



JCR General Meeting 11 - Minutes

TT21, Sunday 30th May

Motion: Funding to launch a Parkrun in University Parks

Proposed by: George Webber

Seconded by: Sophie Park

This JCR notes that:

1. [Parkrun is a network of free weekly 5k community events](#) that take place every Saturday at 9am at over 1000 locations across the UK and the world.
2. The events provide an opportunity for people to get together and stay active with a focus on mass participation.
3. Whilst there are several parkrun events on the outskirts of Oxford/beyond the city, there is no parkrun event in central Oxford.
4. [Students are working with Oxford SU and Oxford University Sport to establish a weekly Parkrun in University Parks](#). The event would be free for everyone, forever and would be open to students and non-students.
5. The University have given permission for the event, many volunteers have already been recruited and now the set-up costs of £4000 need to be raised.
6. The costs cover materials including signage, training for volunteers and Parkrun's data system to record results and volunteers. Both Oxford SU and the University of Oxford have committed to part funding the set-up costs.

This JCR believes that:

1. That having a Parkrun in central Oxford provides significant benefit to student mental and physical wellbeing and should be supported by the common room.
2. A University Parks parkrun encourages positive relationships between students and the wider Oxford community.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. To contribute £250 to parkrun UK (Company Number: 07289574) towards the setup costs of the University Parks parkrun.
2. Mandate the JCR President to write a letter to head of house/bursar requesting that the college match/exceed the amount contributed by the common room.

PROPOSER:

- Has past, positive, experiences at Parkrun events
- A great way of getting everyone moving
- Most of it is already organized, but still need to cover
 - o Start-up costs
 - o Equipment (e.g., timing systems) and staff training (e.g., first aid)
- We are right next to university parks, so it would be extra convenient and useful for St Anne's students
- A great way for us to benefit and integrate with the wider local community
- We won the Strava cuppers last year and have a history of joining in local fun runs, so, as a college, there is decent indication of interest
- If you are interested in volunteering (especially directing/ organizing) contact George Webber, or follow this link: <https://bit.ly/OxfordParkrun2020>

QUESTIONS:

1. Is this in addition to the running event at Cutteslowe Park
 - a. Yes, that one is good but its far away for most students (north of Anne's)
 - b. There is also the Harcourt Hill run but this one (towards Brookes) requires either a car or a very large bike ride.

DEBATE:

1) Supporting the motion:

a. -

2) Against the motion:

a. -

VOTE:

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion has passed

Arts Rep (Lorenzo Harvey Allchurch, he/him)

- The arts have taken a bit hit this year
- So much untapped creative energy which needs the extra push to come to life next year
- Not a few big exclusive events, but more frequent and intimate events (performances, talks, book clubs etc). Nothing too time consuming
- Use Anne's as an artistic medium. For example, put on performances in areas of college where you wouldn't expect them or dot little pieces of surprise student art around college.
- Work on collaboration and help everyone find like-minded people.
- Keep celebrating stanner creativity by finding and publishing people's work within college
- More intersectional approach (such as celebrating LGBTQ+ art)
- **Q:** Can you explain how the pre-Raphaelites were after Raphael?
 - He was high-Renaissance, big on fine detail quite elitist, while the pre-Raphaelites were a return to renaissance art before Raphael.

Charites Rep (Rosa King, she/her)

- Has an extensive list of volunteering experience
- As head girl of her school, has had lots of practice organizing fun fundraising events efficiently and at short notice.
- Due to limited socialising this year, it would be great to bring people together for fun events that are also contributing towards a greater good.
- **Q:** Oxford students are very busy; how will you make sure people get involved?
 - **A:** Introduce a mix of big and small events. This includes low commitment events such as a raffle.
- **Challenge:** Create a poster or video for planning your charity events (can be realistic or non-realistic). Post on JCR page before Wednesday.

Equal Opportunities Officer (Immy Creavin, she/her, & Katherine Dumbell):

- Immy:
 - Taking all that enthusiasm from her access rep application and putting it into the position of equalities officer to help everyone else in the equalities team achieve their goals for a better St. Anne's.
 - Wants to be part of a community which is united and works with intersectionality in mind
 - Raising awareness for student difficulties, making sure all issues are heard
 - Make sure students are aware of international inequality and advocate for social justice

- Katherine
 - Impressed by the range of motions submitted to our general meetings this year
 - Wants to make sure everyone in college is supported
 - Ensuring all the information and help from this years' reps are collated and put in one easily accessible place
 - Create multiple opportunities for the JCR to feedback, e.g., via google forms
 - Organize skills workshops (e.g. for public speaking)
 - Be an organizing point of contact for students and the other equalities reps
- **Q:** How would equalities collaborate with welfare?
 - **A (KD):** Invite the welfare reps to the equalities meetings to keep them in the loop
 - **A (IC):** Almost every event which involves communication of personal feeling and empathy would be welfare based by nature, there is so much cross over between welfare and equalities so communication will be key.
- **Q:** What are your ideas for equalities week?
 - **A (IC):** Remove the designated days and create events with crossover between the equality's positions. Not to diminish the specifics of sector, but to encourage a wider group of students to attend and to help facilitate intersectionality.
 - **A (KD):** Do both online (or ease) and in person (for fun) events throughout the week.

IT Rep (Sam Davis, he/him)

- Computer scientist so knows his tech
- If we are still doing online teaching next year, getting students onto eduroam is key and aims to make this transition smoother for freshers
- Encouraging out IT department to create a separate student Wi-Fi system for smart devices (e.g. you can't connect a goggle home device to eduroam)
- Relay feedback back to college IT, particularly about online security
- **Q:** What is your game plan for helping a large number of students during freshers' week?
 - **A:** Spread around contact details on social media and be visibly present in communal areas. Make sure all the information on how to connect is on all the social media pages before the week begins.
- **Challenge:** Send a fake phishing email to one of the students in college. Take a screenshot and post it on the JCR page by Wednesday.

Sports Rep (Adam Coastes)

- Sports has great benefits for the body and the mind
- This year, sports events have been limited due to the pandemic
- Aims to create a more supportive, sporting atmosphere throughout the community
- Work on freshers' outreach to make sure everyone can be involved at whatever level and don't feel intimidated
- Publishing playing times to encourage supporters as well as players to attend
- Put on more social events
- **Q:** How will you create events which are accessible and inclusive, covering as many sports as possible?
 - **A:** More online social events across different sports. Encourage all the captains to create challenges specific to their sport.
- **Challenge:** contact the current sports reps to get match and training times, then make a poster and add it to the JCR Facebook page by Wednesday

Woman's Rep (Hannah Hopkins, she/her)

- Will continue to make positive changes throughout college
- Celebration – celebrating strong women with social events
- Education – social media account with information. Work with Catz Calls Out. More frequent consent workshop (particularly as clubs and such reopen)
- Approachable and excited to take on the role
- **Q:** Would you change the format of the current consent workshop?
 - Make them more frequent to constantly reminded students about the issue and keep it at the forefront of their minds
- **Challenge:** Before Wednesday, put up a plan for the biggest post-COVID women's rep hypothetical event you can think of. Dream big, no budget, no restrictions!