



# International Committee Meeting – 18.10.2021

Attendance: EMe (International Rep), ES (Ass. International Rep), AW (President), KM (VP), YW, SL, NM, IE

Apologies:

Absent: SJ

Location: Study Room

## Introductions

\*Committee introduce themselves\*

## Role of the Committee

EMe: As an overview of what the committee does, we represent all the international students at cuths, we run events and campaigns to let people know who we are and that we are there for them. We do things with admin, helping with visas and the goal is to run a few events each term. We don't have a huge budget which is £500 and with that we can do small events, we could do ticketed events too if we want to do something bigger. We can do what we want it just has to be reasonable, the main question is how many people will come and we want to always have a good outcome

ES: On your applications, some wanted to do galas which is great, could do that in collab with ISA but things like that, on our own we might not be able to accomplish

EMe: We are trying to do inter collegiate events and as I'm in the ISA we have good connections, we could do some bigger events with other colleges and the association. I think smaller events with a smaller community would be nice and a good way to get to know each other

## Expectations

EMe: Please be on time, we are all busy. We have a facebook group chat - is that ok with everyone?

\*Agreed\*

AW: When you are on a committee you are a JCR officer, it's equivalent to being elected to a position and every position has others who wanted to get it but didn't. Treat your position with respect, meet EMe's expectations. If you can't make a meeting that's fine but send apologies. JCR meetings happen 3-4 times a term, one tomorrow and you are expected to attend. You learn a lot about how it works and you can have your say



EMe: In the past I don't think a lot of internationals went before so it would be nice to have more people there for representation and it's good to be involved. YW applied for publicity and that is what you will be doing. Most applied for events and some campaigns - we decided that between the rest - are you guys happy to do events and campaigns or does anyone want to just do one? With everyone doing it, without it being specified it could be a bit confusing about who is doing what

IE: I think as a team would be good and we'll just communicate

EMe: Cool, communication is important just lets make sure you guys all know specifically what you're doing

## Meeting Dates

EMe: I think it's best if we try meet once a week or once every two weeks

AW: I would say two weeks

EMe: I'll put up a poll in the chat and we can see when works best for everyone - Fridays seem to work well for everyone

## Events

EMe: We have Diwali coming up, there are so many holidays we obviously can't do them all but does anyone have anything specific they want to do? Meeting with ISA and can see what they are doing soon. I was thinking of a thanksgiving formal but I guess not now?

AW: Not this year no as we have no formals till december probably and they are not letting us pick any formal themes till march

IE: We could find somewhere that could cook thanksgiving food and we could do a ticketed event for that

AW: I think there will be something out there as lots of places do Christmas dinners, I'm sure you can find something similar

SL: Is the food that different??

AW: Beeeeeeefy

ES: Oh yeah - we don't do parsnips

EMe: We could do a potluck sort of thing in the bar maybe or the jcr

AW: They did something similar around Chinese New Year a few years back and that event was a success

EMe: We normally do christmas packages over christmas for those who stay over



ES: Are they doing the Christmas dinner at Castle?

AW: I think it's a central uni thing so that is who to check with

EMe: I will ask about that. We could aim to organise another pub quiz soon?

ES: With a winter festival thing we could work inter-collegiately to make it a bigger thing

EMe: We work closely on the bailey which still doesn't make it too big and so it would work. We were also thinking about a silent disco in the great hall

AW: We have the best equipment for it. For the pub quiz, they do one once a week in brooks bar and you could piggy back off that and offer to run one of those

EMe: How does booking for an event work for the bailey bar?

AW: Has to be a tuesday, thursday or sunday as the rest of the week they are so busy. They don't typically do pub quizzes in the bailey bar as they don't make as much as a normal night. A ticketed event in the bar just takes some forward planning

ES: In my first year they did an escape room event in the bar and that was a popular ticketed event

EMe: We can also do ticketed events for a dinner if we want a particular cuisine. If you guys want to do some research on thanksgiving restaurants or venues. We should do the pub quiz soon, I'll check with the bar steward when we can do that. We could do even just small events like a walk or a winter picnic, an outing somewhere?

AW: Outings are good outside of term for people who are here over holidays too

ES: There is a tour company who work with Scandi Soc who do tours to Holy Island and things like that

AW: Let's go to Lindisfarne!! What works well is linking events to a campaign. If you are doing a social media campaign, doing an event that ties to it boosts the campaign

EMe: A lot of people don't really know we are here or what we do, putting up posters to say who we are will be good. I'll give you guys the social media access so we can do posts for any major holidays. We can make a list of the major holidays so we don't miss anything. Does anyone have any campaigns they want to do?

YW: We could do a welcome pack with information on how to get visas and setting up bank accounts, student welfare contacts

ES: I made a document which does walk through all the process and procedures for things like setting up a bank account ect but we can add to that and take what you want for that

YW: Doing something physical would be good

ES: Printing is expensive

IP: We could do instagram highlights



EMe: We can make leaflets that we can pin up on the walls with all our contact info and social media. ES and I discussed this, we were thinking about drops in, more admin focused but I don't know how many people will come and how much effort it's worth putting in

ES: It's also like how much can we do beyond signposting them. For campaigns, a lot of first years don't know that estate agents don't take international guarantors and we could do a post about all of that and we could highlight which do and don't

EMe: Okay so YW you are in charge of making the leaflets, we can all help distribute them around the sites. For Diwali the ISA is doing something so we can collaborate with them, we can figure it out. If everyone keeps thinking of events we can do soon, we could do the world dinner you suggested on your application YW - that could be an event for later in the year

ES: We could do a poll to find out when people have summatives because events in that period won't be too popular

EMe: I think we will meet next week. I have a meeting with the ISA and the bailey international reps and we can organise things properly. Will add you all now to the drive and then let's get the leaflets done by the end of the week

AOB

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