

## General Meeting Week Four

### **Motion 1: Womxn's Reps funding**

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

- The Women\*'s budget is set at £350 across 3 terms and is primarily used for the provision of free sanitary products and emergency contraception and pregnancy test reimbursements
- The average price of a pregnancy test is between £5-£15 and for the most effective emergency contraception pill the price is about £30
- The price of reimbursements and free sanitary provisions adds up quickly across the terms, leaving little to no excess budget for events or the remainder of trinity term
- £177.36 of the budget went to a big sanitary product order at the beginning of the year, which was staggered across two terms, a very small percentage of the budget has been used to host two small brunches in Hilary term, and the remainder has been used for reimbursements

#### **This JCR believes:**

- As women\*'s reps one of our main and most important roles is being able to provide these services to the JCR to promote accessibility to sanitary products and emergency contraception
- The access to sanitary products and emergency contraception should be accessible to anyone without the worry of the cost, which is why it is such an essential part of the job
- The Women\*'s Reps need more than the £350 allotted budget to be able to carry out these necessary reimbursements

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

- Provide the Women\*'s reps with an additional £200 for the provision of these services and any events held in the remainder of Trinity Term
- Consider increasing the annual budget for Women\*'s Reps for next year to reflect the cost of the services actually required

Proposer: Phoebe Mumby

Seconded: Kitty Debieux

### **Motion 2: Fly the Palestine Flag**

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

- The murder of the Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh at the hands of Israeli forces has led to widespread outcry.
- Human Rights Watch has stated that “Palestinians face systematic discrimination merely because of their race, ethnicity, and national origin”<sup>[1]</sup>. Amnesty International has declared Israel an Apartheid state<sup>[2]</sup>.
- Israel has killed five times as many Palestinians in 2022 than it killed in the same period in 2021<sup>[3]</sup>, including the storming of the Al-Aqsa Mosque that injured over 150 Palestinians

**This JCR believes:**

- Exeter College should do whatever possible to show solidarity with Palestine amidst this international crisis.
- Exeter College should similarly ensure that Palestinian students, and students who identify with the Palestinian cause in Oxford, feel adequately supported by the college.
- Exeter College should aim to contribute towards humanitarian missions in Palestine.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- Buy a Palestine flag to display in the JCR.
- Donate £100 to

Proposer : Jack Klein

Seconded: Sara Pelham

**Motion 3: Non-Disclosure Agreements in cases of sexual assault and misconduct**

Proposed by: Emily Rosindell

Seconded by: Phoebe Mumby

***This JCR notes that:***

The extensive use of Non-Disclosure Agreements at all stages of university complaints processes – whether as a requirement to bring a complaint, a prerequisite to mediation, a requirement for complainants to see their decisions, or as an outcome of settlement – is well established. We are aware that non-disclosure clauses also appear in no-contact agreements between students.

**This JCR believes that:**

This practice is unnecessary and immoral. Victims often seek and deserve confidentiality, but they should not be permanently prevented from speaking about their experiences or forced to agree to protect the offender in exchange for their own privacy. The use of NDAs allows perpetrators to continue to harm others, either at their own university or another one. It also chills the climate for anyone who might wish to bring forward a complaint, knowing that they will face a demand that they sign on to an NDA at some stage of the process.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

This JCR mandates the Principal/Master of X College to sign the pledge promoted by Minister Michele Donelan, Maria Miller M.P. and the Can't Buy My Silence campaign, to stop using NDAs in complaints of sexual harassment, bullying and other misconduct.

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[1] <https://www.hrw.org/news/2010/12/19/israel/west-bank-separate-and-unequal>

[2]

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2022/02/israels-apartheid-against-palestinians-a-cruel-system-of-domination-and-a-crime-against-humanity/>

[3]

<https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/israel-killed-five-times-many-palestinians-2022-it-killed-same>