

RAG (Raising and Giving) Report –Ben Fernando, RAG Chair

RAG has had a very successful term thus far, with all fundraising events running a profit and an increased engagement with our membership. We hope this will continue throughout RAG week and the rest of the year. All committee positions are now filled (:D). I have met with all our clubs.

RAG EXEC

1.) Non-fundraising Events thus far:

- **RAG Conference** (York, 26-28 August). This was a great opportunity to meet other RAG committees, and we used the opportunity to investigate collaborative events. The most developed of these thus far is our plan for a RAG raid in partnership with Oxford RAG. The Seminars attended on Fundraising Law, running a jailbreak and the charities fair were all useful in choosing our events and charities for the year
- **RAG Prefreshers**: we had an estimated attendance of 90, significantly more than last year. Reviews were positive and we intend to repeat this event next year.
- **Freshers' Fair** – was not a great success for us. We have given our feedback to the DPCS. We were unhappy with location, power requirements, signposting, the number of externals competing with us and the overall organisation of the day.
- **Volunteering Fair** – Not great either, attendance low and not a huge amount of interest
- **Management Group Restructure**: we are engaging with the DPCS on the topic of the restructure, specifically with respect to the position of charities within the Union.

2.) Fundraising Events thus far (all totals are strict minimums, we expect these numbers to increase as we chase up missing money):

- **Ministry of Sound Club Night** – attendance estimated at 2,200. £1100 raised
- **Physics Bake Sale** (in aid of LUCIA) - £210
- **IC Volleyball Charity Tournament** - £202.21
- **Jailbreak** – winning team got to Dijon, France (735km) - £1000
- **Halloween Party** - £25
- **Poppy Appeal** - £1020.66
- **Bike Auction** - £4186 of which £2093 will be donated to IC Bike Users' Group
- **Bake Sale** (in aid of CRY) - £180

RAG Exec total: £7923.87

Plus support was given to the APES bake sale (£100), the TeampUp campaign (£80) and the Soup Run fundraiser.

Overall RAG Exec Total: **£8103.87** (excludes naked calendar, FedElf and bungee jump sales)

3.) Financial situation:

- Grant issues are still not resolved
- SGI (1575.81) – with £5000-£6000 waiting on a security escort to be banked, and approximated £800 due in unpaid invoices and £3000 just spent on the Bungee Jump deposit

4.) Plans for the future:

- This Term: Naked Calendar Sales, FedElf
- Non-RAG week (next term): events will include a Charity Dodgeball Tournament and a second Jailbreak (last weekend in February) and possibly a Marie Curie Daffodil Collection
- RAG Week:
Monday: Bungee Jump, RAG Week Launch, Open Mic Night, Krispy Kreme Sale
Tuesday: Bungee Jump plus support for KOP Speed Dating
Wednesday: RAG CSP Night and Finals of Gaming Tournament
Thursday: Firewalk plus Valentine's Ball
Friday: Valentine's Rose and Card Delivery, 'Buy a Song', and Possible Pub Crawl, RAG RAID reports for Oxford
Saturday: RAG RAID Collection in Oxford
Sunday: RAG RAID Returns to London

5.) Chosen charities for the year:

RAG Week:

- Tiny Tickers (Local) – Congenital Heart Defects
- Kids UK (National) – Disabled Children
- Mines Advisory Group (International) – Mines

Rest of the Year:

- St Mungo's Broadway (Local) – Homelessness
- TwentyTwenty (National) – Youth Deprivation
- Lively Minds (International) – Poverty Alleviation in Africa

RAG British Heart Foundation – now defunct

RAG Right to Play –

1. Finance

- a. Self Generated Income: The Club's current balance in the SGI account sits at £7607.81. Still to be paid in after UH Sports Night is £1002.13. Of this, £952.13 is in the Union safe from donations on the door and £50.00 is awaiting return from Curry house deposits. On 12 December 14 we are hosting Take Me Out which is expected to produce around £750.
- b. Donations: As yet, we have not donated any money to the charity as we are planning on donating a lump sum at the end of this year. This will be in the region of £7,000.

2. Membership

- a. Our Membership remains unchanged from last year at 9 members. *I have made clear this needs to increase - BF*

3. Past Events

- a. UH Sports Night: Held 19th November 14 at Inferno's, Clapham. Curry houses were booked for team meals beforehand. Target attendance was 750, actual attendance pushed 1,000. Money raised was from ticket sales of £6458.28.

4. Future Events

- a. Right to Play does Take Me Out: To be hosted 12 December 14 in Reynolds Bar, CX campus. Attendance of around 150 expected. Expect to raise £750.
- b. ICSM Shrove Tuesday Final Year Dinner Raffle – In process of getting raffle prizes for STFYD on 10 Jan 14.

RAG Save the Children –

1. Finance

- a. Self Generated Income: £2314 raised to date. *This has not been banked yet, I am nagging them to do this - BF*
- b. Donations: As yet, we have not donated any money to the charity as we are planning on donating a lump sum at the end of the year

2. Membership

- a. 109 members (108 last year)

3. Past Events

Past events: Welcome Talk including a guest speaker from Save the Children (30 attendees), Cadogan Hall bucket collection (£1498 raised), Nativity 3 Premiere bucket Collection (£401 raised) and Krispy Kreme Sale (£415 profit)

4. Future Events

- Christmas Jumper Day collection at ASDA (06/12/14)
- Christmas Jumper day collection at Victoria Station (12/12/14)
- Imperial's Got Talent - a talent show hosted at Imperial expecting ~ 700 attendees (date to be confirmed)
- Another Krispy Kreme sale will be undertaken next term as well as several other bucket collections.

RAG Group Total: £17,417.87 as of Nov 31, 2014