

# HT2021 WK 1– JCR motions

## **Motion 1:**

### **This JCR notes:**

- Raise Oxford is a student initiative that encourages students to donate the average price of a ball ticket, or any amount significant to them, to charity with the aim of changing the way students think about charitable giving in the long-term, promoting them to consider it to be something that should be celebrated as opposed to a sacrifice. Everyone who donates in this way is then invited to a summer party at the end of trinity term.
- Any donations made to Raise is doubled by external sponsors and donated to the Against Malaria Foundation - a consistently top rated GiveWell charity that funds nets and ensures they are distributed and used to protect the most vulnerable people worldwide from malaria.
- Raise Oxford aims to get enough students a year to donate to provide mosquito nets to about 24,000 people a year. This is equivalent to protecting the entire student population of Oxford University from getting malaria.
- Money is needed to publicize Raise throughout the university, as it is a new organization, and to fund events run by them to aid the celebration of charitable giving.
- Should there be any money donated by JCRs that is left unused for the events/publicity, it will be donated to AMF directly.

### **This JCR believes:**

- Exeter JCR should support Raise Oxford and aid them in accomplishing their goal of persuading as many students to donate to charity as possible.
- Encouraging students to donate to charity themselves is more effective than just donating to the charity directly as it can change the way the students think about charitable giving in the long-term and result in them giving significant amounts of money to charity even after they graduate from Oxford.

### **This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- Donate £200 to Raise Oxford

Proposer: David Launer

Seconded: Lizzie Lewis Orr

### **Results:**

YES – 23

NO – 1

ABSTAIN – 0

## **Motion 2:**

### **This JCR notes that:**

- That according to the 2018 report from the International Panel on Climate Change global emissions must be cut by 45% globally by 2030 to avoid 1.5C or warming.

- That such a rapid decrease in emissions will only be possible if institutions in developed nations completely decarbonise by 2030, enabling developing nations time to implement carbon-reducing measures.
- That many of the top universities have now made ambitious carbon commitments with King's College London committing to be net zero by 2025, UCL, the University of Leeds and the University of Bristol committing to be net zero by 2030, the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University committing to be absolute zero by 2038, and Cambridge University committing to be net zero by 2038.
- That Oxford Sustainability Department is developing an Environmental Sustainability Strategy for the University with a target to achieve net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain by 2035. This strategy would replace the existing University target of reducing carbon emissions by 50% from their peak of 2009/10 by 2035.
- That while this new target will bring the University closer into alignment with the Paris Agreement, it does not formally apply to individual colleges which are independent.
- That Oxford University expects that colleges 'will implement similar measures and commitments to those' within the University wide Environmental Sustainability Plan.
- That Linacre and Merton have all passed motions in support of developing a net zero plan at their college and lobbying for carbon and biodiversity targets which are at least as ambitious as those of the University.

**This JCR believes that:**

- Exeter has a responsibility to their students, the wider University, and the public to rapidly decarbonise and protect biodiversity.
- Exeter should set net zero and biodiversity targets that are at least as ambitious as those of the University, as well as implementing a strategy to make the targets achievable.
- Exeter should demonstrate leadership and ambition by establishing itself as a leading College and institution in the fight against climate change.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- Support the JCR's proposed Sustainability Plan and endorse all commitments as laid out.
- Mandate the JCR Environment Representative, the president, and the proposers of this motion to lobby Exeter to ensure that the following measures are taken:
- The college commits to carbon and biodiversity targets which are at least as ambitious as those in the new University strategy by the end of Trinity term 2021.
- Development of a formal sustainable strategy which describes how the targets will be achieved, such as the Sustainability Plan endorsed in this motion by the JCR.

- Development of a system of transparent annual reporting of target progress and carbon emissions by the end of Trinity term 2021.
- The college has a designated sustainability position reporting to the sustainability working group that takes responsibility for progress.

Proposer: Jakub Michalski  
Seconded: Hannah Morris

**Results:**

YES – 24

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0