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**Newsletter Week 8**  
Hilary Term 2016  
by Ross Speer, MCR Secretary

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**1. RMF: Mass March for Decolonisation - What Lies Beneath Oxford**

9 March

22:45

Oriel College, Oxford

<https://www.facebook.com/events/616791781803439/>

Oriel College sold out to big money. Oxford's Chancellor said students who don't like Rhodes should "think about studying elsewhere." A dictatorship of donors and administrators have shown no regard for the student voice, or for black life. Oxford has revealed its hand, which has only made us stronger and more determined.

Now, we demand that Rhodes falls in all his manifestations in Oxford and beyond. We will march peacefully to various sites, and issue new demands for the fall of racist symbols, decolonisation of the white curriculum, reparatory justice, and greater black representation at all levels of the university.

We will announce the sites to be visited leading up to the march which will be part protest and part 'imperial tour' of racist Oxford.



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Join us in this historic moment as we begin a new phase of the Rhodes Must Fall in Oxford movement.

Sign the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/oriel-college-oxford-university-oriel-college-oxford-university-remove-the-cecil-rhodes-statue>

#RhodesMustFall  
#RMFMarch  
#PeopleOverDonors

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## **2. 132nd Blues Varsity Match**

The 132nd Blues Football Varsity match will be taking place on Sunday 27th March in London at Fulham's Craven Cottage. Kick off is 12:45pm and the Boat Races follow immediately after, just outside Craven Cottage, starting at 15:10 and 16:10. Last year Oxford won an exciting 1-1 draw on penalties and will be looking to retain the trophy this year. Oxford supporters' tickets are priced at £8, and can be bought from our MCR member Jacob Burda directly or through the following link: [www.fulhamfc.com/varsity](http://www.fulhamfc.com/varsity) (blocks C, D & E).

Come and watch Oxford smash Cambridge on the football pitch and on the Thames this Easter Sunday!

For more details see the Facebook event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1062617293800307/>

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## **3. Call for Papers: Connected Life 2016: Collective Action and the Internet**

The Connected Life 2016 team cordially invites you to submit proposals to participate in our conference at the Oxford Internet Institute (Oxford University), on the 20th and 21st of June. The deadline is April 3rd. Connected Life is student-run, and dedicated to sparking exchange between disciplines and showcasing emerging Internet research. We welcome students and faculty from all universities and departments.

This year's theme is Collective Action and the Internet. The Conference explores how the Internet affects collective action; both in big social movements, such as the Arab Spring



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and the Hong Kong Protests, and in more everyday forms of collaboration. Beyond submissions on the theme, we warmly welcome any social science topic related to the Internet.

Our call for papers can be found here: <http://connectedlife.oii.ox.ac.uk/2016conference/call-for-papers/>. If you have any questions or wish to get in touch, please contact [connectedlife@oii.ox.ac.uk](mailto:connectedlife@oii.ox.ac.uk) or visit our website: <http://connectedlife.oii.ox.ac.uk>.

We look forward to receiving and reviewing your submissions,

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#### **4. Energy Use Survey**

Living in a non-hall property? If so, we would like to find out what *you* know about energy use. How do *you* use energy in your home? How do *you* understand energy related uses? And are *you* concerned about wider environmental issues?

Oxford City Council is interested in collecting the opinions of students in the Oxford area who currently live in private housing in an effort to improve the wellbeing of students in Oxford and reduce the environmental impact of tenants. As part of the Oxford Student Consultancy Programme, we have created a survey, so that we can collect your opinions and let the voices of students in Oxford be heard!

Please fill in the attached survey- It takes just 5 minutes to complete, and if you do it, you are in with a chance of winning a £50 voucher that can be spent in most high street stores!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NZ79YPQ>

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## 5. Oxford Fashion Week - Refashion

Do you have neglected clothes tucked away in your wardrobe? Bring them along to the FREE Refashion event on Thursday 10 March for 12-6pm at Oxford Town Hall and give them a new lease of life! Find out how to mend, upcycle or alter your unloved clothes, or simply swap them for something else in our free 'Swish'.

This award-winning event is part of Oxford Fashion Week and also features fabulous catwalk fashion shows from local schools and colleges and a wealth of vintage and secondhand clothing, upcycled crafts and gifts, upcycling demonstrations and much more to feed your imagination.

Visit the [ReFashion website](#) for more details.

Join the [Facebook event](#) and follow #ReFashionOxford on Twitter

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## 6. "Do I know you? A social network study. Participate for a chance to win up to £100!"

Help Oxford psychologists figure out how social media is changing the way you feel about your online friends by taking part in a very simple 13-day online study.

If you complete the study you have a chance to win **£100** (main prize) or 4 x **£25** (runner-up)!

You will need to fill out two short 10-minute questionnaires (one today and one in 13 days) and receive 11 Facebook-like updates (a photo and caption) via email every day in-between. Interested? Please click the following

link: [https://oxfordxpsy.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_cTPxKfdUoeRwI8R](https://oxfordxpsy.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cTPxKfdUoeRwI8R)"

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## 7. Third Annual Merton Equality Conversation with Peter Thatchell

You are warmly invited to the Third Annual Merton Equality Conversation. The event takes place at 5pm on Tuesday 8 March 2016 (Eighth Week) in the TS Eliot Theatre, Merton College.

This year's talk will be given by Peter Thatchell, an Australian-born British human rights campaigner, best known for his work with LGBT social movements. Thatchell was selected as Labour Party Parliamentary candidate for Bermondsey in 1981.

If you wish to attend, please register at [BookWhen](#) as soon as possible to ensure you do not miss out. Please circulate this invitation to all friends and colleagues who may be



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interested in attending. Further information is attached, and is also available on our [college website](#).

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### **8. Students Supporting Street Kids Easter Deliveries!**

Throughout 7th Week Oxford Students Supporting Street Kids will be taking orders for chocolate easter egg deliveries!

Just £2 for a delivery of Easter eggs to a pidge of your choice including a short message if you so choose! (Easter Eggs can be ordered by anyone but will only delivered to individuals at Oxford University Colleges.)

Show some love and send your friends the perfect treat as the Easter season approaches and term comes to an end!

All proceeds go towards Students Supporting Street Kids (SSSK), a student led organisation that works to empower street-connected children around the world. We raise funds and awareness for NGOs around the world who best know how to support young people in their local area.

Facebook Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1021496881254450/>

[ssskoxford@gmail.com](mailto:ssskoxford@gmail.com)

ORDERS OPEN NOW!

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### **9. Scholarship crowdfunding request**

StudentsPlus, OUSU's Mature Students' Campaign is supporting the effort to establish a scholarship for a "Dr Harun Ur Rashid Memorial Scholarship at Oxford" fund to establish one three-year College-fee DPhil scholarship at St Cross college for a Bangladeshi student. Your support would be appreciated at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/97rcq5f8>

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## **10. OUSU Welfare Survey**

As you may already know OUSU is running a comprehensive welfare survey to analyse and ascertain the provision of welfare services and the wellbeing of the student body. Since the launch of the survey last Friday we've had over 3,700 responses from the student body. However, we're very eager to hear more from graduate students as their concerns and requirements are often overlooked.

We're especially eager for you to tell us about:

- The number of hours you work, especially DPhil students
- The disconnection you might feel from college based support
- The quality of support provided by your department and supervisor
- The experience of one year masters students and their understanding of support structures

To complete the survey please use this

link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OUSUWelfareSurvey>