

Agenda and Minutes for MCR Meeting #2

Doodle poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/vtk2wkxwxdvdxwr3>

Location: MS Teams

- **Frey:** Non-gendered toilets campaign
- **Alex:** Treasurer report
- **Jess & Souradip:** Freshers Pack update
- **Jess and Charlotte and Frey:** additional liberation officer for access/disabilities (write proposal and circulate to MCR in order to have vote at next open meeting)
- **Charlotte:** period products
- **Dora and Nadene:** green issues overview (including budget)
- AOB

Minutes (45 minute meeting!)

Non gendered toilets

- Frey: 58% strongly agree, 12.1% agree, some weird comments left
- **Action point:** (Souradip) Send everyone details for instagram/twitter/etc passwords
- **Action point:** (Beth) make a post on social media pushing for more responses before it closes
- **Action point:** (Frey) send around results to committee (with content warnings)
- **Action point:** (Souradip) Ask Jess where to take it to next

Committee handovers

- **Action point:** (Souradip) Send around list of previous committee members to ask for a handover if not already provided

Gardening

- Dora and Nadene: We have an allotment. But do we know any details on this? Where even is it?
- **Action point:** (Souradip) Ask Katrin Daehn about how this was managed
- More than £40 for events requested to be able to do more
- **Action point:** (Dora and Nadene) Put together a budget proposal and send to me, Jess and Alex to be able to find the funds to help

Treasury report

- **Action point:** (Alex) Clarify any differences between the two reports; where is yoga on the spreadsheet?
- We want more funds for welfare to hold more events
- **Action point:** (Beth and Charlotte) Write a budget proposal for the events they want to do so we can find the funds to help

Welfare

- Sanitary product budget might be possible to be reduced depending on if we can get college to fund these things, Beth is in contact with Mary on this to source products from Totum; can then reallocate these funds to do more welfare stuff
- **General query:** Does anyone know if the disabled toilets have sanitary products in?
- **General query:** Juliette from JCR is feeling overwhelmed keeping sanitary products topped up in college, can MCR people help with this?
- Beth: Disabled toilet signs changed to be more illustrative of non-visible disabilities - rebrand as accessible toilets
- **Action point:** (Beth) to email Dr Holly Canuto (senior tutor) and Mary Simuyandi (college welfare officer) to request this



Freshers Pack

- **General query:** Everyone to look over and make sure they are happy with their bio and relevant section
- Dora could not edit the powerpoint (could only leave comments) but Beth could. Dora to attempt again.
- Dora and Nadene are redoing the green section
- **Action point:** (Nathaniel) to add new green updates to website

Life in the “new normal”

- **General query:** What will social distancing mean for shared spaces like the MCR? And the coffee machine? Will this solve the mug problem?

Freshers week planning

- **Action point:** (Anna & Polly) See what other MCR and JCR committees are doing
- Felix's programme is already organising a 120 person freshers social in the peak district
- **General query:** Do we know when freshers week will start?
- Possibly have a high risk, medium risk and low risk plans and we can choose depending on the situation later on?

- Parkers piece for events?
- Organise MCR into household-sized groups and organise combinations of meetings? Slots for group picnics?
- **General query:** Key for freshers week is to maximise the number of people that freshers meet to be able to find their friends, while also minimising the risk of COVID transmission. What are the best ways to do this?

Liberation/Access & Disabilities officer:

- **Action point:** (Charlotte/Jess/Frey) To send around proposal they have written to committee for comments, then to rest of MCR as per constitution so we can organise an open meeting to have a vote
- **General query:** JCR uses access to mean a slightly different thing. Is it right to lump both these different roles into the same position? Someone who has experience in one may not apply because they don't have experience with both.

Formal Hall:

- Moritz: What details do we have on how formals will work next year with social distancing?
- **General query:** How will it work in the tent? Will it have heating? What capacity will we have? What will the ambiance and lighting be like?
- **Action point:** (Moritz) to email Martin Cullum (Catering) about details for this
- Names for the tent?

Education:

- Aisling: Will we have an in person symposium? Suggested that given it will be by Feb-May, we may well be able to have an in person one. But that we can always fall back to an online one.
- Aisling: Biweekly seminars - suggested that these should remain online right now and we can re-evaluate this as the situation evolves. We can take advantage of the fact that we can potentially get higher attendance rates online.
- Stats on which percentage of people are in each subject available? Which countries they're from? Angela Abbott (Graduate administrator) has all this information.
- **Action point:** (Souradip) Send around the list of incoming members from last year to Aisling and Moritz to make some nice graphs, will email out again when the new list comes in September.

Masks and sweatshirts:

- Dora and Nadene: Ethical sourcing of sweatshirts - what is the process for this
- Local reusable plain masks (easy to source ethically) and then iron-on designs
- Suggested it's likely it will be no more than £5 per mask
- Masks would be a great freshers pack item
- **General query:** How well would iron-on work for masks? Suggested it may not be a problem.
- **Action point:** (Dora) Look into getting a quote from a supplier for masks and sweatshirts, and then we can collect orders from MCR and get them. Catz wheel and initials? Design to be decided.