**JCR COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

1. **Officers’ Reports:**

President (Caitlin Brown)

* Handover stage

Welfare

* Compass News – free condoms

Equal Ops (Flo Odunubi)

* Race Workshops beginning of next term

Charities (Dani Alvarez)

* Croquet cuppers – play final

Environment & Ethics (Sofia Carlson)

* LGBTQ+ workshops – end of this term and beginning of 0th
* Recycling and waste during move-out
* Donate bikes to JCR

1. **Motions**

**2.1. Gender Expression Fund**

Proposed by: Sofia Karlsson, E&E Officer

Seconded by: Yolanda Shamash, LGBT rep

This JCR notes that:

1.    Gender dysphoria is a feeling of distress associated with a disconnect between a person’s perceived gender, and their gender identity.

2.    This affects people at Keble and university-wide. There is evidence of higher levels of anxiety and stress in LGBTQ+ students as can be seen in the OUSU report on Student Welfare, Mental Health and Support.

3.    Obtaining items such as binders, concealing underwear, packers and breastforms can go a long way towards preventing gender dysphoria, improving welfare and mental health.

4.    These items can also improve welfare for gender non-conforming students who may not experience gender dysphoria.

5.    Items such as these can be expensive, or incur shipping costs, discouraging people who would benefit from these items from buying them. For example, the average binder costs £30 but must often be shipped from the US. Good quality breastforms may cost over £60.

6.    Other colleges have funds like these, including Exeter, St John’s and Somerville.

This JCR believes that:

7.    All students who may benefit from these items deserve equal access to them.

8.    Students’ welfare is important and the JCR should strive to develop suitable welfare provisions for all its members.

9.    Having this fund in place would show to any questioning students that Keble is a safe, supportive, and open environment in which to do so.

10. The transgender and gender non-conforming community at Keble deserves our continued support.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

11. Provide £400 each academic year to be used by students for items aiding in gender expression, such as binders, concealing underwear, packers and breastforms.

Mandate the LGBTQ+ reps to advertise this fund

12. Mandate the Welfare Officers to reimburse LGBTQ+ and/or gender non-conforming students from this fund on a case-by-case basis up to £80 per student.

13. Mandate the Welfare Officers to maintain the anonymity of students requesting reimbursement from this fund.

* Not sure how likely fund will be used but good to be there
* Binding can be dangerous if not done properly
* Equality issue as well
* How will trans people know about fund? Ask LGBTQ+ officers to advertise; workshop; JCR website; specific mandate for Reps
* Amendment → LGBTQ+ reps to advertise
* Speech in opposition:
  + Self-identifying vs medical diagnosis
  + Pay for counsellor instead
* Reply:
  + Being transgender is not a mental health issue
  + Gender dysphoria is
  + Proving need is ubiquitous to any welfare issue
* Reply 2:
  + To contextualize
  + Trans rights are so far behind – difficult to get medical recognition
  + Extra emotional stress
  + OUSU Welfare study – trans students top feelings of anxiety
  + “Trans-sexual” is not right terminology
* Speech in opposition:
  + Trans people can earn money
* Reply 3:
  + Financial burden should not fall on trans students
  + Fund unlikely to be abused
* Reply 4:
  + Access to making that decision vs expected to use binder if trans
  + Statement as JCR – facilities to support you however you need
  + Keble open to trans people – money to give and support people
* Reply 5:
  + JCR should support marginalised students
  + Not adding extra burden
  + Medical trials might require extra personal info
* Reply 6:
  + Welfare provision for everybody
  + If money could help, we should help them
  + JCR trusts its members to use fund in right way
  + Opportunity to express themselves
* VOTE NOW 31
* NO 3
* ABSTAIN 1
* YES 31
* NO 1
* ABSTAIN 2

**2.2. Drama Funding**

Proposed by: Caitlin Brown

Seconded by: Matt Roberts

1. This JCR notes that £1,800 amount has been spent on Drama funding over the course of this academic year

2. This JCR notes that, for example, the Welfare Budget, at £1,500, is £300 less than this figure

3. This JCR therefore believes it is appropriate to re-evaluate how Drama receives funding to bring it more in line with other 4. JCR budgets whilst noting that Keble’s thriving theatre scene is central to the community of the college

5. This JCR recognises that liaising with production groups takes a lot of time and requires more understanding about drama workings than perhaps the JCR Treasurer is capable of

1. This JCR believes that a new format should enable the JCR to continue to support students both in drama and in other extra-curricular activities for many years to come is necessary

2. This JCR believes that a new format should encourage transparency within the JCR budget and should ensure that those seeking funding for Drama will have budgeted properly in order to secure their bid.

1. Therefore, this JCR proposes to add in a position of Drama Officer to the committee whose role will run from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, to be elected in 2nd week Michaelmas

-        2. This position can be filled by anyone, however the president of the Martin Esslin Society (Keble's drama society) has an obligation to run for this position in their capacity as president

3. Therefore, this JCR proposes to allocate a fixed budget to Drama of £500, £500 and £700 for Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity terms respectively.

Number of Keble students involved in productions is criterion for funding

Prioritise productions with less financial viability/support

Funding at discretion of Drama Officer

-        4. The increase in Trinity term reflects the higher expenses of performing at festivals such as at the Fringe.

-        5. Each bid secured will be on a pro-rata basis

6. Allocation of this budget will be determined by the JCR Drama Officer with proposals for money being submitted to the Officer by Sunday of 6th week of each term.

1st week of next term

7. The Officer will then evaluate the proposals, bearing in mind the fixed budget and then submit their suggested monetary allocations to the JCR committee by Sunday of 7th week.

8. At the JCR meeting which is held on Sunday of 8th week, the report will be submitted by the Drama Officer to the rest of the JCR members to then be voted on.

9. Amendments to the report can only be made with a 2/3 majority at the JCR meeting.

10. This JCR also proposes to add the above to the constitution

* Lots of funding proportional to students
* Encourage well-informed proposals
* Issues with getting money back
* Streamlines process – position always filled
* Transparency
* Proposed budget before play
* Shows that make a profit can’t run off with money
* More financially viable show – more inclined to fun – 1st come 1st served?
* But plays come to JCR because they struggle to get funding elsewhere
* Position where officer will have to choose between plays
* Sub-committee position – under Arts and Pubs – allocation of funds only
* If JCR adopts same criteria as other bodies – excludes plays form this funding
* Proposal is all pro-rata + capping – pay back
* Films? Films need grants
* Push deadline back to start of next term?
* Allocate funding by number of Keble students involved – friendly amendment
* Budget savings go into welfare
* Why do we have Martin Esslin funding? Used up all money fixing O’Reilly. Only this term that it can start funding shows again. Same person in charge of money pots. JCR pot is guaranteed.
* How does officer decide which pot of money to use?
* O’Reilly is college facility – revenue from using O’Reilly in term time goes to ME – expected cost for broken items goes to ME

YES 29

NO 3

ABSTAIN 1

**2.3. Charities Funding**

Proposed by: Dani Alvarez

Seconded by: Caitlin Brown

This JCR notes that:

1. Every year there is usually a surplus of money in the charities account from the levys that does not get used up in JCR Charity motions.

2. This leftover levy money is usually not donated at the end of the year and carries on to next year’s accounts.

This JCR believes that:

1. There is no use for this leftover levy money to remain in the charity account

2. More money donated to the JCR charities is always good.

The JCR therefore proposes:

1. To add the following to the constitutional Duties of the Charities and Donations Officer:

2. At the end of the year, when all JCR Charity Motion Donations have been made, donate the leftover levy money (for that academic year only) evenly amongst the 2 JCR Charities.

3. (This will be donated on top of what the officer has raised over the year.)

**YES 35**

**2.4. UniTED OxMak Charities Donation**

Proposed by : Susannah Peppiatt

Seconded by: Esther Platt

This JCR notes that:

1. UniTED OxMak is an NGO that works to encourage sustainable international development through pairing Oxford students with students at Makerere University in Uganda who run social action projects.

2. The projects are all community based and are designed and run by Makerere students.

3. UniTED helps these projects by offering advice and skills, not money, and so has very low running costs. It is therefore a very cost-efficient way to promote development.

4. The Oxford side of the UniTED OxMak partnership currently has two Keble students as its Co-Presidents.

This JCR resolves to: donate £200 to UniTED OxMak.

YES 35

MOTION PASSES

**2.5. OxPolicy Charity Donation**

Proposed by: Hector Stinton

Seconded by: Dani Alvarez

This JCR notes that:

1.     1. OxPolicy is the Oxford University Student Think Tank: a registered charity that educates and enables Oxford students to research, write and publish high-quality and high-impact policy reports on the biggest (inter)national issues.

2.     2. OxPolicy reports have affected real change in public policy and have influenced political debate, with one recent access report featuring in *The Independent* newspaper ([http://www.independent.co.uk/topic/oxpolicy)](https://owa.nexus.ox.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=DhyjZC5NbgjMmjSlrLisODQ3wmMvTLj4decgkB4G_pG2nrLKALHUCGgAdAB0AHAAOgAvAC8AdwB3AHcALgBpAG4AZABlAHAAZQBuAGQAZQBuAHQALgBjAG8ALgB1AGsALwB0AG8AcABpAGMALwBvAHgAcABvAGwAaQBjAHkAKQA.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.independent.co.uk%2ftopic%2foxpolicy)).

3.     3. On Monday of 6th Week, Keble students saw OxPolicy in action in the Pusey Room, at the Report Launch on Islamic Counter-Terrorism with the Warden of Wadham, Lord Macdonald.

This JCR further notes that:

1.    1.  Two JCR members are currently on the OxPolicy Committee, and more Keble undergraduates are applying for roles next term having attended the aforementioned event.

2.    2.  OxPolicy has incurred high costs running into four figures this year from launching and publicising reports, running policy competitions and the UK Student Policy Forum, and recruiting students at the Freshers’ Fair.

3.     3. OxPolicy relies wholly on the generosity of the collegiate common rooms to carry out its vital charitable work, and with its finances now running very low, needs funding to do the same next year.

This JCR believes that:

1.     1. New, grassroots student NGOs doing really meaningful work, should be supported.

2.     2. Confidence should be shown in JCR members who invest their time and energy in such societies.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1.  Donate £200 to OxPolicy.

* Other JCR committees also contacted
* YES 35
* MOTION PASSES

**2.6. Cricket Snacks and Beverages**‬

* MCR not involved
* Need 24 to sign up
* YES 33
* 1 ABSTAIN
* MOTION PASSES
* Money spent should be proportional to number of people – be reasonable with £200 cap
* Also asking for funding from Wadham
* OUDS deadline was yesterday – should hear back soon
* Grant basis – consistent with other Edinburgh fringe motions
* YES 35
* MOTION PASSED

**2.8. Everest Charity Donation**

Proposed by: Nina Jenkins

 Seconded by: Dani Alvarez (The Charities and Donations Officer)

This JCR notes that:

1. 1. Childreach International is a collection of child rights organisations who work in Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Nepal, Morocco, Tanzania and the UK to ensure that children can fulfill their potential. 2. 2. The charity worked with 60,869 children, teachers, parents and community members last year. 3. 3. They have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education to build 100 new classrooms in Nepal after the loss of thousands of schools in the earthquakes in 2015.

4. 4. This project will ensure that 3,000 children can return to school and complete their education in a safe environment.

This JCR further notes that:

1. 1. Five Keble freshers are fundraising for the charity in preparation for a sponsored trek to Everest Base Camp.

2. 2. They will be visiting a Childreach project in Nepal to see the work of the charity first hand.

 3. 3. Each member is required to fundraise £3060. A minority of this goes towards flights and other expenses for the trip but the Keble freshers have received a Keble Association grant, as well as paying some of their own money, to cover these costs. In this way, the money being asked for will go directly to Childreach International.

This JCR therefore resolves to

1. Donate £40 each (£200 total) to the Keble student’s fundraising campaigns.

* YES 35
* MOTION PASSES

**2.9. "Lemons" Magazine Funding**

Proposed by: Will Grimond

Seconded by: Kate Weir

This JCR notes that:

1. Lemons is a vibrant and well-read student magazine, publishing satire, creative writing, art and

film.

2. Lemons provides a platform for creativity which is not provided for by other student publications.

3. Many Keble students are involved with Lemons, including 3 on the editorial team, and numerous

others contribute through writing, illustration and film.

4. Lemons is widely read within the college, particularly within the JCR.

5. Those working for Lemons do so with no renumeration. Lemons only running cost is a £200/year

fee, due in September, to maintain their website domain and website editing software. Lemons

does not currently charge for access to any element of its work, and has no plans to do so.

This JCR believes that:

1. The JCR should facilitate the creative endeavours of its members.

2. The Keble community benefits from the existence of diverse and challenging publications.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Provide funding of £200 for the maintenance of Lemons for the coming academic year.

* Looking for illustrators at the moment – get in touch to get involved
* Approached Christchurch JCR – they’ve said no
* Contemplated running events etc. to raise funds – not long business plan

YES 33

ABSTAIN 2

MOTION PASSES

Need volunteers for KAL tour

Keble and Christchurch committee