

Clubs Week

Timetable

- Time's the stall is running
 - Who will be there at those times

What to do on the day?

- Run the "shell giving game" as a way to attract people and get them engaged
 - We will have 4 plastic cylinders (bottles with the top chopped off) representing charities within different cause areas: pandemic preparedness, global health, climate change and animal welfare
 - We will invite people to vote for what cause area they think should receive this funding by placing pasta shells in the cylinders
 - We will use \$100 of the EAW group funding to allocate this money between charities corresponding to the different cause areas, in proportion to how many votes each cause area got
 - These charities will be (respectively): John Hopkins Centre for Health Security, Against Malaria Foundation, Animals Aoteroa, Clean Air Task Force
 - It is important we record how many votes each charity got on each day
 - We will then make a post on our Facebook page about how much we donated to each charity
- Talk to people generally about what EA is and what EAW is. As well as answering any questions they might have about these things

Goals

- Get people to sign up for a temporary (1-2 emails) email list. This is a google form. Both have a laptop at the stall that students can use to submit their emails. As well as a QR code on the informational poster.
- Tell people about our session the following week with Luke Freeman from GWWC talking about effective giving
- Tell people about the EAW Facebook page where they can get updates about upcoming events
- For people that are particularly interested. We could ask if they'd be interested in a free EA-themed book. This could either be a physical copy of "The Life You Can Save". Or by telling them about the 80k book giveaway (or Impact Books, or the EANZ DGB giveaway)

Guidance for talking to people at the stall + responses to FAQs

- What is EA? EA is a community of people focused on finding the most effective ways to have a positive impact on the world. Which could be through your career, donations or how you use your time. Some of the things EAs focus on are ...
- What is EAW? EAW is a group of about 40 students and professionals who meet weekly to discuss various topics related to effective altruism and what we can do to help. We meet every Tuesday and host speaker events, discussion sessions and social events. Next week we are running a session on effective giving...
- If they bring up SBF: talk about how we found the events that happened super disappointing. But also that we believe the ideas of EA still have merit and how the EA community in general is very friendly, empathetic and open-minded
- Talk about how EA is a question or framework as opposed to an answer or set of prescriptions. You could talk about prioritisation frameworks i.e. scale, tractability and neglectedness and values i.e. everyone is equally deserving of consideration, as resources are limited we should prioritise how we use them, we should make decisions based on reason and evidence
- Focus on the opportunity framing as opposed to the obligation or burden framing
- A common first reaction to learning about EA is that people say they want to donate to a cause they find is emotionally meaningful. One possible response is something like "It's really hard to think about charities from a neutral perspective, we all have charities and causes that we already care about. Most people have first-hand experience of loss, and because we're empathetic creatures, it's likely that we want to donate to organizations related to this loss. When I thought deeply about my experience of loss, I realised that what mattered to me was that someone I love was suffering, rather than why they were suffering. I realised I cared about preventing such suffering in general, and preventing it for as many people as I could."
- "I" statements can be helpful. They do not rely on assumptions about the other person's beliefs, and they don't imply that EA is the only right way to do things.
- A lot of this content came from this article and there is a lot of other good advice if you are interested:
<https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/get-involved/share-our-ideas/guide-to-talking-about-effective-altruism>

What to bring on the day?

- Charged laptop for getting email signups
- Food and water
- Tape and blu tack for posters

Stuff to do to prepare?

- Create informational poster containing: upcoming events, name of our FB page, QR code for email sign-up, EAW meeting time and location, information about EA and EAW, QR code and URL for the 80k book giveaway: <https://80000hours.org/book-giveaway/>
- Get pasta shells, plastic cylinders (you can make these by cutting open plastic bottles) for the giving game, blu tack and tape
- Make a general EAW poster
- Make posters for the giving game: make a poster describing everything, along with one small poster for each cause area
- Print off both posters
- Pick up “The Life You Can Save Books”

Final Poster



Effective Altruism

Wellington

Upcoming sessions

Location: Room MZ02, Pipitea Campus (33 Bunny Street)

Time: 5:30pm on Tuesdays

7 March - Workshop on High Impact Giving,
Giving What We Can

14 March - The Ethics of Space Settlement

21 March - How to be More Productive

Upcoming walks

4 March @ 2:30pm - Walking up Tarikākā/Mt
Kaukau, meeting by Khandallah Pool

18 March - TBD

Book giveaway

Get free books! Go to: 80000hours.org/book-giveaway/

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Sign up for 1-2 emails



Lecture Promotion

Main points

- Give an overview of what EA is
- Give an example of how people studying that subject could get involved
- Explain what EAW is
- Say when and where we meet
- Mention that we have a Facebook page
- Talk about the session we are running the following week on effective giving

Draft lecture announcement

Hey, my name is [] and I'm here to promote the Effective Altruism Wellington club.

Effective altruism is a community of people focused on finding the most effective ways to have a positive impact on the world. This could be done through our careers, donations or how we use

our time. Some of the areas effective altruists are focussed on include preventing pandemics, campaigning against factory farming and providing medical supplies to people in low-income countries.

<Insert subject-specific line here>

The Effective Altruism Wellington is a group of about 40 students and professionals who meet weekly to discuss various topics related to effective altruism and what we can do to help. We meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 in room MZ02. You can also like our Facebook page “Effective Altruism Wellington” where we have information about our upcoming events. Next week, we will be hosting a session on effective giving and we welcome you all to join us.

Philosophy: People with a background in philosophy can be highly valuable in effective altruism. When you are trying to identify the most effective ways of doing good a lot of philosophical questions naturally arise. So researchers at effective altruism organisations have done a lot of research on topics such as population ethics, moral uncertainty and decision theory.

Biology: People with a background in biology can be highly valuable in effective altruism. One area you could work in is developing medical countermeasures, like vaccines and antivirals, that can enable faster and more effective responses to pandemics. Another potential area is the development of cultivated meats, which have the potential to be both cheaper and more delicious than traditional meat options in the future.

Economics, maths, statistics: People with a background in <economics, maths, statistics> can be highly valuable in effective altruism. They can be employed by effective altruism organisations to research the world’s most pressing problems and what can be done to solve them. As well as analyzing the effectiveness of different interventions within a particular cause area, such as global health.