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## **Newsletter Week 10**

### **Hilary Term 2016**

by Ross Speer, MCR Secretary

- 1. Oxford Student Refugee Health Conference 2016**
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#### **1. Oxford Student Refugee Health Conference 2016**

\*Booking open on 11th March\*

The European refugee crisis is becoming the biggest humanitarian crisis of our generation. A fundamental concern of host nations is how to address the health needs of newly-arrived refugees. These needs can be complex and substantial, due to long periods of time without healthcare, conditions in the countries they have fled, social isolation and exclusion and difficulties in navigating the legal and practical barriers to care.

A great deal of knowledge and experience about these challenges already exists, and an adequate response to the current crisis needs to draw on this expertise. The Oxford Student Conference on Refugee Health will bring these experts together and stimulate discussion about future needs and responses.

Taking place on 23rd April at Green Templeton College, the conference will bring together leading voices in the areas of healthcare for refugees including academics, healthcare providers, lawyers, community activists and refugees themselves. The aim of the conference is to provide a platform for researchers and service providers working with refugees to discuss what specific healthcare difficulties and needs refugees experience, to give service users the opportunity to contribute to the discussion about how services are provided, and to inspire the next generation of doctors and policy makers to make a positive impact on the health of refugee groups.

Attendance is free (although we ask for a £10 refundable deposit) and lunch is included. To book your place or submit an abstract, please go to <http://www.oxrefugeehealth2016.org/>

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## **2. MRI Anxiety study**

Are you interested in helping with a new research study?

We are currently running an MRI study looking at training attention and links to anxiety and worry. We are looking for individuals between 18 & 40 years old. The study typically involves 4 visits (3 on consecutive days) to the FMRIB Centre based at the John Radcliffe Hospital, in each visit you will complete some simple attentional tasks on a computer, for some participants in the middle session this will be done whilst we monitor your brain activation in an MRI scanner.

Participants receive up to £100 for their time.

For more details please contact Rob Clarke ([robert.clarke@ndcn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:robert.clarke@ndcn.ox.ac.uk)).

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## **3, Psychology study: Effects of rewards and mild electric shocks on speed and accuracy**

We are looking to recruit participants for our research study investigating how different motivators effect speed and accuracy.

The study involves completing a computer task that assesses your speed and accuracy and it may involve mildly painful electric shocks. It lasts half an hour for which you will be compensated **£5**. Additionally, you will be included in a **£50, £30** and **£20** prize draw.

To take part, you must be in good health, aged **18-35**, and fluent in English. Because of the nature of the experiment, people with neurological or psychiatric history, including depression or anxiety (past or present) will NOT be able to take part.

If you would like to participate in this study or have any questions, please respond to [luka.katic@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:luka.katic@psy.ox.ac.uk)

The study will take place at the:

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