**Officer Report**

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| **Role:** | Vice-President Activities & Community |
| **Council meeting:** | Tuesday 24th October 2023, first meeting of MT23 |

# Section One | Pledges

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| **My Pledges** | **Progress** |
| Climate education | * Worked with Bill Finnegan from the University Environmental Sustainability Team to coordinate curriculum mapping and a ‘sustainable degree’ directorate. * Part of the Vice-Chancellors Climate Colloquium working group, looking to equip humanity students with STEM skills and vice versa under the umbrella of climate literacy, through an eight-week course in Hilary 2024. * Climate library a work in progress on the Oxford Reading List Online portal, to be published on the 30th November, with an open form for student recommendations of items that should be included. |
| Biodiversity | * Part of the Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee Biodiversity Sub-group * Nature Positive Universities collaboration * College wide BioBlitz in the works, coordinating iNaturalist college accounts through E&E reps. * Member of the College Gardeners Association to collate biodiversity work and case studies across the university, building up a resource to show possible next steps for biodiversity net-gain. |
| Community engagement | * Member of Talk of the Town. * Dialogue with Diana Fawcett. * Opening up events to non-college and non-university groups. * Town and Gown events series for this term, possibly repeated in some manner next term, called Two Tales of One City. * Accessibility to Oxford research for students and non-students through Inside Oxford Research event series. * Attended Oxford Inside Out Climate Ecosystem (with county council, city council and local climate organisation leads). * Social Action Fair confirmed for the 20th January 2024. |

# Section Two | Projects

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| **My Projects** | **Progress** |
| Inside Oxford Research | MT23: Batteries & Biology  HT24: Food & Footprint  TT24: Accessibility & Artificial Intelligence  The Inside Oxford Research seminar series is an exciting initiative designed to provide students and residents of Oxford with an exclusive glimpse into the ground-breaking research taking place at the University of Oxford. This engaging series aims to showcase the diverse range of cutting-edge projects, discoveries, and innovations being pursued by world-renowned researchers across various disciplines. |
| Two Tales of One City | Session one: Homelessness in Oxford  Session two: Education Disparity in Oxford  The Oxford 'Tale of Two Cities' Workshop Series unravels the unique and often contrasting experiences of students living in the vibrant university setting and the bustling city that surrounds it. This thought-provoking series aims to foster a deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between students, staff, and the city residents that call Oxford home. |
| Oxford Climate Forum | Mini Oxford Climate Forum with a focus on education will be held the end of this term in collaboration with Oxford Climate Society and Oxford Nature Conservation Society among other student organisations, to discuss the importance of climate education and what they think can be improved on in their individual courses.  Oxford Climate Forum in discussion with Alex Betts to be held end of Trinity 2024. |
| Climate Library | To be launched 30th November in line with the start of COP.  Currently the library is a general portal of books, articles, documentaries, podcasts, films and websites that are essential for climate learning.  The library will then be opened up to all students to input and feedback on the resource, and under the relevant degree make a category and insert relevant books.  There is a possibility of making the library a physical entity in the Weston Library and county library (Westgate library). |
| Everything is Connected | Everything is Connected is a two-month programme of activity delivered October - November 2023 underpinned by four broad thematic strands of activity inspired by the idea that everything is connected in the human and natural world.  This programme is part of the lead-up to the arrival of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities in 2025.  I helped with the delivery, particularly theme choices and event structure.  Thematic strands:   * Wonder: We notice what we can learn from nature's extraordinary systems and places. * Awareness: We notice how we leave our mark on the natural world. * Relearn: We reconsider the stories we tell ourselves about the past and the present. * Imagine: We imagine and share the stories that will help us to live more sustainability in the future. |
| Climate Colloquium | The Vice-Chancellor's Colloquium – as described in the 2023 Oration – will be a unique, interdisciplinary, extra-curricular offering for undergraduates at the University of Oxford. Responding to the need for broad, creative thinking to respond to the challenges of our time, students will work outside their core discipline and stretch themselves academically, with learner outcomes and skills development organised around three areas:   1. Numeracy and data analysis: In our age of information, how can we make sense of the world and effectively use the insights of data analysis to guide policy, our own understanding, and our ability to engage in critical reflection? 2. Critical thinking and curiosity: Thinking deeply about social and cultural systems, how do we ask questions about the harms and benefits of individual and collective actions, and develop the capacity to offer solutions? 3. Communicating to different audiences: When faced with complex and potentially divisive issues, how can we communicate effectively, from the classroom to the boardroom?   I am part of the advisory board and working group for the colloquium.  The pilot of the VC’s Colloquium will be focused on climate change. This thematic focus will help deliver the curriculum priority of the University’s Environmental Sustainability Strategy, while also working in partnership with the Oxford Student Union, Oxford Climate Society, and the Oxford Climate Research Network of the Oxford Networks for the Environment. |
| Garden Guide/Wildflower Walks | Looking at providing students access to information about green spaces across Oxford (not just university or college spaces) and how to visit and engage with them.  I now have five contacts from the Gardeners Association who I will be working with to design and deliver wildflower walks (generic name, not limited to wildflowers but rather to show students different college gardens) in Hilary and Trinity 2024. |

# Section Three | Key Events and Meetings

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| **Event, Meeting or Media** | **Date** | **Outcomes / Impact** |
| *Meeting*  Environmental Sustainability Team x Oxford SU | 17th July  19th August  25th September  16th October | Updates from the Team on their own plans for Green Impact student engagement.  Updates on summer internship work on mapping the curriculum and flight levy work.  Update on food hospitality policy for university (vegetarian default). |
| *Meeting*  Biodiversity Sub-Group of the Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee | 17th July  10th October | Flood plain management.  Heard from other universities on their work. |
| *Meeting*  SOS-UK x Oxford SU | 20th July | Ethical investment campaign updates.  Education campaign updates.  Green impact awards updates. |
| *Meeting*  Sunrise Project x Oxford SU | 20th July | Climate justice and sustainable transition campaign.  SU to work on providing climate justice toolkit to students. |
| *Meeting*  Inside Uni x Oxford SU | 26th July | Shining light on inclusivity initiatives at Oxford for current and prospective students.  Comms pieces to be completed. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford Liveable Streets | 1st August | Bolster student engagement with community initiatives like OLS, working on updating the volunteer portal on the SU website. |
| *Meeting*  Student engagement x Oxford City Council x Student Friendly Oxford | 9th August | Weave in student needs, accessibility, and engagement into city council plans, particularly in the support of Student Friendly Oxford. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford Climate Society x Oxford Climate Justice Campaign x CLOC | 10th August | Formalise two termly meetings with environmental societies to update on the university and SU side of things (looking to now map this to other societies relevant to my role). |
| *Meeting*  Oxford Hub x Oxford SU | 29th August  14th September  29th September | Social Action Fair and Two Tales of One City event collaboration/support.  Support Crankstart Scholars engagement.  Support Blackbird Leys community engagement project. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford SU x Nature Positive Universities | 6th September | Support data monitoring across the University for biodiversity baselining, and begin similar process for colleges, in the hopes of setting some strategic goals. |
| *Event*  Opportunity Oxford Fair | 10th September | Had a stall with VP UG Education & Access as well as ex co-chair of Class Act, to engage with Opportunity Oxford students. |
| *Meeting*  Flying Less Oxford Research Group | 11th September | Promote public transport in Oxford. |
| *Meeting*  Fairtrade Oxford Group | 11th September | Engagement with Fairtrade has been low, looking at shifting to Rainforest Alliance. |
| *Meeting*  UCU x SU | 11th September | In collaboration with VP UG Education & Access, formed Student Strike Support Group, formalised regular meetings with UCU Oxford group and showed physical (attended) their strikes in September. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford Climate Colloquium Planning | 13th September | Established themes and topics of the colloquium, communication strategy, accessibility and inclusivity of student and staff participants. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford SU x Plant Based Universities Campaign | 13th September | Supporting E&E rep interest in Plant Based Universities campaign initiative, having access to resources on behaviour change and dietary emissions. |
| *Meeting*  Responsible Futures UK x University of Oxford x Oxford SU | 14th September | Provide baseline curriculum information to the campaign, which is a whole-institution supported change programme and accreditation mark to embed sustainability across all aspects of student learning. |
| *Meeting*  Alex Betts x Oxford SU | 14th September | Work with Alex Betts on Blackbird Leys town and gown project. |
| *Event*  Oxford Inside Out | 19th – 21st September | Presented on the urgency for green skills support across the university. |
| *Event/Meeting*  Department for Education’s International Green Skills Conference | 28th September | Participated and contributed to discussions on the role of universities and the government in providing a just sustainable transition and the necessity of inclusive green skills. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford SU x Cambridge SU (Harvey and Rosie) | 29th September | Land justice collaboration.  Sports and inclusivity collaboration. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford SU x Brookes SU | 29th September | Community engagement collaboration. |
| *Event*  Everything is Connected | 3rd October | Launch of the Everything is Connected programme at the Old Fire Station. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford SU x Just Stop Oil | 3rd October | Welfare support and clarity on SU climate policy. |
| *Event*  Meet the SU | 2nd – 8th October | Visited college common rooms to discuss what the SU is and what we do. Organised by brilliant staff team and attended by myself, Rosalie and Jenni. |
| *Event*  Freshers Fair | 4th – 5th October | Freshers Fair… |
| *Meeting*  Oxford University Endowment Fund/Oxford Ethical Investment Representative Review Subcommittee x Oxfords SU | 9th October | Discussed success of direct investment divestment from fossil fuels, but limited engagement or progress on moving indirect investments away from the fossil fuel industry.  Push for an Environmental Sustainability team member to become a representative on the subcommittee. |
| *Event*  The Climate Movement in Oxford | 9th October | Event facilitating conversations with students interested in climate activism and the following groups: Friends of the Earth Oxford, XR Oxford, Climate Debt, Oxford Climate Society, Oxford Climate Justice Campaign, Just Stop Oil.  High attendance and engagement (around 50 student participants). |
| *Meeting*  GLAM Board | 11th October | Student representation to become formalised on GLAM boards.  Push for student engagement and activities at gardens (Botanic and Arboretum), museums (Ashmolean, Pitt Rivers, Natural History and Science) and libraries (in ways that aren’t necessarily studying). |
| *Meeting*  Sports Council | 11th October | Discussion of Sports budget changes.  Discussion of trans-inclusivity in Sports.  Support college sport engagement and accessibility through Sport Reps. |
| *Meeting*  Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee | 12th October | Main points of discussion were on draft food hospitality policy, pushing for college biodiversity baselines to be improved and communication of the Vice-Chancellors Colloquium. |
| *Event*  Climate Club x Oxford SU | 12th October | Met with local sixth formers to discuss local climate action plans, give insight into Oxford’s climate activist scene, plus being an SU friendly face to the younger student community at Oxford. |
| *Meeting*  Domestic Bursars and Estate Bursars Sustainability Subcommittee | 13th October | SU and individual priorities update on climate literacy and climate library.  Process begun for collating college biodiversity efforts and garden management. |
| *Meeting*  Curators of University Libraries | 16th October | Introductions to committee made. |
| *Meeting*  E&E RepCom | 16th October | Updates on open access climate library, Environmental Sustainability Team visits to common rooms, creation of an E&E group chat with sub-channels for specific work projects (e.g., college wide clothes swap; swift box initiative; energy management).  Brief CLOC presentation.  Brief discussion on pedal and post communication (what it is, how it works, is your college part of the scheme/how to get your college to be part of it). |
| *Meeting*  Domestic Bursars Clinic | 17th October | Presentation from Diana Fawcett. |
| *Meeting*  Oxford University College Gardeners Association | 17th October  14th November | Tour of University Parks wildflower restoration, hedgerow maintenance and discussion on apprenticeships.  Introductions made with college gardeners, process begun for setting up Spring college garden tours and opened up garden guide to feedback/input. |
| *Event*  Keep Campsfield Closed | 17th October | After earlier meetings with the campaign, the event was promoted through the SU newsletter. |
| *Meeting*  Responsible Futures cohort collaboration | 17th October | Discussion and possible action to be taken on forming a UK wide Climate Education Forum.  Met with other universities and student unions that are part of the Responsible Futures partnership (e.g., UCL, Exeter…) |
| *Event*  Vision Zero: Road Safety Event | 18th October | High engagement and participation with around 200 students and staff coming to the event.  Bike Doctor in attendance, bike registration and information provided on keeping safe whilst cycling in Oxford.  Promotion of Vision Zero work, the Oxford SU as well as bike DIY workshops and free bike accessories. |
| *Event*  Biodiversity & Banter | 19th October | Event facilitating conversations with students interested in biodiversity activism and Nature Positive Universities and Oxford Nature Conservation Society.  Medium attendance and high engagement (around 15 student participants). |
| *Event*  Communities of Trees | 22nd  October | Participated in Everything is Connected event, discussing the importance of connecting to nature and how this is often done through a core memory with a particular tree.  Medium attendance and high engagement (around 30 student/staff participants). |

# Section Four | Future Key Events and Meetings

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| **Event/Meeting** | **Date** | **Anticipated outcomes / impact** |
| *Event*  Oxford Botanical Gardens Wellbeing Walk | 25th October | Engage with new ‘crowd’ of students whilst learning and discussing the work being done at the Botanical Gardens. |
| *Meeting*  Sports Strategic Sub-Committee Meeting | 26th October | LGBTQ+ and Trans-Inclusive Policy discussion. |
| *Meeting*  Curators of University Parks x Oxford University College Gardeners Association x Oxford SU collaboration | 27th October | Discussing the feasibility of SOS-UK wildling project, SU green space and student volunteers for parks. |
| *Event*  Two Tales of One City: Homelessness in Oxford | 28th October | Educating students on the dire issue of homelessness in Oxford, promoting the work and campaigning of the following groups: Homelessness Oxfordshire, The Porch, Crisis Skylight Oxford, Emmaus Oxford. |
| *Event*  Warning Notes | 28th October | Florence Park music concert and panel on engaging with nature through sound.  Expecting good engagement from both student and resident community. |
| *Meeting*  Biodiversity net-gain and student engagement with colleges: Angela Unsworth x Oxford SU collaboration | 30th October | Discussing the feasibility of wildling college lawns, college allotments and SU green space. |
| *Meeting*  Charity RepCom | 31st October | Meet and hear from Charity reps, coordinating efforts to support local organisations and campaigns. |
| *Meeting*  Curriculum sub-group of Environmental Sustainability Sub-committee | 1st November | Finalise Climate Colloquium workshop leads and lecturers. |
| *Event*  Oxford Innovation Ecosystem | 2nd November | Attend with staff member Lizzy to meet with University and local community leads.  Make connections and widen the SU network. |
| *Meeting*  Curators of University Parks | 7th November | Discuss University Park tours, accessible information (e.g., placards across the grounds) on the Parks history and current rewilding efforts and improve transparency of what the Parks management looks like to students. |
| *Meeting*  Sports RepCom | 8th November | Meet and hear from Sports reps, ask for feedback/input on trans-inclusive policy (matched with input/feedback from LGBTQ+ reps, LGBTQ+ soc, LGBTQ+ campaign) as well as coordinate efforts to increase college sports engagement. |
| *Meeting*  Building and Estates Subcommittee | 9th November | Swift boxes/bricks feasibility to be included in new buildings to be raised. |
| *Event*  Two Tales of One City: Education Disparity | 11th November | Educating students on the issue of education disparity (particularly attainment) in Oxford, promoting the work and campaigning of the following groups: Inside Uni, Target Schools, Schools Plus, Keen Oxford and Aspire Oxford. |
| *Meeting*  GLAM Strategic Framework Workshop | 14th November | Push for student engagement to be included in GLAM priorities. |
| *Meeting*  Entz RepCom | 14th November | Formalise college inclusivity for events, collate current college frameworks. |
| *Event*  Rent Negotiation Training | 15th November | Present on rent negotiation tactics, support and advice from the SU. |
| *Meeting*  Sustainability Forum | 16th November | New committee that merges college and university sustainability leads.  Introduction and collaboration on university sustainability strategy, hopefully mapping on to college landscape. |
| *Event*  Inside Oxford Research: Batteries & Biology | 22nd November | Hear from Professor Hagan Bayley discussing his recent work inspired by how electric eels generate charge.  Improve accessibility to hearing about and understanding Oxford research across disciplines. |