



International Committee Meeting – 25-04-2021

Attendance: TA (Assistant International Rep), SWC (President), MP (Vice-President), CW, LW, SH, ES, NE

Apologies: EM

Absent (Meeting at short notice): MK

Location: Zoom

Everyone introduces themselves

TAF Hopefully some events next term. Excited to get it going

Roles in the comm

TAF I think we'll be mostly working together as the term will be busy. Don't want you to feel too stressed. If you don't feel like you can do something communicate with us.

Ideas from applications

TAF Events managers aren't here but we can go over ideas

Campaigns SH LW CW – working quite closely together

CW suggested an international exam stress – could you elaborate on that

CW Maybe in the existing newsletter, look at issues they are facing and the added issues. We could make our own newsletter too.

TAF Lots of internationals who are at home, or in Durham or planning travel. It's stressful right now. Especially while revising. That would be a good campaign.

SH suggested tips for international students coming to Durham – lack of information when you were coming to Durham. Will be some students coming to Durham for the first time this term.

SH Culture shocks, lack of information on international students and social activities – UK system is quite unique.

Publicity, ES NE

TAF cuth's is lacking an international group aside from the Facebook group. Some of the basic things are setting up a Facebook and IG page. Could get that going soon.

ES tips of adapting to Durham, way to communicate things casually. No bombarded with information.



TAF I was also considering doing an intro to the committee, a nice way to put a face to a name. We could do it soonish. We only have a term together and we will all be out of it for a couple of weeks. I need access to the international comm.

SWC I will talk to RM (PR Officer) and I can get it sorted. May take like a week. This Comm will last until July 1. We should consider doing an international freshers handbook. Not too much offered on that as of yet. Everyone should also consider running for international Rep. Really easy to run

MP I think we should consider just expanding the international section in the Freshers handbook proper. Communicate with KM (VP-elect) about that. I just wasn't really given any information on it (and it was a bit of a weird year to be writing it to be honest).

Events we will leave until later because we have a while to plan and events managers aren't here.

TAF More general ideas, a kind of mentor program. Perspective of internationals coming to Durham for the first time, could do a buddy system? Maybe.

TAF CW's newsletter idea – could do monthly?

SWC I think college likely have an international mailing list. College can create mailing lists for people in Durham/online learners. They could go from next year.

TAF We could go from may, do an introduction of the committee and campaigns that will be upcoming?

CW General advice, exam stress, what Durham is like ATM.

TAF I was planning on doing our next meeting after exams. I'll sit down and figure out a time plan. Apart from that thanks for coming and I will message you on the Group Chat.