

St. Catharine's College MCR Meeting

Monday 8th May 2023, 11am

Committee members present:

Praharsh Babu, Co-president
Amelia Whitehead, Secretary
Livia Wilod Versprille, Treasurer
Zara Niven, Welfare officer
Samuel Ryan, Formal Hall officer
Tobia Nava, Accommodation officer
Hana Azuma, Social secretary
Kiyo Chan, Social secretary
Maria Izmirlieva, Green officer
Laurence Fredricks, LGBTQ+ officer
Tom Willis, Computing officer
Yuxuan Cai, Food and drinks officer
Barbara Neto-Bradley, Education officer
Fiona Connolly, Women's and non-binary officer

Committee members not present:

Elsie Greenwood, Access officer
Ananya Kaushik, LGBTQ+ officer
Marianne Mansour, Co-president
Sohane Ines Mousseid Yahya, BME officer

Cost of living survey

- In the hope of targeting financial help for postgrads
- 20 Jack's gelato tokens in order to encourage participation
- What questions should we include
 - o Do you need to pay for commuting for your degree (inside or outside of the city?)
 - o Do you have any dependents?
 - o What stipend are you already on?
 - o Barbara to send Praharsh notes from a similar survey to give ideas

Midsummer dinner

- Can't happen in June
- College has said the earliest they can do is the 8th of July
- Could organise a committee photo at another time
- Praharsh to make committee poll to assess availability

Stash

- To arrive at the end of this week/start of next week

Pride

- Formal 21st May

- Mimosa brunch in the SCR
- Confusion surrounding the gender expression fund
 - o Could create a society 'gender expression fund society' run by the MCR LGBT+ officers through which people apply
 - o This would remove some of the barriers in accessing the fund
 - o Could organise fundraising events
 - o To be discussed at the next open meeting

Accommodation

- College decided not to rent an extra property
- It has been decided that everyone must access accommodation through the ballot even if they have additional needs
 - o Would it be possible to allow these people to get first choice if they are selected as one of the 15 on the ballot
 - o Tobia to raise this with Ella
- Tobia to share results from the appliance survey

Social

- BBQ social at Russell St – 20th May depending on weather
 - o To provide drinks (Pimms?)/crisps/salad and people bring their own thing to grill
 - o Could buy disposable BBQs if we don't have enough grill space
- Picnic and relaxed sports day

Elections

- Normally happen at the end of June, call for elections at the beginning of June
- Everyone to write a brief summary of what their role entails

Food and drink

- People aren't using the bar very much
- What are the issues with it? How can we change this?

If you have any suggestions or feedback you'd like to give the MCR, please get in touch by emailing mcr.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk