

Imperial College Union (ICU)
Recreational Club Committee (RCC)
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PAPER – FOR DECISION

LINKS – CHANGING MEMBERSHIP FEES TO £10

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Background

St John Ambulance (SJA) provides First Aid training to students in Higher Education (HE) in the UK. Students in Imperial are encouraged to join the society if they are looking for First Aid qualification (up to Ambulance Crew levels) or an opportunity to practice their First Aid skills at exciting events such as Hyde Park Concerts (Wireless Festival).

It costs SJA **£200** to send a new member for induction so he can attend duties.

The money goes towards the weekend training, personal issued safety boots, SJA uniforms and administration costs such as CRB checks, ID cards.

New members do not cover the up-front fees but there is an expectation that the costs will be covered with one's continued volunteering with SJA. Member retention is thus key to sustainability.

The committee is organising more unit meetings and events to keep our members consistently engaged and by extension to continue contributing to the club.

We must increase our membership costs from £5 (since 2001) to £10 to match the increased expenditure that the committee organises.

This increase has been discussed and approved by both the committee and its members at the OGM in November 2012 for the next academic year.

New Events by 2012 Committee

1. Professional Actors in Training (Realistic Simulation)
2. Professional Moulage
3. 6 social events throughout 2012 / 2013
4. Weekly meetings re-designed for new members
 - a. 50% more attendance than 2011

For Decision

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