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6th Week Michaelmas Newsletter

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Voter Registration

We know many students feel that politics isn't relevant to them, voter registration amongst 18-24 year olds has been falling steadily since the seventies and research from the Electoral Commission in 2015 indicated that around 30% of 18-24 year olds were not registered to vote, compared to less than 5% of those aged over 65. However, the decisions made by the next Government are relevant to everyone, our politicians make decisions on all

aspects of our lives, whether it be the future of higher education or ensuring street lights are kept on at night.

In Michaelmas Term, policy was passed to support a voter registration drive.

[You can register here.](#)

What we are currently doing about it?

You are entitled to be registered at home and your University address. At local council elections, you can vote in both seats by registering for a postal vote.

A guide to voting during a general election

This guide provides information if you are suffering from a mental health condition or loved one is, [read it here.](#)

Accessible Voting Options can be found on our website
here: <https://tinyurl.com/tnssohy>

UCU Strike

Oxford SU stands in solidarity with University and College Union (UCU) in their strike over pay and working conditions. Those working in higher education should be treated and remunerated fairly. During last year's industrial action, a policy was passed for us to support further action for the next three years.

We understand that many of our students are frustrated about the effect of the strikes on their educational experience, particularly as tuition fees are so high.

We are working on providing information and support for students so they know their rights during any industrial action.

Job Opportunity - Social Media

Looking for a flexible and fun opportunity? We're currently searching for a social

media communications assistant to join the team.

[Apply Here](#)

I hope everyone is as excited as we are for the campaign to officially start! If you haven't already, now is the time to be posting on JCR/MCR pages, inviting your friends to the group, and having conversations to spread the word and get people involved!

Also, here is a list of our fantastic Pledge Leaders and how to contact them if you'd like to get in touch! They've agreed to answer any questions you might have about the Pledge - so don't hesitate if you need help!

<http://bit.ly/pledgeleaders>



Student Council

If you weren't at Student Council last week you missed out on plenty of interesting discussions between passionate students, which resulted in the following actions:

Students voted in favour of a motion mandating the SU President to write an

open letter regarding protests in Hong Kong.

Oxford SU now has policy on its approach to tackling Oxford Homelessness.

We've launched three new SU projects, so keep an eye out for students working towards the Oxford living wage, Santa delivering chocolates in 8th Week, and the Disabled Students' Publication.

The Sabbatical team will be publishing a statement to support UCU staff involved in the strikes and the Anti-Casualisation network.

Next Council

We'll be electing the new Chair and Returning Officer for Hilary Term (meaning they will serve for our annual elections). Hope to see you there!

[Nominate Yourself Here](#)

Committee Positions Now Open

You still have a chance to apply to be on the Target Schools Committee. If you are interested in access and outreach, project management, or working with young people you'd be a great fit. Deadline: Monday 18th November (6th Week)

[Apply Here](#)

JSCECSM Membership

Oxford SU is looking for students to join a senior committee in the University. The Joint Sub-committee of Education Committee with Student Members is a key committee in managing the relationship between Oxford SU and the University.

If you want to gain experience serving on a senior University committee, whilst helping to improve Oxford SU, or else would simply like to know more then please send an email to: oliver.holdsworth@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk



Student Advice

Drop-in advice sessions are open Mondays-Thursday in term time 10am - 4pm at 4 Worcester Street. Ask us anything and see if we can help

Wellbeing

Would you like us to help you organise yoga, meditation, massage or a visit from some lovely welfare dogs for your Common Room? Maybe you'd like all of them in one event? Come and chat about our "Wellfair" menu.

Email us advice@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk

Wellbeing Walks with Welfare Dogs

Join us every Friday during term time for a friendly dog walk around university parks,

Keble Gate University parks | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Student Voice

Are you a Course Rep? Are you trying to get in touch with your Course Rep? We'd love to meet you and talk about how we might be able to support you.

Email us advice@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk

Curriculum Diversity

Oxford University is holding a Curriculum Diversity event on Friday 29 November, 2-4pm at New College.

The event will begin with an introduction from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), Professor Martin Williams, and colleagues from a couple of departments will be sharing their experiences of running departmental workshops on curriculum diversity. We will then be running a workshop-style session focusing on how to progress work in this area. The event is open to all staff and students.

Please RSVP to sophie.herzberg@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 25 November.

Student Pad

Finding Oxford accommodation: Our property finder allows you to search for all types of short or long-term accommodation. We have properties available throughout Oxford, including rooms, flats, houses to share and flats and houses for couples or families. The department holds Landlords Gas Safety Certificates, Tenancy Deposit Scheme details and EPC (Energy Performance Certificates) where applicable on all properties held on the website. Properties will only be advertised if the relevant certificates have been presented.

[Visit Student PAD](#)

RAG Oxmas Party

End Michaelmas the right way with some festive fun, and join RAG at our annual Oxmas Party!! With live music, cocktails, a fab venue and loads of live music, this promises to be an exTREEmely exciting evening, all in support of RAG's charities: Oxfordshire Mind, KEEN Oxford, Meningitis Now, Beat!

❄️ Where: The Varsity Club

❄️ When: 5th December 2019

❄️ Early bird tickets: SOLD OUT

❄️ Each ticket includes one free drink

More info can be found on our Facebook page: <https://tinyurl.com/tp7rnw7>

[Buy Tickets](#)

RAG recruitment

Join the 2019/20 RAG Committee! We're the home of student fundraising and organise a range of events and challenges for four elected charities and also support student fundraising across the University. Our elected charities for 2019/20 are Oxfordshire Mind, Meningitis Now, KEEN Oxford and Beat.

We've got roles across marketing, communication, event management, finance, logistics and community engagement. Roles run for one academic year from the end of Michaelmas.

[Apply Here](#)





RAG consultation survey

RAG is working with a Student Consultancy team to help improve how RAG works for you. Whether you're a fundraising veteran or have just flirted with the idea of getting involved, we want to hear your views.

Please take a few minutes of your time to fill out this survey!

[Take the Survey](#)



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