

# agenda

Meeting:	Student Officer Committee
Date:	Thursday 15th January 2015
Time:	5.00 pm
Location:	Committee Room 1, the Council Chamber
Code	SOC 1331

- 1331 Departmental Presentation: Bars/Coffee**  
 A presentation from A Wyatt, Director of Social Enterprise.
- 1332 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December**  
 Please note, due to staff illness, the minutes were unavailable at the agenda deadline and will be circulated prior to the meeting.
- 1333 Matters Arising**
- 1334 Action Log**  
 (See page 2)
- 1335 World Café**  
 A campaign funding request from the Campaigns and Democracy Officer. (See pages 3-4)
- 1336 Women’s Sexual Health Conference**  
 A campaign funding request from the Women’s Officer. (See pages 5-6)
- 1337 Officer Go Around/Reports**
- 1338 Reports on Priority Campaigns/Projects**
- 1339 Any Other Business**
- 1340 Time, Date and Place of Next Meeting**  
 To note the next meeting will be held at 5.00 pm on 29 January in Room 0.09, the Queens Building.

## Action Log for 15 January 15

Date Commissioned	Action Required	Status	Assigned To:	Date to be actioned by:
5 June 14/2 October/23 Oct	Constitutionality of reserved places on Union Council for Rep Organisers to be investigated	<b>Proposal to be brought back from DPC in Jan</b>	Chris	Jan
16 October 14	Officers to report on policy implementation for end of November review	<b>Actioned</b>	All	End of November
16 October 14	Letter to be send to NUS concerning trans-exclusion in election regulations	<b>Liaised with NUS awaiting response</b>	Holly, Dan, Dolly	November
16 October 14	Public statement to be made on DSA Cuts in collaboration with NUA and City College	<b>Liaising with University over joint declaration with NUA/City</b>	Holly, Max, Chris	November
16 October 14	University to be lobbied over student accommodation in city centre	<b>Lobbying continuing</b>	Holly	November
13 November 14	The Chair of SOC to speak to the chair of DPC regarding the GSA/UUEAS legal merger working group	<b>Actioned</b>	Holly	Dec

**Project/Campaign Title: World Cafe**

**Amount of money requested: £400**

**Budget requested from: SOC Projects**

**Details of project (500 words max)**

The World Café is an annual event that has been run for three consecutive years. In its year, it was run by the People & Planet society, with assistance from the Union, but has since been more directly organised by us.

The World Café is a chance for the variety of charity/campaigning/ethical/environmental societies we have at UEA to come together, network, pick up skills and learn about activity from other groups both on and off campus.

This year, the event will have its focus shifted partially closer to activist training. As such, there will be nine workshops over the course of three session slots. Four of these workshops are pencilled in to be provided from external organisations. The external organisations are:

People & Planet – Fossil Free Workshop  
New Internationalist – Life Beyond Growth  
UK Feminista – An Introduction to Feminism  
Norfolk People’s Assembly – What is Austerity and How do We Beat It?

Having discussed the event with the Education and Engagement Team, half of the costs of the event will be covered from their departmental budget, with the other half, if approved, coming from money SOC has control over.

The money requested is intended to cover workshop fees as well as transport costs for the workshop facilitators and for speakers.

**How will this benefit our members? (300 words max)**

The World Café will give students the opportunity to pick up skills in a variety of areas that will allow them to more effectively co-ordinate their activity in either their charity, campaigning or environmental work.

The areas in which they will be able to develop skills will be:

Fundraising  
Public speaking  
Educational change  
Liberation  
Campaign strategy

In addition, the second element of the event, the content focussed workshops, will

introduce attendees to the campaigns as listed in the previous section. The Fossil Free campaign is within existing UUEAS policy and therefore the workshop is intended to build that campaign. We are affiliated to the Norfolk Peoples' Assembly and have numerous anti-austerity policies – this workshop is designed to foster better links with NPA, strengthening ties already made between Defend Education UEA and NPA. The Life Beyond Growth workshop covers Heterodox economics, and the UK Feminista session will cover feminism. The former is becoming of more interest across the sector as economics students at a variety of Universities, including at UEA have setup societies and reading groups on this topic, and the latter is generally great.

**Number of members directly benefited: 120**

**Number of members benefited by extension: 500**

**How will you ensure this benefits hard to reach/liberation/underrepresented groups? (300 words max)**

The event will have sessions covering liberation and feminism, with part of the intention being to entice those interested in these topics. In addition to this, these workshops are intended to allow attendees to integrate these topics and ideas into the activities they undertake in campaigning, environmental and charity work. Therefore, the event aims to make the activities done under the UEA banner more intersectional and responsive to the variety of aspects of liberation.

**Project/Campaign Title: Women's sexual health conference**

**Amount of money requested: £200**

**Budget requested from: £100 women's budget. £100 liberations budget**

**Details of project (500 words max)**

On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March it will be International Women's day. As well as the usual annual celebrations carried out for this event at UEA, this year we would like to make the project bigger and look at organising events that span across the month of March.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> Of March there will be a conference in the Edith Cavell centre exploring issues surrounding women and sexual health.

There will be a range of talks from guest speakers on topics such as.

Virginity  
Health of women in Developing countries.  
Girlhood and health

The guest speakers have already agreed to speak for free at the conference the budget request will go towards their travel expenses.

**How will this benefit our members? (300 words max)**

This conference has been a jointed effort of organisation between four different societies including.

The feminist society  
The medicine society

All members of these four societies will be able to attend the conference at a discount price of £6.

All other people that want to attend this will be able to do so at a price of £10. This event will be open to both UEA students and non UEA students.

**Number of members directly benefited: 500**

**Number of members benefited by extension: 1000**

**How will you ensure this benefits hard to reach/liberation/underrepresented groups? (300 words max)**

This conference will be advertised through all of the societies that have been involved in its organisation.

It will be advertised both online and through interacting with students on campus.