



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM: HILARY TERM 2016 BY-ELECTION
MANIFESTO BOOKLET

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Any questions regarding the administration of this election should be addressed to the Returning Officer at daniel.mead@sjc.ox.ac.uk



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

No Candidates



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DISABILITIES OFFICER

Daniel Sutton

Proposed by: Tim Foster **Seconded by:** Teck-Wei Tan



I think it is highly important that the role of Disabilities Officer is filled, to ensure support and reasonable adjustments for students currently disabled in any way, but also to encourage applications from students in similar positions. I am well aware of the difficulties caused by inadequate disability provision: my sister has had a chronic, debilitating illness for the last six years, and I have seen countless examples of dreadful or non-existent provision causing her anxiety and disadvantage. I also have a sound understanding of disability legislation, and will lobby hard for any reasonable adjustment required by a member of the student body. I will also consult with any students identifying as disabled to gauge potential for social events.



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Clementine Smith

Proposed by: Kelly van Eerde

Seconded by: James Cain



My motivation for applying for this position is that I have noticed some issues which I would like to help tackle on behalf of St. John's students with disabilities. I have experience with many of the issues faced by disabled people and in dealing with the Disability Advisory Service.

As Disabilities Officer I would aim to encourage people to disclose their disabilities and access all university/college support available, to improve disabled bathroom facilities in college, and to increase awareness among students about invisible disabilities (such as dyspraxia and Autism Spectrum disorders). I would also be interested in organising mental health drop-in sessions or meet and greet sessions with staff from the counselling service to reduce anxiety about accessing these services. Furthermore, by inviting qualified speakers to give information sessions on a range of topics relating to disability I would hope to improve awareness among the St. John's undergraduate student community.



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EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY OFFICER

James Cain

Proposed by: Eve Crookenden-Johnson

Seconded by: Kelly van Eerde



Equalities Officer is a vital role within the JCR, protecting the rights of each student. I believe I possess the relevant qualities and skills enabling me to overcome the challenges this role presents.

It is my firm belief that often the issue of “Equality” is taken two-dimensionally and reduced merely to advocacy for minority groups. Whilst this is by no means an insignificant part of the role, I promise to adopt a more encompassing, multi-dimensional approach to “Equality”, recognising the fact that stigma and discrimination are issues that any member of our community could face.

I pledge:

- To collaborate with other reps/officers to provide you with relevant information, advice and guidance on your rights as a student, resident and citizen in Oxford.
- To investigate more ways to celebrate our college’s diversity
- To advocate for your individual wellbeing by developing a multi-dimensional view of each individual student