

## JCR GENERAL MEETING 03/03/2024

### AGENDA

#### **Motion -**

- Donate £200 to doctors without borders

#### **General -** hustings for:

- Welfare
- Entz
- Su rep

### RESOLUTIONS

*Donate £200 to doctors without borders - MOTION PASSES 30/30*

### MOTIONS

**Motion: “Donate £200 to doctors without borders” - proposed by Hannah Hopkins, seconded by Proshanto Chanda**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - An unprecedented humanitarian crisis is unfolding in Gaza
  - Doctors Without Border’s teams have been providing vital healthcare to treat the wounded and help supply resources to overwhelmed hospitals
- *This JCR believes that:*
  - A donation to this campaign will have significant impact in saving lives
  - There should be an immediate and sustained ceasefire to prevent more deaths and injuries, and for the protection of civilians and healthcare facilities at all times
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - Donate £200 to doctors without borders

#### Discussion -

- Hannah/Proshanto: no extra comments
- Ben: How does it work, what budget does it come out of?
  - Krishh: Charities
  - Ben: Does it (the charities budget) have to be spent at the end of the year
  - Krishh: The amount that doesn’t get spent is given to the charity to the year, quite a bit still left in the budget
- Krishh: If you remember, doctors without borders was the charity of the year last year, it did get removed because of something around white savior complex, do you have any comments about this?
  - Hannah: Not sure about that, know they are doing good work at the moment
- Krishh: Will start voting, simple majority

#### Voting - 30 members present

- For - 30
  - Against - 0
  - Abstain - 30
- MOTION PASSES 30/30

### GENERAL

#### **WELFARE - Nic Ong and Daisy Johnston**

#### Speech -

- Nic: they are both running for welfare rep this year
- Daisy: they know it's a big task and a big job, but they are excited to get started
- Nic: inspired by the good work this year, one of the big things is continuing all the work they have done. So maintaining welfare teas and sexual health within college, this is an important thing and they (Daisy and Luca) have done a good job making people aware of it
- Daisy: they want to keep up with events, they are excited to work with entz. They are hoping to work with different societies during freshers week to help people get a footing during freshers, introduce speakers into college, as well as yoga, meditation and film nights
- Nic: would introduce things like more non drinking events, open mics. Rhiannon suggested things like a quiz night which would be good to host in the JCR: coffee and kahoots on a friday evening. We are good at running

events in Annes but it would be good to have more non drinking events in the evenings as well, welfare tea is nice but it comes at an awkward time on sunday for people who are working

- Daisy: hopefully going to represent the JCR to the fullest, know its more about supporting people and helping them get through it
- Nic: if anyone has any suggestions their inboxes are always open

#### Questions -

- Luca: what subjects do you guys do?
  - Daisy: Biology / Nic: psychology
- Luca: how are you planning to balance this with welfare?
  - Nic: Psychology is good: low contact hours, easier to balance the schedule, easier in the first year. Knows Luca does PPL, psychology has less contact hours, more about managing time, has taken on societies this year, will drop a couple of them and will run next year
  - Daisy: biology is the opposite for first year, heavy in contact hours but not necessarily in work, not an obscene amount of reading. At the minute she would have time to factor in welfare, schedules are flexible and you can make time for things
- Luca: what improvements would you make to welfare, what things can we do better?
  - Nic: in terms of events things come in short notice, though they are planned before they come up once and then you don't hear about them until the day of and they interlock with other events. It would be nice to have separate events - rather than having a massive bop and a welfare alternative have a separate welfare event on a different day
  - Daisy: agree

#### Hustings challenge

- Luca: You have to plan out welfare week. you can ask us (Daisy and Luca) any questions you like and make a little instagram post with what the plan is, you have to budget it as well.

#### **SU REP - Ellen Ehlich**

##### Speech -

- Ellen: Decided to run because she saw it as an opportunity to explore new aspects of student life and contribute to the community at St Annes
  - Once she dug into the role, she realised how much of an impact it's possible to make.
  - The SU leadership might have some rough patches with disaffiliation in the last few terms, but it still has so much to offer especially in terms of events. They have events open to everyone - bike doctors, body doubling sessions, art exhibitions, book swaps - only been made aware of these events shortly before they happen.
  - As SU Rep she would aim to advertise them more widely and make them known.
- She is excited to represent St Anne's in the student councils and vote in our interest, the SU has brilliant welfare resources, offer loads of resources for suspended students, need an extension or a chat - they have so much to offer, excited to make this more well known

#### Questions -

- Krishh - currently interim su rep: currently engagement with the SU is limited and there are a lot of negative connotations with it and perceptions of it, what would you do as SU rep to change that?
  - Ellen - think that's because people aren't aware of how much they have to offer, surprised when she saw everything they have on their website, would aim to advertise them on whatsapp, to maybe add a weekly section in the newsletter or something with everything they have going on, something for everyone there.
- Krishh - as one of the representatives of student council, one of the 3 JCR votes on that, if something contentious comes up there what would your strategy be to gage the JCRs opinion on this? Currently the system is we ask the JCR committee and based on a poll of this we decide - is there a way you would ask the rest of the JCR body?
  - Ellen - if its something controversial she would address herself to the JCR directly, thinks general meetings would be a good place to address small questions and have votes or other systems, looking forward to voting to represent St Anne's, would do this by making sure she has a consensus

- Roxi - obviously there is this trend of disaffiliation, including a couple of weeks ago there was a motion put forward to change the constitution so the welfare reps had access to resources not supplied by the SU, from that inferred the resources they supply aren't up to scratch
  - Luca - to weigh in there, the constitution as it stands says they are meant to get sexual health products from the SU, had to do that but when you order it and they email you a month later and they ask you to pick them up it's a bit problematic. Now they get them in bulk off the internet and it's more expensive
  - Roxi - obviously Ellen is not a current representative of the SU so it's not on her, but does the SU still have a role? Would love something to unify the colleges, why is the SU that thing? Just said welfare as an example, know there is a lot of discontent about the way it's run
    - Ellen - the SU is a way for a student body to express its views to the university and whether or not that includes every single college, or some disaffiliated a long time ago, it's still important for there to be (even if it's on the surface) for there to be something that can communicate with the student body and if necessary criticise the university. The trend toward disaffiliation she would say is negative, says the SU has so much to contribute to individual students and the university in general. Doesn't know if there is a way to resolve it, it's on individual colleges, SU reps play a role, she would be glad to represent the SU to the college

#### Hustings challenge

- Krishh - if you want to have something in the newsletter, you could model something based on the events in the SU, such as you could make a separate section of a timetable and put it on the JCR facebook

#### **ENTZ - Noah Harper-Smith & Pippa Sefton / Mia Comer & Ben Murphy**

##### Speech - Noah and Pippa

- Pippa - studies biology
- Noah - also studies biology
- Pippa - they want to be entz reps as they understand life in oxford strikes a different balance between work and play: partying is important and fun and they want everyone to get that uni life. They enjoy bops and they want to put their own spin on them. Being entz reps would be a good learning experience, it would allow them to meet new people, and they are excited to introduce freshers to life at St Annes
- Noah - three fold points trying to implement:
  - mainly hosting drinking and non-drinking events and trying to integrate them and will work with the welfare team to organise them and get everyone involved
  - They want to make the bar a busier place because sometimes it can look quite sad. They will host lots of events in the bar, pub quizzes and bar game nights, even socialise in there more.
  - They want to bring back the entz committee in the constitution - meant to be a committee that helps decide ideas, get more people involved and produce better ideas, there is a ticket rep, bar rep, bop rep.
  - They will also try to work with the mcr team to get more cohesion between the different communities
  - They have lots of good ideas for freshers week, if they get in they will plan a scavenger hunt around Oxford, talent shows, crewdates for everyone, pumpkin carving, white lies megabop etc
- Pippa - they would also have reminders for formals

##### Speech - Mia and Ben

- Ben - studies history
- Mia - does biochem
- Ben - want to increase inclusivity and make sure everyone's voice is heard and through this will empower Annes. To reach out to different communities in Anne's, they will have year reps as spokespeople for the year
  - They have spoken with visiting students and groups at Annes, and they will try to integrate them as feel they are often isolated. They will increase everyone's voice, increase suggestions boxes, have spokespeople to make sure everyone's voice is heard. They don't want ideas to burn out, they want them coming in fresh and make sure they are all fun and inclusive.
  - They want to revive the bar, spoke with barman Mike, gave him a nod to his plan to revive the bar.
  - Wants to empower our own bops, we have more control and can do the decorations
- Mia - wants to make the instagram more interactive, with giveaways for free tickets if you get your idea for the bop chosen. She hasn't missed a park end this term, doesn't intend to miss one next term. She has been to all

the clubs and pubs, been to formals, both done karaoke multiple times. They are both very organised people

### Questions -

- Paras: great speeches. Will give a scenario - you've got an amazing event in the works you've put a lot of money into, the issue is it's 3 days before the event and you've only sold  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the tickets you need to - how would you go about it? Would it be continuous pestering on every platform? How do you make money and make a good event?
  - Ben - knows ticket sales can be low for certain events, it's the nature of hosting multiple events. Would solve this by increasing outreach, speaking with other colleges entz to work to get a collaboration going on especially with sober events as this is often a worry that turnout can be low. So he would collab with other colleges to make sober events as full and active as possible, to sell more tickets to promote through other entz pages rather than lots of first year messages on the group chat
  - Noah - could make a competition out of it, do raffles and things
    - Pippa - would put it all over the instagram, on the story and the posts, get people talking about it - in Stacs telling people to buy tickets, spreading through word of mouth - putting it on the group chat is very effective
    - Noah - get the team together across more years, employ people on different year groups to spread the word
- Paras: The bar is a great place, but it is only busy on an event night, ie. if there's karaoke or a band playing or after a formal. Mike is worried about Wednesday and Saturday as it's not busy, how would you make it the place to be?
  - Pippa - would start an initiative with entz budget, if you buy a drink on wednesday or saturday you get put in a raffle to buy a free bridge or atik ticket.
  - Noah - music is sometimes strange, get ipads and put music in the queue
    - Pippa - or a shared spotify St Anne's bar playlist, people can add onto
  - Mia - would encourage different friend groups, it doesn't have to be something around alcohol, would hold a games night or play cards and remind people you can go to the bar if you are not drinking we do sell soft drinks, it's a place for everyone and they have good ginger beer
  - Ben - have had some issues with the deans who have prominently suggested we go to the bar to discuss, and in the afternoons we want to transfer people from stacs into the bar as the sociable place to go to meet friends, promote a relaxed environment in there - pool and darts don't get used. Darts go missing, put them behind the bar or something like that. If we were to promote the activities in the bar, such as the jukebox, it would help get the ball rolling and once its rolling - once people see the bar as a place to interact with others and go and socialise this will improve the bars spirit
- Meg: At the start of term everyone comes to the events and then towards the mid to the end you need to drum up more hype for people to go to them, people have their own stuff going on, how would you drum up hype - just make the events throughout the term as popular as they are at the start
  - Ben - use the instagram a lot, polling on what days people are free is the main and big one, encourages people to buy tickets
  - Mia - actually asking people what bop theme would you like to see, and holding votes based off the different ideas. Seeing what the year groups want. People are more excited to come if its their friends idea, just that there is more interaction of the event from the start
  - Ben - with that there is a lot of drive at the start, in freshers week there is a big drive, events in freshers a lot more focused on Annes. In the term later we want to collaborate with other colleges Entz to pump up the numbers when the numbers are low, meet people from other colleges etc
  - Pippa - could also look at changing the kind of events that are on to reflect the vibe at the stage in term, in w6 and 7 to put more chill events on to base it more in the bar so people can go easily
  - Noah - think it's going to naturally happen, don't think you can avoid it too much, there are ways to improve the amounts
    - Pippa - as long as the entz reps are looking energised - they can keep the energy up throughout the term
- Cecile - About the entz committee, a clause in the constitution at some point that has been active
  - Paras: the only two entz reps get the benefits like free entry to every parkend, means the others don't want to do anything as they don't get benefits
  - Cecile - was going to ask why did it dissolve, how would you encourage it?

- Pippa - they do divide up the work a lot
- Noah - probably got less traction because in their years were less people going for entz rep, this year even if they don't win if they would stay involved they would love to help even if they don't have the benefits
- Pippa - if we run the elections and people join, can also share the entz benefits with the whole entz team
- Gabriella - entz is a big role in terms of managing time, how are you going to manage time with exams in second year - how will you manage that and also ensuring you are delivering continuously good events?
  - Mia - tends to sleep through her exams anyway. She does biochem, this year has been contact heavy, next year it's way more chill, doesn't have final exams at the end of next year, finals are at the end of third year. Of all years of her degree it's not irrelevant but it's more balanced, even this year there has been more work and prelims to work towards, even here she still has managed everything, still been going on nights out and involved in societies, and Ben doesn't do a degree
  - Ben - has 3 contact hours a week
  - Pippa - biology is well balanced
  - Noah - doesn't do too much work in general, next year it will be fine
  - Pippa - that's where the entz team will come in, sharing the work
  - Noah - do sports between them, time to go out

#### Hustings challenge

- Paras: last year were given this, will do it again - try and go on the roughest college bar crawl you can - like Kellogg College, and at each bar get the roughest selfie you can with someone in that bar (with their consent) for bonus points - put it all on the JCR facebook