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**Newsletter Week 5**  
Trinity Term 2016  
by Ross Speer, MCR Secretary

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**1. Room available**

Single room in shared house with three Queen's DPhil students. Spacious living room/kitchen, 2 bathrooms. 5 minutes walk from Oxford station, 20 minutes walk from Queen's College.

Available from July

Contact [ross.speer@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ross.speer@queens.ox.ac.uk)

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**2. Oxford Living Wage Campaign**

HI. The Oxford Living Wage campaign is looking for new members. A really good way to achieve concrete, lasting change. Join our campaign to persuade Oxford colleges to accredit - to agree to pay their staff the living wage and to raise the wages of the lowest paid staff members should the living wage increase. Without the commitment to accreditation, there is nothing to guarantee colleges will increase wages as the cost of living does. If you'd like to be involved, come to our informal meetings, Thursdays at 5pm at OUSU!!

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**3. Paid Behavioural Study on real-time social interactions!**



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Bring a friend and earn 10£/hour each.

At the Department of Experimental Psychology we are investigating decision-making during real-time social interactions. If you are less than 30 years old, fluent in English and have a normal (or corrected to normal) vision, you can participate! Bring a friend of your same gender and find out how both of you perform in a simple perceptual task game. The study will take less than two hours. Flexible scheduling.

Contact: [niccolo.pescetelli@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:niccolo.pescetelli@psy.ox.ac.uk)

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#### **4. Take part in a SHORT FILM experiment!**

Want to be part of some cool psychology research? Take part in a study about short films and the role of endorphins.

You will get paid for about 2 hrs of your time.

The experiment involves you watching a short film in a group of 4, taking an endorphin blocker/placebo pill (in 5-10% of individuals minor subjective effects, such as nausea, headache, fatigue, dizziness, nervousness and abdominal or joint and muscle pain may be observed), chilling/reading for an hour, and then completing some computer based tasks.

If you are interested send us an email including your telephone number. We will contact you via telephone with further details.

Email: [shortfilmexperiment@gmail.com](mailto:shortfilmexperiment@gmail.com)

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#### **5. AerOx: Oxford Aeronautical Society**

We are AerOx, the Oxford Aeronautical Society, and we are writing to invite you to join our committee and society!!!

Here is a brief description of AerOx:

*AerOx aims to support, develop, and promote aeronautical knowledge, both theoretical & practical, through activities and events in the University of Oxford:*

*- Experts in a variety of aeronautical fields will be invited to give talks and presentations to inspire and inform Oxford students with their professional knowledge and experience*



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- In cooperation with Oxford Departments of Engineering, Materials, and Physics, and Oxford Hackspace, we will develop a special society workshop in Oxford where our society members can build their own aircraft and real flying models within teams under the direction and with advice from society aeronautical experts (mostly Professors and DPhil students in aeronautical & mechanical engineering).
- Tours of aeronautical industry and research companies (Rolls-Royce, Airbus, GE, etc.) will be organised in order to allow society members better insight into the aeronautical world.

Ø Let's make AerOx a great and fun society – Join the committee!

Having been founded in Hilary Term this year, we would like to invite you to be the first generation of the committee. This promises to be a lot of fun and hugely rewarding – like having opportunities to communicate directly with renowned speakers and sponsors, adding some great experience to your CV.

It doesn't matter which subject you are studying – you don't need to be in engineering, you could be in classics, PPE, bio... anything! As an engineer, I'm also reading Shakespeare, right? ;)

If you would like to join us, please send your application indicating your name, college and a short paragraph about why you wish to be on the committee and why you feel you are particularly suited. Please send your application to [aeronautical.society@studentclubs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:aeronautical.society@studentclubs.ox.ac.uk) with "Committee Application" as the subject. Please make sure you include which role you wish to apply for.

- Sponsorship Officer:

Responsible for seeking for and communicating with potential sponsors, the creation of the sponsorship proposal and agreement, ensuring a healthy income for the Society by securing sufficient sponsorship. Would be a lot of fun talking to those aeronautical companies and making them become our friends.

- IT Officer + Web Master

Responsible for the build up and maintenance of the Society website (we currently have two: [www.aerox.space](http://www.aerox.space) and [www.users.ox.ac.uk/~aerox](http://www.users.ox.ac.uk/~aerox), the second one is now under the first-step construction), Facebook group, email newsletter and email addresses.

- Treasurer:

Responsible for the society finances. This would include making payments, liaising with sponsors, and managing the bank account.

- Marketing Officer:

Responsible for the creation of the Society's marketing materials including term cards, posters and Facebook events.



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- Events Manager (x3):  
Responsible for contacting and inviting high-profile speakers on behalf of the society and organising events (e.g. talks, workshops, trips, socials).

### Ø **Join AerOx for FREE now and enjoy our activities and events!**

If you don't want to run AerOx as a committee member but are interested in this fun and ambitious society, join as a society member! Join now you will get a full-year free membership (till the end of the 2016-2017 academic year). The offer will expire at the end of the coming Freshers' Fair in October 2016. What you need to do is just send us ([aeronautical.society@studentclubs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:aeronautical.society@studentclubs.ox.ac.uk)) an email titled "Society Member Join" with your name, course and college (if applicable). You will then get a confirmation email and free access to all the events AerOx is going to organize (talks, workshops, industry tours, etc.) during your membership! Don't hesitate!

We are very much looking forward to having you join our warm and fun family!!!!

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## 6. Particulart

Particulart is the art of knitting, chemistry and gentle protest. In a nutshell, I knit molecules that are related to environmental issues, and show them in a way that I hope is fun and provokes conversations. There's lots more about it at <http://particulart.org.uk/>. I gave a talk on it at Abingdon Carbon Cutters last year (I live in Exeter now, but grew up in Abingdon), after which Jenny Carr from the City Council invited me to get involved in **Low Carbon Oxford Week** in June. This also happens to overlap with the **Oxford Festival of the Arts** and **World-Wide Knit in Public Day!**

So my plans are...

### **11am-4pm on 18th June 'Particulart: Greenhouse Effect' in Bury Knowle Park, part of LCO Week and WWKIP Day**

I will be borrowing a greenhouse (surprise!) and setting it up in the southwest corner of the Park. I will hang netting in the ceiling of the greenhouse, and from that hang carbon dioxide molecules made from yarn. Carbon dioxide is the main so-called greenhouse gas driving climate change. I will also have materials for children (of all ages) to make their own carbon dioxide pompom, card games to play, and more information about climate change and actions we can take to reduce our carbon emissions.

### **11am-4pm on 19th June 'Particulart: Exhausted' at Magdalen College School, part of LCO Week and Arts Festival**

The context will be an exhibition of electric vehicles. I will be putting knitted pollutants like nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide on wires coming out of the exhaust pipe of a car. This will be a VW diesel if I can borrow one; you may have seen the scandal in the news



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about how VW fixed exhaust emissions tests. I'm not quite sure of what space will be available there, but also hope to have a stall with pompoms and information. Depending on the weather I may also show my "Particulart: Up in the Air" pop-up - see <http://particulart.org.uk/exhibitions/up-in-the-air-pop-up-2015/>

### **What I need 1: Carbon dioxide molecules made of yarn**

I knitted atoms and bonds and sewed them together, and there are patterns for these at <http://particulart.org.uk/files/Pattern-atom-bonds.pdf> and for what colours to use at <http://particulart.org.uk/files/Pattern-Up.pdf>. But they could be knitted, crocheted, or pompoms, and they don't need to include the bonds. Essentially, I need one black ball joined between two red balls. They just need to be in yarn.

### **What I need 2: People to knit in public and help on 18th June**

I need another person with me between 11am and 4pm, to keep an eye on small children, help make pompoms, and maybe talk with people about climate change and low carbon activities. It would be wonderful if you could offer an hour or two. I'll also be setting up the greenhouse between 9-11am and taking it down between 4-5pm, and some extra hands might be useful. Please let me know willingness, and which hours you're available if possible. I will collect your emails, and will follow up in due course with more info and time slots still needed to be filled.

And then it's World-Wide Knit in Public Day, so just come along, have a picnic and knit. You can knit whatever you like! If you are a knitting group, maybe you could organise a get-together around the greenhouse. Please let me know if so, as I had to do a risk assessment for the Parks guys :)

### **What I need 3: Borrow a VW diesel on 19th June**

I will use my hire car if need be, but it would be nice to have a VW diesel to reference the scandal.

### **And finally...**

Even if you can't help, it would be lovely to see you during the weekend. Hopefully the weather will be nice, so you can enjoy the rest of Bury Knowle Park or the exhibition at MCS. Please forward this to anyone you think might be interested, either to help, or just come and have a look.

Websites and things [my listings still to be added]

Low Carbon Oxford Week <http://lcoweek.org/>

World-Wide Knit in Public Day <http://www.wkipday.com/>

Oxford Festival of the Arts <http://www.artsfestivaloxford.org/>

Particulart <http://particulart.org.uk/>

Please also keep an eye on my Twitter feeds [hashtags tbc]

<https://twitter.com/ClareBryden>

<https://twitter.com/ParticulartExe>



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## **7. Student Designers wanted**

Student Designers x2, Careers Guide and OUSU Freshers' Guide

Pay: £8.25 p/h

Hours: 7.5 hours per day for fixed term contracts of two weeks;

(first post: 27th June-8th July 2016; second post: 1st-12th August 2016)

We are seeking a diverse pool of student candidates to help design and set layout for The Careers Guide and OUSU's Freshers' Guide. We have two positions available, each for a period of two weeks during the summer vacation

### **About The Oxford Guide to Careers**

Each year, The Careers Service in cooperation with OUSU, produce a 170+ page guide to careers for students. It includes job tips, CV and interview techniques, sector investigation and much more.

### **About OUSU's Freshers' Guide**

Each September, OUSU produces a Freshers' Guide to welcome incoming students to Oxford University. 7,500 Undergraduate and Graduate Freshers receive the Guide, which includes information about OUSU, Freshers' Fair, Oxford life, extra-curricular activities, sexual health and more. The aim of the Guide is to engage new students prior to their arrival at Oxford, and to offer current students the opportunity to work on a printed publication and gain experience in design/design layout.

### **Main purpose of post**

To design and produce content for OUSU's Careers Guide, Freshers' Guide and other student led publications as directed by OUSU's Graphic Design Coordinator.

### **To apply**

For more information and to apply please read the [Job Description and Person Specification](#). Completed application forms should be sent to Mel Richardson by post or email to [office@ousu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:office@ousu.ox.ac.uk) by **Monday 23rd May at 10:00am**.



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Interviews are currently scheduled for **Thursday 26th May**.

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## **8. Participants wanted for attention training test**

Participants aged 18-35yrs wanted to test whether simple attention training tasks, completed online, are useful in reducing rumination.

Rumination is:

- Dwelling on negative thoughts and feelings
- Repetitively thinking about difficulties

Complete our 10 minute online survey to find out if you could take part!

<https://www.trialspark.com/trials/oxfordattenstudy>

Complete the survey and you could win a **£30** Amazon voucher in our prize draw.

If you are then invited to participate in the full study, you will be compensated for your time (up to **£65**).

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## **9. Oxford Menstrual Hygiene Management Conference**

The Oxford MHM Conference is happening at St Hugh's College on Wednesday 15th June 10am-5pm. The first MHM conference to take place in the UK, it was created to attempt to tackle the lack of specialised discussion on the key issues in this sector. It aims to bring together stakeholders from a multiplicity of organisational backgrounds (government, academics, NGOs, non-profits) to celebrate the progress in sanitary provision for women internationally, but more importantly to assess the pressing issues that remain.

Speakers to be announced soon on our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/events/844151262395922/>). Tickets available

at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-menstrual-hygiene-management-conference-tickets-25543701900#tickets>