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Who?

The Oxford Hub is the **focal point** for charitable activity at Oxford University. Through regular events, a website, publicity around the university, and an office it helps students to build a better world.

It is a **one-stop shop** for any students, or outside organisations, who wish to find out more about charitable and social entrepreneurial activity at Oxford.

It is an entirely **student-led** initiative that promotes local and international volunteering; postgraduate and careers opportunities; and encourages the **exchange** of experience and ideas between its members.

It's Mission...

To **inform, inspire, connect,** and **support** students and our member charities to tackle the social and environmental challenges of today.

...and Vision

Oxford will have a flourishing student community of **socially aware** and **socially active** young people who make a **positive** difference, at home or abroad, during their time at university and in their future career.

Why?

Oxford University is highly **decentralised**. Previously there was **no focal point** for charitable activity: social action took place in isolated pockets. It was difficult to find like-minded potential collaborators.

Oxford's formal education system generally lacks scope for study about social issues; outside provision of this is also lacking. Students are therefore **under-educated** about development issues and **unaware** of the opportunities that are available for them to make a difference.

Charities within the university **struggle** to reach their potential, and are often **unsustainable** due to a lack of resources and useful guidance.

Initiatives inspiring students to make a positive difference are **lacking** in Oxford, compared with other world-class universities. Current student volunteering falls far short of the **17,000 strong** student body's potential.

What?

The Oxford Hub launched in October 2007, and within two terms has become one of the largest and most active student organisations at Oxford University, with over **2000 members**. Its work thus far includes:

Oxford Hub: Student Volunteers: Committee facilitating volunteering in the local community by signposting to external charities as well as running several independent projects.

Cocktails with a twist of Charity: Termly networking event held in partnership with the Oxford Union.

OxHub Series: Weekly high profile speaker events run in conjunction with student-run charities.

OxHub Week: Weekly email that provides a definitive rundown of all relevant charitable events.

OxHub News: Weekly Summary of the latest humanitarian news, posted online and sent to the mailing list.

International Development Course: Days of workshops and speaker events encouraging students to think critically about international development. Past speakers include the Director of Christian Aid.

World Aids Week: A coalition of charities that ran several events in the week leading up to World Aids Day.

