

## CUSU COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY FORM

### YEAR OBJECTIVES

Your objective areas and aims should broadly reflect the commitments made in your manifesto. Where they differ, it will be good to explain to Council why your aims have changed.

<b>Increasing the visibility of CUSU</b>	<i>Interaction with students</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gave talks to Freshers in over 20 colleges</li> <li>Increased CUSU presence on facebook, particularly via the Freshers Group</li> <li>Wrote several blogs, videos and a facebook live</li> </ul>
	<i>CUSU Lounge</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Made small scale improvements to the lounge to make it feel more welcoming e.g. adding plants and cushions</li> <li>Attended meetings of the newly formed shared resources- lounge subcommittee within CUSU</li> <li>Have pushed for improved signage to the building which is now being sourced</li> </ul>
	<i>CUSU Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have made changes to Council including changing the start time, changing the way sabbs provide updates such that they are no longer verbal, allowing press questions throughout council (though priority will go to voting members) and altering the timeline for paper submissions so that they can be discussed in advance by Council members to help it run more effectively.</li> <li>CUSU has begun an extensive democracy review over Summer which will continue into Michaelmas term. This could quite drastically reshape how democracy works at CUSU to make us more accountable</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked on the response to the Council Inquiry into CUSU Finances</li> </ul>
<b>College Inequality</b>	<i>Awareness of the issue</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collected data for 'The College Review' from all JCRs (and some MCRs) to produce a document which shows the inequality in provisions across colleges</li> <li>• Set up., and attended, monthly one-to-ones with Mark Wormald, the head of the Senior Tutor's Committee and attended a meeting with the Head of Intercollegiate services so that issues pertaining to college inequality can be addressed more quickly</li> </ul>
	<i>Cambridge Bursary scheme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended meetings around the new Student Support Initiative, helping to shape what looks like and ensuring that it has the best impact possible for students</li> </ul>
	<i>Rent</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised the issue of college rent with senior members of University staff, and gauged responses on how best to tackle the issue</li> <li>• Met with Cambridge 'Cut the Rent' to discuss how we can best work together</li> </ul>
<b>Other key areas of work</b>	<i>Drinking Societies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraged another 10 drinking societies to sign up to make a code of conduct- taking the total to 28</li> <li>• Liaised with Good Lad on how workshops could work and helped them with their work on their female workshops</li> <li>• Prepared for a discussion at Council about drinking societies</li> </ul>
	<i>Preparation for possible industrial action</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contingency planning with Education Officer</li> <li>• Lobbied the University to include student representation of their strike response task force</li> <li>• Met with UCU and GU to discuss how we can best work together during any future strikes</li> <li>• Met with senior University finance staff to discuss the pensions valuation to improve our understanding of the dispute</li> </ul>

## POLICY UPDATES

Here you should provide plans and updates for your work on CUSU policy

Policy	Updates
<i>Students not suspects (opposing Prevent)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met with Senior Pro Vice0Chancellor for education to discuss how Prevent would be implemented in the future</li><li>• Prepared for a meeting with the Home Office about Prevent</li></ul>
<i>Support student rent campaigns</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See above work on rent.</li></ul>
<i>Support the Living Wage Campaign</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met with the Cambridge Council to plan a campaign to encourage colleges to support Living Wage</li><li>• Supported ethical affairs I their creation of a campaign around Living Wage including strategizing about what that should involve.</li><li>• Organised Living Wage Training for student volunteers</li><li>• Raised the issue with Daniel Zeichner to gather external support for the campaign</li></ul>
<i>Increasing student's input into the CUSU budget</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brought the Council Inquiry into Council Finances tour Board of Trustees and drafted the response from the Board which include new ways for students to input into the budget including meetings during the planning stages and better communication with Council. More on this can be seen in the Trustee response to the Inquiry.</li></ul>