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MICHAELMAS TERM 2015
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1. OUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAMPAIGN

THE STUDENT UNION HAS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAMPAIGN, TO HOLD EVENTS AND CAMPAIGN ON ISSUES THAT SPECIFICALLY AFFECT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. THIS YEAR, WE HOPE TO WORK ON ISSUES SUCH AS VISAS & IMMIGRATION, THE REFUGEE CRISIS AND PUTTING ON OUR ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, SHOWCASING THE 140 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY OXFORD STUDENTS.

THE COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY JUST ONE LONELY (BRITISH) OUSU SABBATICAL OFFICER. TO IMPROVE THIS BY GETTING INVOLVED, OR JUST TO RECEIVE UPDATES, PLEASE SEND A BLANK EMAIL TO OUSU-INTERNATIONALSTUDENTS-SUBSCRIBE@MAILLIST.OX.AC.UK AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL NICK COOPER, VICE PRESIDENT (GRADUATES) AT VPGRADUATES@OUSU.OX.AC.UK.

2. SERBIAN FOLKLORE DANCING CLUB

HELLO, OXFORD STUDENTS! A FEW OF US FROM THE SAID BUSINESS SCHOOL WILL BE SETTING UP SERBIAN FOLKLORE DANCE CLUB! IT'S GREAT CARDIO, EVERYBODY GETS TO HOLD HANDS ;) WHILE MEMBERS WILL GET TO WEAR FANCY HANDMADE COSTUMES AND



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ATTEND A SPECIAL TRUMPET-PARTY!

DURING OUR ONCE-A-WEEK PRACTICES, WE WILL BE COVERING ABOUT A 100 DIFFERENT DANCES (BEGINNER TO PRO) FROM THE PEOPLES OF THE BALKANS' PENINSULA! COULD ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS PLEASE CONTACT US AT:SERBIAN.FOLKLORE.OXFORD@GMAIL.COM THANK YOU!

3. SANTANDER ACADEMIC TRAVEL AWARDS

AWARDS OF UP TO £1,000 ARE AVAILABLE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMIC-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN SANTANDER NETWORK COUNTRIES. APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN 01 JANUARY AND 30 JUNE 2016 MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 4PM ON THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015. PLEASE VISIT THE SANTANDER ACADEMIC TRAVEL AWARDS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

4. POLYGEIA

POLYGEIA IS A RECENTLY-FOUNDED, STUDENT-RUN GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY WRITING ORGANISATION, AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO LAUNCH RECRUITMENT FOR OUR FIRST OXFORD COMMITTEE. WE'RE LOOKING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR: PRESIDENT, TREASURER, RECRUITMENT OFFICER, AND TRAINING OFFICER.

MORE INFO ABOUT THE ROLES AND HOW TO APPLY: [HTTP://WWW.POLYGEIA.COM/OXFORD-AND-LONDON-COMMITTEE-RECRUITMENT/](http://www.polygeia.com/oxford-and-london-committee-recruitment/)

MORE INFO ABOUT POLYGEIA: [HTTP://WWW.POLYGEIA.COM/](http://www.polygeia.com/)

OXFORD COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE FREE ATTENDANCE AT THE POLYGEIA GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY CONFERENCE: [HTTP://WWW.POLYGEIA.COM/2015-CONFERENCE/](http://www.polygeia.com/2015-conference/)

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER AT 7PM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL [OXFORD@POLYGEIA.COM](mailto:oxford@polygeia.com).

5. FIRST RESPONSE APP

THE FIRST RESPONSE APP (BLURB BELOW) IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ONTO BOTH APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES AT [WWW.FIRSTRESPONSEOXFORD.ORG](http://www.firstresponseoxford.org).



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"THE FIRST RESPONSE APP PROVIDES SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND FRIENDS OF SURVIVORS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OPTIONAL WAYS TO RESPOND, ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SUPPORT RESOURCES, CRITICAL CONTACT DETAILS, AND ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS. IT CAN BE FOUND ON WWW.FIRSTRESPONSEOXFORD.ORG"

6. TRAVEL TO CHINA (FREE) IN WEEK 10 TO LEAD WORKSHOPS ON CURRENT ISSUES!

OXFORD GLOBAL, AN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, IS ORGANISING A MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI FROM 15-20 DECEMBER THIS YEAR. WE ARE RECRUITING OXFORD UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS TO LEAD COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES RANGING FROM ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY, GLOBAL FOOD SHORTAGES, ACCESS TO EDUCATION, AND MORE. WHILE IN CHINA, ALL BASIC EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED - ACCOMMODATION, FOOD, AND A FLIGHT SUBSIDY WILL BE PROVIDED. YOU WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH CHINESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO LEAD DEBATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TOPIC AND HELP GUIDE THEM TOWARD A RESOLUTION. LEARN MORE AND APPLY TO BE A DIRECTOR ON OUR WEBSITE.

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 25

[HTTP://OXFORDGLOBAL.ORG/GLOBALMUN-PROGRAMME](http://OXFORDGLOBAL.ORG/GLOBALMUN-PROGRAMME)

7. STAY CLASSY, OXFORD

HEY YOU. TERM IS STARTING, AND YOU'LL UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO MAKE YOURSELF A REGULAR AT YOUR COLLEGE'S WEEKLY FORMAL. ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE PROBABLY LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR FIRST (OR TENTH) OXFORD BALL. INSTEAD OF WEARING THE SAME SUIT YOU'VE WORN FOR THE PAST SIX FORMAL EVENTS, WHY NOT DISH OUT £100 FOR YOUR VERY OWN TAILORED VELVET TUX OR EMERALD GREEN TAILCOAT. NO NEED TO DROP £400 AT A CERTAIN PEPPERED & LEFTWARD. OXBRIDGE TALES ARE HERE FOR YOU. WE ARE PURVEYORS OF FINELY-CRAFTED OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE FORMAL WEAR. OUR SHELVES ONLY HOLD TOOLS AND SOME OF THE FINEST CUTS OF SUEDE, WOOL, AND COTTON, BECAUSE EACH ORDER IS STITCHED ONE AT A TIME AND TAILORED COMPLETELY TO THE LOOK AND FEEL THAT OUR CUSTOMERS VALUE MOST. THEREFORE, WE HAVE A WAITING TIME FOR MOST OF OUR PRODUCTS. OUR MISSION STATEMENT LEAVES OUT PROFITS AND GROWTH - WE CONCENTRATE ON QUALITY, INDIVIDUALITY, AND CLASS. IN THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS OF MICHAELMAS TERM, OUR PRICES START AS LOW AS £70 FOR



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A SUIT JACKET OR £100 FOR A TAILCOAT. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE GREATER DEMAND AND GUARANTEE FASTER PRODUCTION TIMES AS WE APPROACH BALL SEASON, WE'LL RAISE OUR PRICES EVERY HALF TERM. CONTACT US TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, MAKE A MEASUREMENT APPOINTMENT, OR SIMPLY CHAT ABOUT YOUR GARBLY DESIRES AND HEAR ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU.

OXBRIDGEFORMALWEAR@GMAIL.COM

8. EARLY CAREER ACADEMIC OUTREACH NETWORK TRAINING SESSION

EARLY CAREER ACADEMIC OUTREACH NETWORK TRAINING SESSION: MICHAELMAS TERM

MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH (3RD WEEK), 4.30-6.30PM

VENUE: MARGARET THATCHER CENTRE, SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

THE OXFORD EARLY CAREER ACADEMIC OUTREACH NETWORK AIMS TO CONNECT INTERESTED D.PHIL. STUDENTS, FIXED-TERM TEACHING AND RESEARCH STAFF FROM ANY DISCIPLINE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROJECTS RUN ACROSS THE COLLEGIATE UNIVERSITY.

WE RUN TERMLY TAILORED TRAINING SESSIONS AND MANAGE A DATABASE OF INTERESTED RESEARCHERS AND TEACHING STAFF TO WHICH PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH STAFF FROM ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY HAVE ACCESS.

TO SIGN UP TO OUR DATABASE PLEASE SEE
[HTTPS://OXFORDEARLYCAREERACADEMICOUTREACHNETWORK.WORDPRESS.COM/ABOUT/](https://oxfordearlycareeracademicoutreachnetwork.wordpress.com/about/)

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DIFFERENT SIGN-UP SHEET FROM THE TRAINING SIGN-UP BELOW.

PROGRAMME:

4.30-5PM - COFFEE, REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING TIME

5-5.10PM WELCOME



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5.10PM-5.40PM (PARALLEL SESSIONS)

INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOLS OUTREACH AT OXFORD (FOR BEGINNERS)

SPEAKER: DR ELEANOR PARKER, STUDENT RECRUITMENT OFFICER, UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS & OUTREACH OFFICE; COLLEGE LECTURER IN ITALIAN, ST ANNE'S COLLEGE

OR

ACADEMIC TASTER SESSIONS IN CONTEXT: HOW A SCHOOL VISIT DAY WORKS (FOR EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS)

SPEAKER: DR FOTEINI DIMIROULI, ACCESS OFFICER, SOMERVILLE COLLEGE; LECTURER IN ENGLISH AND MODERN GREEK

5.40-6.30PM (ALL LEVELS)

THE PATHWAYS PROGRAMME: WWW.PATHWAYS.OX.AC.UK (ALL LEVELS)

WHETHER YOU ARE NEW TO OUTREACH OR ARE ALREADY A PATHWAYS TUTOR, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT STRANDS OF THIS LARGE-SCALE OXFORD OUTREACH PROJECT, ITS IMPACT AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED. THE SESSION WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CHANCE TO REFLECT ON SAMPLE TASTER ACADEMIC SESSIONS DELIVERED AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME.

SPEAKER: EMMA BAUSCH, OUTREACH OFFICER, ORIEL COLLEGE & TUTORS FROM THE PATHWAYS PROGRAMME

6.45PM-8PM NETWORKING DRINKS AT THE RICKETY PRESS, CRANHAM STREET, JERICHO

TO BOOK A PLACE FOR THE TRAINING SESSION, PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM HERE:

[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/1DmMEK8Qy7ngC1GsFu_1w9fWe1vJwTOMfNXnBM5VJICE/VIEWFORM?C=0&W=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DmMEK8Qy7ngC1GsFu_1w9fWe1vJwTOMfNXnBM5VJICE/viewform?c=0&w=1)

AFTER THE SESSION, PARTICIPANTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE RICKETY PRESS IN CRANHAM STREET IN JERICHO FROM 6.45-8PM TO NETWORK WITH EACH OTHER AND OUTREACH STAFF FROM AROUND THE COLLEGIATE UNIVERSITY. WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE



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ABLE TO COME TO THE TRAINING SESSION, PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND SHARE YOUR OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN CONNECT WITH SCHOOLS OUTREACH WORK ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE COORDINATORS AT EARLYCAREEROUTREACH@ADMIN.OX.AC.UK.

9. INSTANT IMPACT

WANT TO WIN UP TO £2000 FOR YOUR SOCIETY/SPORTS TEAM/CLUB? WANT TO PROMOTE TEAM BONDING IN THE PROCESS?

INSTANT IMPACT, A RECRUITMENT AGENCY SPECIALISING IN FINDING PAID JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES, CAN HELP YOU DO THAT. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COMPLETE A CHALLENGE THAT YOUR SOCIETY/TEAM/CLUB CAN FILM THEMSELVES DOING.

THE MORE CREATIVE IT IS, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO WIN UP TO £2000!

SEND INSTANT IMPACT A PITCH ABOUT YOUR CHALLENGE IN UNDER 500 WORDS BY 31 OCTOBER 2015 AND IF THEY LIKE IT YOU'LL HAVE 2 WEEKS TO FILM IT AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE PUT ONLINE TO BE VOTED ON.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND TO SIGN UP, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.IICOMPETITIONS.COM](http://www.iicompetitions.com)

10. EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS AFRICA

VOLUNTEER FOR SUMMER 2016

- MAKE A SUSTAINABLE, POSITIVE IMPACT IN A KENYAN OR UGANDAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
- GAIN EXPERIENCE OF GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT
- DEVELOP PROJECT MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A LARGE BUDGET
- EXPERIENCE RURAL EAST AFRICAN CULTURE
- ENJOY HIGH LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY



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- WORK IN SMALL STUDENT TEAMS
- BENEFIT FROM OUR COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF TRAINING AND SUPPORT
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO PROGRESS TO SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS IN THE CHARITY

EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS AFRICA (EPAFRICA) IS A REGISTERED UK CHARITY WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING IN EAST AFRICA FOR 25 YEARS AND WHICH RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS FROM OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE AND LONDON. WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2016.

ON OUR 10 WEEK SUMMER PROJECT, SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL WORK IN TEAMS OF TWO OR THREE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOL. OUR VOLUNTEERS DON'T TEACH, BECAUSE WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS A LONG-TERM IMPACT. INSTEAD, EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTING £1,800 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN THEIR SCHOOL. EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS INCLUDE BUYING NEW TEXTBOOKS, BUILDING A WATER TANK, SETTING UP A CAREERS PROGRAMME, AND RUNNING A HEALTH DAY.

SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED A LOT OF RESEARCH THAT SHOWS OUR WORK TO BE HAVING A LONG TERM POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE SCHOOLS WE WORK WITH, AS WELL AS PROVIDING AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO GET TO ENGAGE WITH RURAL AFRICAN CULTURE BY SPENDING 10 WEEKS IN A VILLAGE IN KENYA/UGANDA AND FURTHERMORE TAKE PART IN A PROJECT WHICH LOOKS FANTASTIC ON THEIR CV!

EPAFRICA OFFERS ITS VOLUNTEERS COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AND SUPPORT PRIOR TO AND DURING THE SUMMER PROJECT. BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER YOUR ACTUAL SUMMER ABROAD YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENGAGE FULLY WITH THE SOCIAL SIDE OF EPA, TAKING PART IN OUR SOCIALS AND AFTERWARDS ENGAGING WITH OUR ACTIVE ALUMNI NETWORK AND MENTORING SCHEME. INSPIRED BY THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH EPAFRICA, MANY VOLUNTEERS RETURN TO KENYA AND UGANDA IN MANAGERIAL ROLES IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS AND GO ON TO TAKE UP SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE CHARITY. IN ADDITION, MANY OF OUR FORMER VOLUNTEERS HAVE GONE ON TO SUCCESSFUL CAREERS IN DFID, THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE WORLD BANK, AND TOP MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY FIRMS SUCH AS DELOITTE.

FIND OUT MORE AT OUR INFORMATION EVENING ON 26TH OCTOBER (MONDAY 3RD WEEK), 8PM AT THE OXFORD HUB. DRINKS AND NIBBLES WILL BE PROVIDED AND THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO CHAT TO FORMER VOLUNTEERS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES. JOIN OUR



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