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Newsletter Week 6 **Trinity Term 2016** **by Ross Speer, MCR Secretary**

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1. How does stress affect your memory, emotion and sleep?

Researchers from the University of Oxford are conducting a study to better understand the relationship between emotion, memory and sleep in response to stressful situations

Are you eligible?

- I am aged 18 and above
- I am healthy
- I have never experienced an interpersonal trauma (e.g., sexual assault, or rape)

What does our research involve?

- Filling in a set of questionnaires
- Participating in 2 research sessions, 1 week apart. The sessions involve some computer tasks and watching an unpleasant or neutral film clip.
- Recording your sleep and how you feel for 7 days at home in between the sessions.

What else is important?

- All the information you provide will be treated confidentially
- You will be reimbursed £50 for your time and travel expenses
- This study has been approved by the Central University Research Ethics

Committee (Reference: R43827/RE001)

If you are interested in taking part, please follow this link to get to our screening- questions:
https://oxfordxpsy.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_oPoQogAK1b8H1ul

If you have any questions, please contact us on: emotionandmemory@psy.ox.ac.uk.



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2. Blenheim Triathlon – charity fundraising

Dear all,

As some of you may know, I amongst others, will be participating in the Blenheim Triathlon next weekend to raise money for the two charities, rtsuk.org and rosy.org.uk. These charities have helped Siena and Anna's family immensely over the years.

It would be great to have your support!

To learn more about this, and to make a donation, just click on the link below.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=hanboroughswave&isTeam=true>

thank you and have a nice weekend!

Sunny

3. Oxford Residential Seminar Assistant

Job description:

A group of university students from Asia will attend a summer residential seminar (lasting one week) in Oxford. The seminar is organised by China UK Development Centre and Maxer Education Institute. The positions advertised are for Seminar Assistants. The programme mainly consists of academic lectures, visits, and social activities, with the aim of offering students a short yet exciting studying and living experience at Oxford. The seminars will take place from 9th August to 15th August.

Job Responsibility:

Visits: Ensuring the smoothness of visits to help students have a happy and safe experience in Oxford and London.

Lectures: Ensuring the smoothness of lectures.

Social Activities: Socialising with students, sharing your university experience and helping out with organisation of activities.

Tutorial: Leading tutorials to help students prepare their final presentations.

Logistics: Helping with airport transfers, welcome reception, etc.

Eligibility: Excellent communication and interpersonal skills (essential)

Experience of working effectively within a team (essential)

University members and alumni (desirable)

Prior experiences in event organising (desirable)

Salary: Up to £450 (£250 fixed salary + up to £200 bonus), bonus based on feedback from students and Seminar Manager

All dinners provided



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Application: Please send your CV to hr@quodc.info with "Oxford seminar" in the subject line. You will be contacted shortly after submitting your application. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview.

Deadline: 1st June 2016

Interview: the week commencing 6th June 2016

Professional development within the company: Possibility to quickly access rewarding positions with higher responsibility positions (Coordinator / Manager) in the company following successful experience in assisting seminars

For more information about the seminar, please refer to <http://en.quodc.info>. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us at hr@quodc.info

4. Broken Spoke Bike Co-op for Pride Week

We're having a special LGBT edition of our monthly Beryl's Night event, open to people of all genders, on Thursday 2nd Jun, 6-9pm. We'll be teaching a class on 'Carrying and Adornment: fitting racks, panniers, baskets, using backpacks and carrying weight on your bike', having a bike decorating session (for Pride or just for fun!), as well as having our usual open workshop where people can work on their bike with the help of our talented mechanics.

The event is FREE. More details here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1554464638183162/>

5. Oxford Pride Festival talks

The University of Oxford's LGBT Advisory Group invite you to a celebratory series of short talks on the theme of heroes in honour of the Oxford Pride Festival. The event is free and open to everyone. Speakers include:

- Emma-Ben Lewis, Wadham College: Standing on the shoulders of giants
- Jonathan Dent, Oxford English Dictionary: Making names for ourselves
- Dr Tristram Wyatt, Zoology: Brother outsider, Bayard Rustin
- Dr Clara Barker, Materials: Where are all the trans* role models?
- Dr Sophie Duncan, Magdalen College: *title to follow*

When: Tuesday, 31 May 2016 from 18:00 to 19:30

Where: Trinity College - Broad Street

To book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/we-can-be-heroes-tickets-24008247314

6. Suggest a portrait subject

There are hundreds of portraits of exceptional people at the University of Oxford. Now, we're commissioning a new set of pictures. Current and former members of the University are invited to



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suggest their subjects. Sitters could be individuals or groups, but they should:

- Be living at the time of nomination.
- Have a significant link, formal or informal, to the University of Oxford.
- Be making (or have made) a major and positive difference - to Oxford or to the wider world.

Please nominate subjects by writing no more than 200 words, explaining their connection to Oxford, and why they should be celebrated in a portrait.

Email your nominations to equality@admin.ox.ac.uk before 8 July 2016.

More details of the Diversifying Portraiture Project (supported by the Vice-Chancellor's Diversity Fund) can be found at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/portraiture or on Twitter at @DivOxPortraits

7. OUSU job opportunities

OUSU has several job opportunities available: one for a part-time RAG coordinator, two Student Designer roles, and five positions for student writers. Details are below, but for more information and to apply for any, please visit <http://ousu.org/your-union/jobs/>

Oxford Raise and Give (RAG) Coordinator

Oxford RAG is committed to fundraising for charities, both local and international, and supporting charitable activity and fundraising throughout the Oxford University student community. We are looking to employ a Part-Time Coordinator (22.5 hours a week) who can help ensure the growth, in terms of fundraising totals, presence within the University and the awareness of RAG's connection to OUSU. The deadline is 5.30pm on Wednesday 1st June.

Student Designers x2, Careers Guide and OUSU Freshers' Guide

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. (first post: 27th June-8th July 2016; second post: 1st-12th August 2016). Pay: £8.25 p/h; Hours: 7.5 hours per day for fixed term contracts of two weeks. Deadline is Monday 23rd May at 10:00am.

Student Writers x5, OUSU Freshers' Guide

We are seeking a diverse pool of student candidates to write articles for our 2016 Freshers' Guide. We have five positions available and can offer at least one article per post (though there may be scope to write more). Pay: £62 per article; Hours: 7.5 hours per article; during the summer vacation. Deadline is Monday 23rd May at 10:00am.



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8. Reaction Time Study - earn £15

I am looking for participants to take part in a behavioural study examining motor learning and consolidation. I am looking for right-handed individuals, between 18 & 30 years old, who *do not* play the piano to a high level. (*ethics reference MS-IDREC-C1-2015-235*)

The study will involve **2 laptop based sessions on the same day**, with one in the morning (around 8, 9 or 10am), and the second the same evening (10 hours later, around 6, 7 or 8pm). The morning session takes around **30 mins** and the evening session around **10 mins**. Testing will take place in St John's College, or FMRI at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

All participants will receive **£15** for their participation.

For more information please contact Ainslie Johnstone (ainslie.johnstone@ndcn.ox.ac.uk)

9. 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 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.



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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>

10. The Effects of Scopoderm on Emotional Processing

Healthy volunteers aged 18-40 are needed for a study investigating the effects of Scopoderm TTS, a commonly prescribed treatment for travel sickness on the way in which the brain processes emotional information.

If you are interested in participating in the study please contact Bernard for more information. We are unfortunately unable to include volunteers with a history of a psychological disorder such as



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depression or anxiety in the study.

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Time and expenses will be reimbursed.