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Usage

This list is of resolutions passed in JCR Meetings, relating to policy positions and their associated tasks.

When motions are passed indicating a formal stance of the JCR in relation to current affairs, or any other resolution that the Chair deems relevant, they shall be added to this list.

The full motions from which these resolutions are derived can be found at the link [here](#).

2013-2014

Meeting 2.3

To fully support the implementation of the Living Wage for all full-time and sub-contracted staff at Durham University.

2017-2018

Meeting 1.3

That Cuth's JCR will support the #RippedOff Campaign.

2018-2019

Meeting 2.3

That, for future Michaelmas Balls, Summer Balls, and Feasts of St. Cuthbert, Cuth's students who receive the maximum Durham Grant (annual household income of less than £25,000) will be eligible for half-price dinner tickets.

That these students should email the FCO to provide proof that they receive the Durham Grant in order to receive a discount code which halves the price of a dinner ticket. This proof must be sent at least 48 hours in advance of tickets going on sale.

That transfers of dinner tickets can only be completed up to 24 hours before wristband collection, so that the President or FCO can check that those who applied the discount code have also emailed proof that they receive the maximum Durham Grant.

That anyone who uses the code without proof would not be able to collect a wristband, and would have their ticket released.

That the Social Chair can, if they wish, accordingly increase the standard ticket price to offset the cost of providing half-price tickets.

Meeting 3.1

To take a formal stance condemning Durham University which will make it clear that the students at Cuths believe the University's restructuring plans are wrong.

Taking this formal stance will build a foundation for the JCR to take more action against the university.

That the JCR will make public this motion and keep members of the Society informed about plans for restructuring so that students have a chance to make their opinions heard.

2019-2020

Meeting 1.1

To invest up to and no more than £45 a year in adopting a penguin through the many available charities.

To name the aforementioned penguin "lash" in the first instance.

To make the aforementioned penguin an honorary member of the JCR during the period of adoption.

Meeting 1.3

Members of Cuth's JCR will publicise the reasons for the [UCU] strike and the JCR's decision to show solidarity on the JCR's facebook (fresher's pages) and instagram in order to inform students Cuth's JCR will advertise the reasons for staff strikes and why the JCR has come to the conclusion to support it.

Meeting 2.2

Members of Cuth's JCR will publicise the reasons for the Beef Ban and the JCR's decision to support it on the JCR's facebook and instagram pages in order to inform students of the reasons for the Beef Ban and why the JCR has come to the conclusion to support it.

St Cuthbert's Society JCR will endorse the MUDS manifesto.

The Music Representative will sign the MUDS manifesto on behalf of St Cuthbert's Society JCR as a whole.

St Cuthbert's Society JCR will publicise their endorsement of the MUDS manifesto on relevant social media.

As far as is reasonably possible, the Social Committee shall follow the recommendations of the MUDS manifesto, with lack of budget not being considered within reason for non-compliance.

The President of the Society shall encourage officers of other JCRs to similarly endorse the MUDS manifesto at all suitable opportunities, such as meetings of PresComm or by raising it in private discussion.

The President of the Society, the Music Representative and the Social Chair shall monitor the activities of MUDS and, in the case of updates to the manifesto, shall bring these to discussion in a meeting of St Cuthbert's Society JCR.

The JCR will take a stance of formal opposition to BPR2

This will be a mandate for the JCR to take action against BPR2

The JCR will express solidarity to members of college staff whose jobs are threatened.

The JCR will express concern over the plans to the university.

The JCR will give open day reps the option to protest BPR2 by having on stash slogans such as 'save our staff', 'commercialisation of education', etc.

Meeting 3.2

Any motion requesting an annual or regular donation to a charity from JCR funds needs to be passed again through a JCR meeting after a period of two years (unless the

original motion specifies a longer period of time) for the charity to continue receiving donations from the JCR.

To donate £846 using JCR funds, split equally between JET(UK), the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust(UK), Know Your Rights Camp (USA) and The Bail Project (USA).

JET supports the BME (Black Minority Ethnic) community, asylum seekers, refugees and New Migrant communities to find work, improve their skills and to integrate with the neighbours and understand their new surroundings in the North East.

Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, set up in the light of Stephen Lawrence's murder in a racist attack in 1993. The charity works with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds aged 13-30 to inspire and enable them to succeed in the career of their choice, in the hope that the UK will become a place where everyone has the opportunity to achieve. This would receive a yearly £50 donation, mandated for five years to effectively double the initial amount before coming under the biannual JCR donations review

Know Your Rights Camp (USA)- organization that holds education seminars across the country for black and brown youth. Know Your Rights Camp teamed up with defence lawyers in the Minneapolis area to help provide legal resources for those in Minnesota in need right now

The Bail Project (USA)- This national fund helps pay bail for people in need (including protesters). Once a client's case has ended, the bail money is returned to the fund and used over and over again,

To stand against institutional racism and police brutality going forward as an official stance of St Cuthbert's Society JCR, committing to eradicating racism from our Society and University and committing to the belief that Black Lives Matter.

2020-2021

Meeting 1.1

The President of the Society should consult all JCR members regarding potential alternative names for the drink, by a Facebook poll or some other means. The President of the Society should then propose a motion to establish the JCR's official stance on the name of the new drink, based on the results of these consultations.

Meeting 1.2

That according to DPOCA'S campaign, the Ethnic Minority rep will release an open letter across DPOCA and Cuth's social media platforms.

That Cuth's will take part in a college wide campaign targeting the university in actions towards racism.

Meeting 1.4

To stand by, and lobby for, the following demands:

- An immediate cap on fees for a standard, single catered rooms to be £6746.
- An annually published breakdown of how college accommodation fees are spent.
- At least 25% of rooms to be at 50% of the maximum maintenance loan, which will currently be £4601.50. This should only be supported in such a way that it will not create segregated college communities, nor a segregated university in Durham overall.
- To have a significant discount for returners living in college, to enable the university to reach its aspirations of housing 50-55% of students in College-affiliated accommodation by 2027 to maintain strong college identities and communities.

The Boat Club has around £14,000 in reserves which will be spent on large purchases in the next 4-5 years, before large sums of money are asked from the JCR.

Large purchases, such as new boats, would be agreed with the trustees and then paid for out of JCR reserves.

The Boat Club will come up with a 5 year plan of large purchases they plan on making, which will aim to reduce expenditure by ensuring that purchases are in line with this plan, and are not made on a whim that loses the Boat Club money.

Meeting 2.1

To amend the current charity receiving the yearly donation to the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation, which was established amid unprecedented growing global awareness of racial inequality, exists to inspire a more equal, inclusive society, and to foster opportunities for marginalised young people in the UK and bears the name of Stephen Lawrence who was the victim of murder in a racist attack in 1993. The charity has worked to promote Stephen Lawrence Day, April 22nd and the first one was marked in 2019. This charity would receive a yearly £50 donation.

To continue to stand against institutional racism and police brutality going forward as an official stance of St Cuthbert's Society JCR, committing to eradicating racism from our Society and University and committing to the belief once more that Black lives still matter.

Meeting 2.2

To allow the JCR to spend up to £1500 on new technology to be loaned out to its members on this occasion.

Last updated 07.05.2023

No member would be allowed sole ownership of any of these items – they belong to the JCR and will be loaned out on a temporary basis.

Meeting 2.3

To make a one-off donation, as part of this fundraiser, to Wearside Women in Need of £100.

To support the SU in their endeavours to introduce drug testing kits and other harm reduction measures.

To engage in any harm reduction training and education available and offer as much as possible to members.

2021-2022

Meeting 1.2

To establish a Music Appreciation Society (MAS) for members of St. Cuthberts Society

To enable student to listen to music together in a relaxed environment and make new friends

Meeting 1.3

To subsidise Michaelmas Ball by no more than £3,500 on Michaelmas Ball 2021.

To enact the changes outlined in the Facilities Review document over the coming months.

Meeting 1.4

Up to £1500 should be contributed to the library refurbishment programme from the JCR Reserves

To establish Cuth's Goes to the Movies (Cuth's Movies) for members of St Cuthbert's Society

To thus provide a platform for students to discover, watch and discuss a wide array of cinema.

To spend no more than £4,5000 on St Cuthbert's Society Fashion Show, which will be fully repaid.

The attached amendments should be made to Netball's budget for this year.

To establish an Adele Society for members of St Cuthbert's Society

Meeting 2.1

To transfer £2000 to college for the purchase of the new AV equipment for the Dining Hall

Meeting 2.3

Last updated 07.05.2023

To advertise St Cuthbert's Society as non-gowned in all JCR promotional material and to take reasonable measures to dissuade incoming freshers from purchasing gowns.

To establish a Cuths Crocheting Society (CCS) for members of St Cuthbert's Society

To enable students to listen to crochet/knit together in a relaxed environment and make new friends.

Meeting 3.1

To allocate up to £3000 for the improvement of the JCRs, Exec Office and Storage facilities

To endorse the following demands to Durham University:

Treat recreational drug use as a welfare issue not a disciplinary issue- commit to not expel, suspend or refer to the police any student for possessing controlled drugs for personal use

Expand and better publicise the specialist support for students facing substance abuse issues, providing access to trained professionals

Allow student groups to provide testing kits on university property, such as through common room welfare services

To sign the open letter to Durham University written by Harm Reduction at Durham (See Appendix A)

To Grant IC honorary lifetime membership of St Cuthbert Society JCR

Meeting 3.3

To grant EM Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

To grant EW Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

To grant CH Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

To grant JR Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

2022-2023

1.1

The FCO to update the Overall budget to reflect the provision of £100 per academic for the Students with Disabilities Fund

The current President KM to give an inaugural address on the impact of Taylor Swift's role in CATS the Musical in the second JCR meeting of Michaelmas term 2022, in Spanglish.

1.2

The Chair to update the standing orders to reflect the additional responsibility of the People of Colour Representative and the creation of the People of Colour Society

The Chair to update the standing orders to reflect the additional responsibility of the Students with Disabilities Representative and the creation of the Students with Disabilities Society

The Chair to update the standing orders to reflect the additional responsibility of the International Representative and the creation of an international society

2.1

- That the ball discount for Feast only is increased to 50% discount for recipients of the Durham Grant who buy a dinner ticket.
- That this will be reconsidered for Summer Ball, to extend the fund or extend the discount. Cuth's JCR will write a letter to Durham UCU expressing support on behalf of the JCR
- Members of Cuth's JCR will publicise the reasons for the strike and the JCR's decision to show solidarity on the JCR's facebook (fresher's pages) and instagram in order to inform students Cuth's JCR will advertise the reasons for staff strikes and why the JCR has come to the conclusion to support it.

Black Lives Matter Updated Motion II

- To ask the FCO to investigate whether the original £846 donation was made to the listed charities and if not, to donate the amount in accordance with the original motion.
- To donate £150 to the Stephen Lawrence Day foundation in accordance with what we have not donated and set up an annual £50 donation for the following five years.
- To donate an additional £200 donation to the #JusticeForChrisKaba Campaign.
- This JCR resolves to have the FCO add the donation to the annual budget.
- To ensure the Chair, FCO, and POC rep include the motion in their handovers so that people are aware of it and can verify the donations are taking place, and so that it is actually brought under review in five years.

3.1

- Durham Grant Discount Extension
 - That the discount for Durham grant holders is increased and extended accordingly, only for dinner tickets bought for Summer Ball 2023.
 - That this will be reconsidered for Balls in AY 23/24.

Durham grant level	Previous grant discount	Proposed grant discount
Level 1 of grant (under £27,500)	1/3 off	40% off
Level 2 of grant (under £30,00)	No discount	25% off
Level 3 of grant (under £35,000)	No discount	15% off
Level 4 of grant (under £40,000)	No discount	10% off
Level 5 of grant (under £45,000)	No discount	No discount
Level 6 of grant (under £47,199)	No discount	No discount

- JCR Financial Sustainability SU Referendum Motion
 - To endorse the option to agree with the statement in the referendum, and to publicise that decision on Cuth's JCR social media accounts.

- *Durham University should support Common Rooms' financial sustainability, including the ability for each JCR to have at least one sabbatical officer without the financial burden falling on the shoulders of the students.*
- HLM for TAF
 - To bestow upon TAF honorary life membership of St Cuthbert's Society JCR.

3.2

- To re-establish a Cuth's Crocheting Society (CCS) for members of St. Cuthbert's society.
- Durham Grant Extension
 - That the discount for Durham grant holders is increased and extended accordingly permanently for dinner tickets bought for balls.
 - That This will be reconsidered AY 24/25

3.3

- HLM for HD
 - To bestow upon HD honorary life membership of St Cuthbert's Society JCR.
- HLM for CT
 - To bestow upon CT honorary life membership of St Cuthbert's Society JCR.
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- HLM for CW
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- HLM for CG
 - To bestow upon CG honorary life membership of St Cuthbert's Society JCR.