area, as well as providing meals to the elderly and

homeless people in temporary accommodation. They also provide further aid, such as sanitary products, toiletries and doing shopping for those self-isolating.

- There is currently a student-run initiative called #NoChildLeft Behind that was created in response to the Parliament rejection of extending the Free School Meals voucher scheme but due to the predicted gaps in the system, is still leading a campaign for remote volunteers, monetary donations and the provision of College kitchens over Christmas to prepare meals for OMA to deliver to those that need it.¹

This JCR believes that:

- We are privileged in the sense that we attend an institution with a great deal of wealth and influence, and so we feel it is our responsibility to help those who will be most in need over the Christmas holiday in the local community, especially during this time.
- These people need our support. No child should ever have to go hungry.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Donate £700 from the St Anne's JCR charities budget to go to the Oxford Mutual Aid student fundraiser.²

PROPOSER:

- This motion came about from a discussion with other JCR Presidents
- As Oxford colleges, we are lucky to have a charities budget fund; we should use it to help bridge this inequality
- Acknowledges that the government has allowed free school meal vouchers; however, we need to recognize and help the people on the boundaries of the criteria who are in need but not eligible for government assistance.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does Oxford Mutual Aid have an overhead cost, or does all the money go to the people in need?
 - a. The funds are directed both the people in need and the volunteers
 - b. Unsure about overhead costs.
 - c. For more information, see here: <https://opencollective.com/oxford-mutual-aid#section-about>

DEBATE:

¹ <https://www.oxfordsu.org/ents/event/2096/>

² <https://opencollective.com/oxford-mutual-aid/contribute/oxford-su-rag-nochildleftbehind-fundraiser-22623>

3) Supporting the motion:

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4) Against the motion:

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VOTE:

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The motion has passed

Announcements:

- Application are now open for the role **St. Anne's JCR Fresher's Rep!**
 - The Fresher's voice in the JCR Committee.
 - Responsible for organizing Fresher's week.
 - Great steppingstone position.
 - Particularly looking for ideas on how the JCR can help support Freshers in the time of coronavirus.
 - To apply:
 - Create a manifesto
 - Send it to the Secretary (rachel.stevenson@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) in a PDF format by Midnight, Sunday 22nd November 2020
 - During the next JCR meeting (Sunday 29th November) hustings will take place.
 - Voting will commence in Week 8 via the SU website (a link will be sent out at the time)
 - For more information:
 - Contact our current Fresher's Rep (Bilal)
 - See his manifesto on the JCR [Democracy page](#)
 - A message from Domestic Affairs Rep, Orly:
 - Still looking for more volunteer isolation helpers. If you have a spare hour or two during the week, signing up for a shift would be extremely helpful!
 - You will have a very brief online induction on what to do and how to keep safe.
 - Either contact Orly Welch (orly.welch@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) or sign up via the rota on the JCR Facebook page
 - Particularly looking for volunteers in RSH
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