

Imperial College Union

## **CAG Chair's Report**

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### **CAG Financial Summary**

CAG received total grant of £1,808.14 for the financial year 12/13. This is a 29% decrease from the financial year 10/11. This is also a decrease from financial year 09/10. Total membership numbers at time of writing is 732 up from 342, which reflects the effort put into the Fresher's Fair events.

### **Dormant Clubs**

Student Action for refugees may be a dormant club as they have not replied to emails, completed forms, or touched their grant.

Maternal Health is no longer a club.

### **Storage space**

Soup Run have storage issues as they are using Weeks' Hall basement kitchen closet. This is too small for them. CAG would recommend that a more secure room be issued in one of the basement rooms of Weeks.

### **Further Information**

A large Number of groups have not completed their training or handed in necessary documentation. This was raised in the last CAG meeting so I am hopeful that this matter will be resolved.

### **CAG Individual Reports**

Individual CAG club reports will follow

## Appendix

Table of group number break down.

OCDesc	Financial Year		Diff	% Diff
	11/12	12/13		
CAG Activities for Children with Disabilities	8	24	16	200%
CAG African Development	4	20	16	400%
CAG Aurora		6	6	
CAG Avicenna Project		57	57	
CAG E.quinox	45	44	-1	-2%
CAG El Salvador	1	17	16	1600%
CAG Foodcycle	12	2	-10	-83%
CAG Global Brigades	19	41	22	116%
CAG IC Buddies	12	12	0	0%
CAG Interact	85	86	1	1%
CAG Kenyan Orphan Project	41	54	13	32%
CAG Maternal Health	7		-7	-100%
CAG Medical Aid Overseas		3	3	
CAG Project Nepal		32	32	
CAG Raincatcher Imperial	35	51	16	46%
CAG Soup Run	34	85	51	150%
CAG SSAGO	9	8	-1	-11%
CAG Student Action for Refugees		1	1	
CAG TEAM Students		98	98	
CAG Women in SET	30	91	61	203%

## **SSAGO**

### **Activities & Achievements**

The term started well with a good number of mailing list sign ups at Fresher's Fair. We signed up people to the society in general as well as getting those who are interested in volunteering with local scout and guide troops. We have since passed some of those one and they are now helping out at local units.

We decided to hold weekly Meetings; on a Monday evening one week and on a Thursday lunchtime the next week with an alternating pattern. This is to give everybody a chance to come to meetings and also certain activities need to be scheduled during daylight.

Last term we did:

- Introductory meeting with spaghetti marshmallow towers.
- Bonfire Night Firework Display.
- Making a banner for the society.
- Geocaching
- Ice-skating at the Natural History Museum.
- Visiting the Science Museum Lates event.

This term we have planned:

- Rock Climbing
- Archery
- Trip to Rally
- Social Events

### **Membership**

Our current membership is eight. We're aiming for ten members. Membership cost is £10.

### **Finances**

We have a grant of £62, of which £12.40 has been withheld because we have not met our membership target. We have £178 in SGI. Our only expenditure so far has been £12.47 from SGI for banner materials.

### **Equipment**

We have no equipment.

### **Other Issues**

None.

## **Soup Run**

### **Activities & Achievements**

Soup run has had a successful year so far. Every Sunday evening, we collect leftover food from sandwich shops around South Kensington and also make hot drinks, before driving to Lincoln's Inn Fields to hand out the food and drinks to the homeless people waiting there. This term saw plenty of keen new members join the club, who have become more involved with the different aspects of the run. Although by its nature our society does pretty much the same thing every single week, this term has seen changes in the number of shops we collect from, and the times at which they close, which has led to some rescheduling of our runs.

As the year progresses, we are keen to ensure that our newer members remain interested in the club. We will hold more social events, and are currently planning ways of raising awareness of the soup run within the university. Although it would be difficult to widen our activities, as a club we regularly attend the soup run forum to discuss relevant issues with other groups across London. Our main goal is to keep the enthusiasm levels to their current high level, especially as we approach the summer months, when our participation levels tend to fall.

### **Membership**

Our membership has increased upon last year, thanks to our efforts at the Freshers' Fair. We now have 85 members.

### **Equipment**

We have a boiler, two 20l urns and a 6l urn. We also have 6 large crates for sandwiches.

### **Finances**

Our main expense is van hire, which is £22 a week. We have a grant of £1344 this year, a big drop compared to the last 10+ years and this has resulted in problems obtaining simple supplies such as tea bags and paper cups.

### **Other Issues**

None

### **Future Events**

We have no future events planned beyond the normal scope of the project.

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## **Activities for Children with Disabilities**

### **Activities & Achievements**

We provide volunteers for a charity that North London which provides activities for children with disabilities. This takes the form of volunteering in weekly sessions, as well as trips roughly once per month.

### **Membership**

We have 24 members, a massive increase compared to last year.

### **Equipment**

We have all our equipment provided for us.

### **Finances**

As it is free to volunteer, we have no finances. However, we could make use of additional money for fundraising, running socials etc.

### **Other Issues**

None

### **Future Events**

For the future, we plan to raise more money, get more members, and raise awareness of what we do.

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## **Raincatcher**

### **Activities & Achievements**

We aim to build a 250,000L water storage tank in Tanzania We have managed to run weekly meetings since the start of the academic year.

### **Membership**

Our membership has risen against previous years, due to a change in management structure.

### **Finances**

We have £130 in grant, of which nothing has yet been spent. We have no SGI.

### **Other Issues**

None

### **Future Events**

Our plans for the future include fundraising events and liasing with other societies to organise them.

## **EI Salvador Project**

### **Activities & Achievements**

We run construction and sanitation projects in EI Salvador. Our plans for the year are to fundraise, then design and plan for our six weeks in EI Salvador implementing the projects.

Last term, we attended fund raising events, winning a competition run by the finance society that secured £500 for the project. We gave a presentation on last summer's project and the leaders of ESP2012 put together a post project report to submit to our sponsors. We have also been helping to construct wall panels of the houses built last summer for seismic testing in the structures lab of the civil engineering department.

Our recent activity has been focused on finding new leaders for the 2013 project. In previous years team members from previous trips would volunteer to lead but this year we have had no one from a previous trip come forward. Therefore we are inviting any students with leadership skills and an engineering background to apply and are in the process of interviewing candidates. A new leader should hopefully be in place by the start of next week. Once the leader has been selected we will be able to make changes to the committee and fill out all outstanding documentation required by the union. We will then pick the rest of the team and begin our fund raising campaign for the next project.

The project for this year is looking likely to be based on retrofitting; however this is very dependent who leads the project. The trip may also involve studies being carried out on the houses built during the 2012 project. This year the leaders of last year's project Louise Foulkes (Chair) and Pedro Alonso- Caprile (Treasurer) are studying away in Madrid and Melbourne respectively. This has made organisation very difficult and is a reason why The EI Salvador Project has not been up to date with committee meetings and documentation.

### **Membership**

Our membership is seventeen, an increase on last year.

### **Equipment**

We have no equipment, renting or buying what we need in EI Salvador itself.

### **Finances**

We have a grant of £112.14, of which we have spent £59.46 on refreshments. We have minus £1 in SGI carried over from last year.

### **Other Issues**

None

### **Future Events**

Our future events are running some fundraising events (which still need planning), and the six week project itself in July to August.

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## **E.Quinox**

### **Activities & Achievements**

The purpose of E.Quinox is to provide rural electrical sources. We work in rural Africa, providing energy kiosks. We also aim to inspire students and involve them in technical and business innovation. Finally, we form specialized groups to work on E.Quinox matters.

### **Membership**

We have 44 involved members, which is about the same as last year.

### **Equipment**

We have some tools, although we need more.

### **Finances**

We have no grant but we have £194 SGI.

### **Other Issues**

None



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## **Interact**

### **Activities & Achievements**

Interact organises a variety of one-off, student-led volunteer projects in the local community for students who like volunteering but don't have the time to do so on a regular basis.

### **Membership**

We have eighty six members, of which one is an associate member. We are aiming for one hundred members altogether.

### **Equipment**

Most equipment is provided by the charities we work with.

### **Finances**

We receive £40 grant, of which £5 has been withheld due to us failing to meet our membership target. We have no major expenditures planned, and don't spend much on projects anyway. We have £36.04 SGI.

### **Other Issues**

None.

### **Future Events**

- Ravenscourt Gardening  
2nd Feb, 2nd Mar  
10.30am to 12.30pm
- Tesco Collection for Cancer Research at West Cromwell Rd  
2nd Feb (9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm or 3pm-6pm), 3rd Feb (10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm).
- Daffodil Appeal  
Starts in March, awaiting more news
- Wormwood Scrubs  
Starts in Feb, awaiting more information

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## **Kenyan Orphan Project**

### **Activities & Achievements**

We fundraise throughout the year to run a trip to Kisumu, Kenya. We do this each summer.

### **Membership**

Due to good publicity, we've met our membership target, and exceeded previous years' membership figures.

### **Equipment**

We have no equipment.

### **Finances**

We have £90 in grant, of which we have not spent anything. We have about £3600 in SGI..

### **Other Issues**

None

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## **Global Brigades**

### **Activities & Achievements**

This academic year Global brigades have been recruiting brigadiers to join our brigades to Honduras and Ghana this summer. Having had around 40 people sign up so far we hope to get more people and aid the current brigadiers with fund raising and brigade preparation until the summer.

### **Membership**

41 people have signed up so far.

### **Equipment**

N/a

### **Finances**

We have no money.

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## **African Development**

### **Activities & Achievements**

We aim to engage the analytical skills of IC students in international development.

### **Membership**

We have 20 members, a big increase on last year

### **Equipment**

N/A

### **Finances**

We have a deficit of £59.79 in our SGI due to overspending on minibuses.

### **Other issues**

N/A

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## **IC Buddies**

### **Aims and Objectives**

IC Buddies work with students who attend disadvantaged schools in London, helping them reach university to study the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This is achieved by providing help in academia and also in the university application process.

### **Membership**

Currently we have 12 members, exactly the same as last year.

### **Equipment**

N/A

### **Finances**

We have £1.67 SGI and a £30 grant which we have not touched.

### **Other Issues**

N/A

# **Student Action for Refugees**

## **Activities and Achievements**

1. Volunteering at a Somalian homework and youth club. We have members attend 3 sessions a week every week.
2. Held an event by the British Red Cross about destitution among asylum seekers, we had around 25 people attend.

## **Membership**

We are a new club and have only 1 member

## **Equipment**

None

## **Finances**

We have a grant of £100 which we have not used

## **Other Issues**

None

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## **Clubs to be added:**

**Aurora**

**Avicenna Project**

**Medical Aid Overseas**

**Project Nepal**

**TEAM Students**

**Women in SET**