

JCR General Meeting

TTW6 28/05/22

Danson Room



Motion 1: Funding for a JCR croquet set

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Seconded by: Ellie King

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The JCR's croquet set has gone missing or been stolen• There is no other way for St. Anne's students to access the equipment required to play croquet• The old croquet set was well-loved and frequently use
<i>This JCR believes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Croquet is an excellent outdoor activity that is easy for anyone to learn and take part in• Croquet promotes engagement in the JCR community and provides an opportunity for St. Anne's students to have a fun, inclusive, cooperative time in the sun• Playing croquet in Trinity is an Oxford tradition that should be preserve
<i>This JCR therefore resolves to:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fund the purchase of a new croquet kit, either from Amazon or (should the budget allow it) Jacques London

Discussion

- Couple of different options on which croquet set depending on how much JCR is willing to spend. Between 50 - 160 pounds. Holly the sports rep wanted to buy one as well, but if this passes then can discuss with her exactly what there is money for.
- Ayesha → will speak to Holly today to see if she is willing to buy it in the next few days, money would come out of the sports budget.

Voting

For: 29

Abstentions: 2

Against: 0

Motion passes

Hustings

Charities

- Shalina → done a lot of volunteering in the past, most recently fundraised for Alzheimer's (500 quid). Feel passionate about helping the community. Hard to do here because everyone is so busy, but would like to make it as easy as possible to volunteer - make a document so it's easy to find/locate opportunities. Run some group sessions to go volunteer together, maybe once a month, can be scary to do it alone. Want to run more events like pink week karaoke in the bar and continue what Beth has done.
- Questions:
 - Beth → any ideas on how to increase engagement in charity formals?
 - Formals already quite expensive extra 2 quid is a lot. Maybe having other events or a charity drink in the bar instead.
- Hustings challenge: compile a document of volunteering opportunities to put on the JCR facebook page before Wednesday

Gender

- George → a lot of the time in Oxford, trans people are disadvantaged with the Union, the university, and within college. Want to lobby for trans rights within Oxford and the college. Welfare side of it as well, creating trans spaces. Have events away from just Tuesdays and plush which the Uni society do. Want to help people through transitioning in a different place like Oxford, continue the work of the gender affirmation fund. Think it should be advertised more. Discussions about whether to extend the fund to medical transitioning.
- Questions
 - Finn → role is very visible and can get quite political, you can be exposed to not nice beliefs. Do you feel equipped to deal with that?
 - George → yes, have had experience with doing that in the past. Done a similar role at my old school as well, as an all boys school, got them to accept trans and non-binary people.
 - Finn → lots of the role is listening and supporting, but sometimes have to be willing to stand up and make decisions. How comfortable to you feel with doing that?
 - George → can do that quite well, lots of queer friends, exposed to all different life experiences and viewpoints. My experience isn't the same as everyone else's so would keep that in mind.
 - Ayesha → What controversial architecture opinions do you have? (was in the manifesto)
 - Big brutalist fan, loves Wolfson and Rayne (why)
- Hustings challenge: come up with an event, and make a graphic/poster to put up on the facebook page. If it's not too crazy ambitious, can actually put it on later/next year

Sexualities

- Georgia → wellbeing rep in secondary school for 2 years, have experience. Part of school's LGBT club, was running events for that as well, for both out and closeted

students. Want to run a mock eurovision, continue drag events in the college bar. See more queer formals and collaborate with other reps within college but also around the university. Means a lot, want to provide a feeling of safety even for students who don't feel comfortable expressing themselves

- Helen → 2 main priorities: working with other equalities reps for running intersectional events, open to disability access, no financial barrier etc. Working with university more widely, picnics, welfare tea. Connection to wider community. Loved queer events this year, especially the queer formal, bringing friends from other colleges as well. Second thing is would like to add events for allies as well, and for people closeted and questioning their identity, so people don't feel like they're outing themselves if they come
- Questions
 - Fin → (same as above) role is very visible and can get quite political, you can be exposed to not nice beliefs. Do you feel equipped to deal with that?
 - Helen → have come across a bit of that before, more would be targeted towards the gender rep in the current climate, so working together and making sure everyone feels safe. Getting rid of comments online and deleting them rather than responding because people can get hurt even if they just happen to see them. Stepping in and saying that free speech is valuable but this is a safe space for people so we don't want that here. Debating can happen elsewhere
 - Georgia → feel comfortable challenging opinions. Prioritising the Anne's queer community to make sure not misrepresenting anyone's ideas or what they feel about it. Seeing what they would like to do about it.
 - Fin → (same as above) lots of the role is listening and supporting, but sometimes have to be willing to stand up and make decisions. How comfortable to you feel with doing that?
 - Georgia → Perfectly comfortable standing up for other people and myself. Don't have an issue with confrontation. Think it is better to tackle issues head on because silencing it doesn't dismantle the issue. Taking actions forward rather than suppressing it.
 - Helen → no issue with raising opinions. Have experience working in student councils/communities. Feel protective over the queer community here, this is definitely the place felt most respected and safe, in Anne's specifically rather than Oxford in general. Want to make sure next year's freshers feel the same as well
 - Krishh → how would you tackle the situation if someone comes from a background where it's not acceptable to be queer and are looking for support?
 - Helen → part of that is having events open to allies not just queer people so they don't feel like they have to out themselves, can experience the community without having been a part of it before. Make sure what we share online is not a safety risk so they aren't outed in that way e.g instagram photos. Can give them advice with experience, but outsource and connect them with people who might be able to help more. Someone from their background.

- Georgia → Creating space where people feel comfortable coming forward. Share resources and make those available for queer students. Important to know the people/places they can go to for support.
- Ayesha → any ideas on how to reach members of the community who may not want to attend in person/crowded events?
 - Helen → Instagram would probably be the first start. Maybe wouldn't feel comfortable going to an Anne's event, but going to other events like the ACS one. Targeted to smaller groups. Sharing online resources like counselling/welfare services. Making barrier to entry as low as possible
 - Georgia → opening up discussions with the other welfare reps/ disabilities reps and seeing why maybe they wouldn't want to come. Making events as accessible as possible. Maybe some online events as well.
- Hustings challenge: come up with event you want to do and put on the facebook page by Tuesday evening

Women's

- Tash → passionate about equality and feminism, love to keep period product scheme going and keep it accessible. Period poverty is a big issue at uni. Would love to collaborate with other JCR reps for events. Drinking and non drinking events, galentine's day. Have a safe space. Be someone to listen and bring things to JCR meetings. Maybe bringing in some speakers? Great to show freshers all of the resources that are available and so they know where to go if they have questions
- Questions
 - Rosie → period scheme is flawed, budget is really small. Do you have any ideas to improve the scheme further?
 - Tash → Try and raise money through events, collaboration with charities.
 - Rosie → We had the idea to raise a 1 pound levy for every student to then fund the scheme. Need 10% of the whole undergraduate body to vote for it so we couldn't really do it this year.
 - Tash → Next year keep that in mind. Could rewrite that in the constitution. Would be a great idea if we could get that passed. Hopefully more people would come.
 - Krishh → Could write online votes in to the constitution because a lot of other colleges do that. Try it out in michaelmas
 - Ayesha → let's continue this conversation later
 - Ayesha → controversial, some people ask why there is no men's rep. How would you deal with that?
 - Women's role but not meant to exclude. Others
 - Simon → also remember that the male welfare rep is by default the men's rep
- Hustings challenge: get 10 people to fill out the form about women's sporting achievements

Access

- Isabella → (notes being read out by Ayesha) sorry couldn't come to hustings. Any questions feel free to email. Working as an ambassador for Anne's has been a great experience. Want to make Anne's a place for everyone to feel at home.
- Nimisha is not here
- Hustings challenge: Ellie will email them. To create an access related resource like a video on the instagram or something else.

Class

- Sam → New role, no one has done it before. Being a welfare voice for lower income students at St Anne's is what calls to me. Working with the access rep, want to do events in fresher's so people get to know each other right from the start. Want to run an access formal so people can come, depends on how much we can get the dinner subsidised.
- Destiny is not here
- Questions
 - Ellie → What do you think is the biggest issue you'll face during your role
 - Sam → not a particularly controversial role so think the main issue will be budget.
- Hustings challenge: look at 3 colleges including Anne's and find out about rent increases, financial support, and dining hall prices, and see how Anne's compares to the other colleges. Create something to then post the info on the facebook page.

Disabilities

- Luciana → have autism and epilepsy, only in coming to oxford that learned don't need to minimise disabilities as a political identity. Want to make accessibility more accessible. Creating a quiet sensory space away from events where people can access and use the resources. Don't need to prove that you have a disability because we don't want to be invasive. Want to make sure that students feel respected when they access these resources. Sometimes face shame, or ridiculed. Ensuring that people feel confident in college and around the university.
- Questions
 - Warwick → big issue is lack of knowledge of what is available to them, e.g exam conditions and special consideration that one can get, how would you raise awareness?
 - Make an instagram, not just use it to platform socials but regular posts about what is available to you throughout the university e.g need proof from doctors for certain things. Would make it easier to have a dialogue between me and every disabled student. Can't just generalise about people's conditions and about what they need.
- Hustings challenge: design an event. Include what specific considerations you would take in to account. Put on the facebook before Tuesday evening.