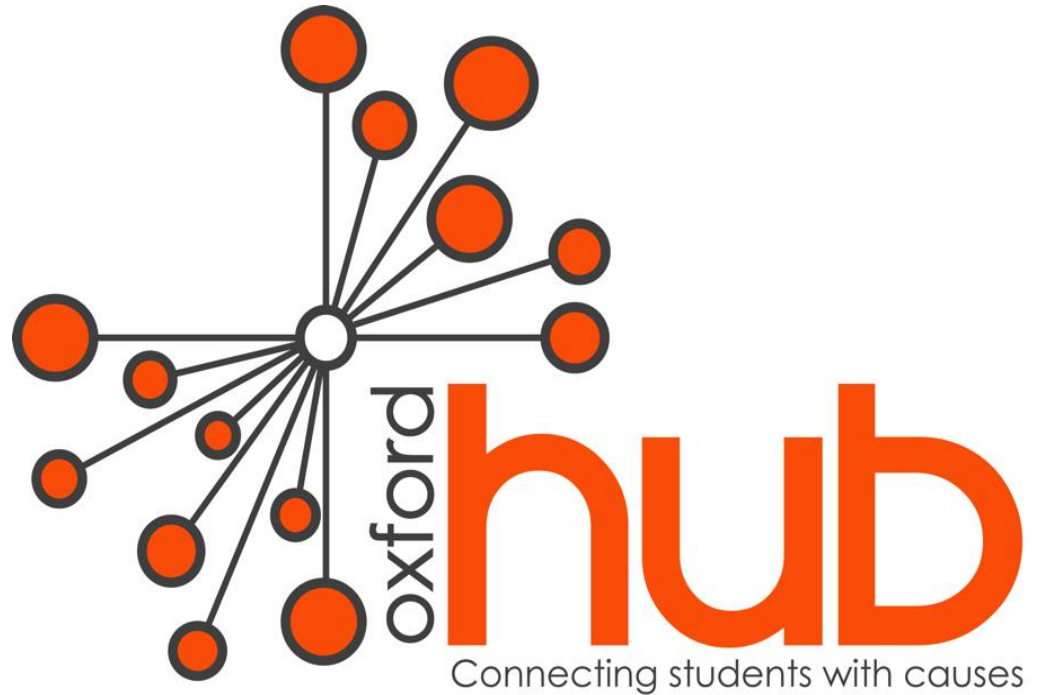


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The Oxford Hub is back for its second term, continuing to support Oxford various charities and help you make a difference with a cause that inspires you.

To get to know more about the good stuff, sign-up for our weekly emails on www.oxfordhub.org

Some highlights from this term:

+ The Oxford Hub Series is going from strength to strength, with an event in second week that looks at models of sustainable change from the charity, social entrepreneurship and private sectors. Come along to hear a panel including James Townsend, a trustee of TeachFirst, and William Stephens, Ethical Trading Co-ordinator for Tesco's food.

- + The Oxford Hub Hilary Event – ‘charity has a new flavour’ – 8pm at the Oxford Union on Tuesday 5th Week will be a great party and the perfect opportunity to meet others working for social good from around the university.
- + Following on from its success last year, our International Development Course will held again on Saturday 2nd Week. Sign up on www.oxfordhub.org/idc/hil08

As the poet Mary Oliver wrote: “Tell me. What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Get involved, meet inspiring people, have fun and change the world.

Have a great term!

Oxford Hub Executive Committee

The Oxford Hub Series

Wednesdays, 8pm, Magdalen Auditorium

Organised by Daniel Paget, Balliol and U8 President

The Oxford Hub Series is our flagship set of events. It is held in the Magdalen Auditorium and hosted by a different charity each week. Drinks and other refreshments are served afterwards.

1st Week	Pakistan Society	Panel: The Democratic Crisis
2nd Week	Oxford Hub	Panel: ‘Different Models of Sustainable Change’
3rd Week	AIESEC	Panel: Careers in Development Seminar
4th Week	Fairtrade Coalition	Speaker TBC
5th Week	Unicef Oxford	Speaker TBC
6th Week	Hands up for Darfur	Panel: Darfur ‘Question Time’ Debate
7th Week	Aegis	Talk: Holocaust survivor
8th Week	Oxford Hub and PPE Soc	"NGOs: The Changing Actors in International Relations?"

2ND WEEK - THE OXFORD HUB SERIES

WHAT DOES
COMPETITION
HAVE TO
DO WITH
SOCIAL
CHANGE?

“DIFFERENT MODELS OF SUSTAINABLE CHANGE”

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Speakers confirmed: James Townsend, Trustee - Teach First; William Stephens, Ethical Trading Co-ordinator for Food - Tesco; Stuart Thomason, Level 2 Development Manager - UnLtd*; Charlie O'Malley, Co-founder, Enso Ventures



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Free drinks sponsored by:



date	location	time	
WED. 2ND WK	MAGDALEN AUDITORIUM	8:00 PM	The Oxford Hub's Series runs every Wednesday evening during termtime and is a central platform for the Oxford Hub's member charities to host speaker events and debates.



'It was a very good idea to be more aware of the goals and impact of development work itself rather than just the problems it tries to address.'

(Frederick, IDC participant 2007)



International Development Course Oxford 26th January 2008 2-7pm, Wadham

With keynote address by Dr. Daleep Mukarji – Director, Christian Aid

Also featuring Médecins Sans Frontières and Save the Children

Tickets on sale now £6, BUY ONLINE at www.oxfordhub.org/idc/hil08

Tickets on a strictly first come first serve basis and following last year's success we expect them to sell out quickly. BUY NOW!

Looking for a career in International Development? Want an introduction to the concept, theory and practice of development issues? The IDC Oxford for Beginners provides a broad perspective on different issues facing the world today. A quick glance at the day's offerings:

- A workshop on Climate and Development – Climate Change Policy
- A lecture on Macroeconomic Theory brought to you by top Oxford Economists
- A workshop on Gender and Development in the developing world

- A presentation by Médecins Sans Frontières on Health and Development – working in crisis situations
- A workshop on Save the Children's role in International Development
- A quick look at recruitment and career opportunities through these speakers
- Access to all of Oxford's student charities and volunteering organisations – how to get involved
- The chance to meet more development-orientated people (and a light lunch!)
- And of course, an Introduction to International Development - the opening address by Dr. Daleep Mukarji

Social Enterprise: The Socially Conscious Way to Make Money

Over the past decade, a new form of enterprise has taken off in Britain – Social Enterprise. The phrase social enterprise is thrown around in the media and by a lot of people, but most people still have only the vaguest notion of what it is. So to fill you all in, the Oxford Hub presents this very short guide to SE for your digestion.

Ever though you would like to help the community, but didn't want to get stuck in a low paid charity job, lacking the hectic rush of real business life? Then Social Enterprise might be for you! Social Enterprise is a hybrid between business and charity. Like charity, it works for the good of the community, and like business it is self sustaining; it does not rely on donations. Companies can make profits, and pay its employees a good wage, but these profits are to be reinvested in "social goods". This can come in a wide variety of forms, but can range from investing in itself, if by its very business it is performing a social good, or it can fund community schemes or give the money to charity to do similar work. A great, and well known, example is "The Big Issue", which as we all know is the magazine sold by homeless people, both in Oxford and every other UK city. It makes money through selling to its "Vendors" and also through advertising; the profit goes to the organisation's charitable arm – The Big Issue Foundation, which helps homeless people find jobs, training, education, and provides advice on health, finance and housing.

There are around 55,000 Social Enterprises in the UK, making up around 5% of all businesses with employees. Social Enterprises generate around £8 billion a year for the nation's GDP, and have an annual turnover totalling to £27 billion. Some are very famous, such as aforementioned "The Big Issue", CafeDirect and Jamie Oliver's "Fifteen" restaurants. Others are much less well known, but nonetheless highly important in making a real social difference. A good example here is Continuous Entertainment Ltd, a local recording studio that assists local talent of any age, gender, race and musical background through the production process.

So how does the Oxford Hub fit into this? We at the Oxford Hub are not experts on the various aspects of Social Enterprise, nor do we pretend to be. What we are, however, is your contact point. We will be able to help you if you want to get involved in Social Enterprise. Keen on doing an internship in a Social Enterprise? We can help you find one, and put you in touch with the relevant people. Interested in working for an existing Social Enterprise? Oxford Hub can help you with this! Most excitingly of all, if you want to found your own Social Enterprise, Oxford Hub can help you with finding funding to get off the ground, with finding software suitable for start-up social enterprises, with some of the legal/tax issues, and with finding consultants to sit down and work with you in helping kick start your business and keep it going. The Oxford Hub is here as a utility for you as socially conscious students – feel free to use us!

Mark is Social Enterprise Coordinator for the Oxford Hub. To find out more, please contact him on socialenterprise@oxhub.org

OXFORD HUB SERIES

"Different models of sustainable change"

Panel: William Stephens, Ethical Trading Coordinator, Food, Tesco; Charlie O'Malley, Director, P3Capital

**8pm, Wednesday 2nd Week (23rd Jan),
Magdalen Auditorium**

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OXFORD HUB CAREERS

"Social Enterprise - a surprisingly smart career choice!" - Robert Ashton


8pm, Tuesday 7th Week (26th Feb), Venue: TBC

Social enterprise has come a long way since John Bird started the 'Big Issue' yet too often; it is seen as little more than charity playing at business. Robert Ashton is an author, activist and entrepreneur. He has created social enterprises and knows they provide unique opportunities to combine commerce and community.

Hear:

- Why social enterprise is tomorrow's business model
- What most people in authority don't know about social enterprise
- How you can make social enterprise your opportunity

Robert Ashton is a free thinker who does not pull his punches when a topic makes him angry. He says: 'social enterprise is an attitude, not an excuse for using public money for naff job creation schemes that make disadvantaged people even more disadvantaged!' Explore www.robertashton.co.uk and don't miss this challenging evening.

	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Su		Oxford Hub Film Night: Venue and Charity TBC		Oxford Hub Film Night: Venue and Charity TBC
M			- Talk: Oxford Entrepreneurs - John Bird - Talk: Aegis - "Darfur: Should it matter to Jewish people?"	Talk: Oxford Entrepreneurs - Sir Tom Hunter.
Tu	- Tuesdays on Poverty: They are digging a grave for me in Africa: HIV Here and There.	- Tuesdays on Poverty: One in Seven people went hungry today. What does God and the Church have to say?	- Tuesdays on Poverty: Hope for a great sea-change: an update	- Tuesdays on Poverty: Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
W	- Oxford Hub Series: Pakistan Soc - The Crisis - Oxford Development Abroad and Travelaid - Summer volunteering application deadline	- Oxford Hub Series: Different Models of Sustainable Change	- Oxford Hub Series: AIESEC - Careers in Development Seminar	- Oxford Hub Series: Fairtrade Coalition - TBC
Th			- Careers: SIMS Group (Recycling+Renewables) 6pm, Careers Service - Talk: Fairtrade Coalition Stan Thekaekara.	
F				- Careers: AIESEC - Work Abroad Programme. 12.30pm, Careers Service - Garden Room
Sa		Alternative Careers Fair. Exam Schools International Development Course		

For more information about these and many more events sign-up to our weekly e-mails on www.oxfordhub.org

5th Week	6th Week	7th Week	8th Week
	<p>Oxford Hub Film Night: Venue and Charity TBC</p>		<p>Oxford Hub Film Night: Venue and Charity TBC</p>
<p>- Oxford Hub Hilary Event - charity has a new flavour. Jazz, cocktails, photos. - Tuesdays on Poverty: Could we really end poverty?</p>	<p>- Tuesdays on Poverty: Can You Have A Fair Trade Life?</p>	<p>- Tuesdays on Poverty: Bridging Worlds - Talk: Robert Ashton on Social Enterprise. - Show: Aegis - 'One World'</p>	
<p>- Oxford Hub Series: Unicef Oxford - TBC</p>	<p>- Oxford Hub Series: Hands up for Darfur - Darfur 'Question Time' Debate</p>	<p>- Oxford Hub Series: Aegis - Holocaust survivor</p>	<p>- Oxford Hub Series: Oxford Hub and PPE Soc - "NGOs: The Changing Actors in International Relations?"</p>
	<p>-Careers: Social Policy. 5.15pm, Careers Service - Centenary Room</p>		
<p>- Talk and Film: Aegis - "A Century of Genocide." 7.30pm, Oriel College -</p>			
		<p>Start of Fairtrade Fortnight</p>	

Member Campaigns Do you want to be banking on genocide?

By Daniel Hemel, New, and Mark Darby, Lincoln

In November last year, an Investment Bank, UBS, underwrote Chinese oil firm PetroChina's Initial Public Offering (IPO), which notionally valued PetroChina at \$1 trillion dollars, the highest value for a company ever. What the UBS recruiters who were hosting events in Oxford didn't tell you is that, in this underwriting, they became complicit in genocide. Oil export revenue pays for the helicopters and guns that Sudan uses to slaughter its own civilians in Darfur. PetroChina/CNPC (its parent company, although the two are functionally the same company) is by far the largest exporter of oil from Sudan.

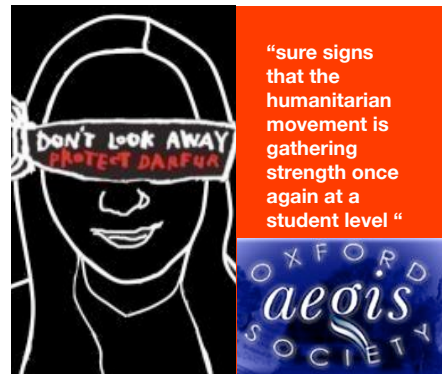
Many investors have said 'enough is enough' and decided to sever their ties with PetroChina. Eighteen U.S. states and more than 50 universities--including Harvard--refuse to hold PetroChina stock. Successful financiers have supported these efforts; the former head of Goldman Sachs was one of the members of the Harvard board that decided to divest from PetroChina. Top European firms are pulling out from Sudan as well. In April, Rolls Royce announced it would shut down its activities in the country. 'This is a responsible line to adopt in the current circumstances,' the company said.

Three Nobel Peace Prize winners asked UBS to take a responsible line as well. Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, landmine campaigner Jody Williams

and Northern Ireland peace activist Betty Williams wrote in a 22nd October letter to the Times that UBS should tell their Chinese client to 'halt its operations in Sudan or implement a rigorous corporate governance policy that would mitigate the impact of its operations on innocent civilians'. The laureates added that if PetroChina and its parent company did not agree to these terms, UBS should withdraw from the deal.

Oxford students have also fought against UBS' decision to ignore all the humanitarian concerns Darfur presents. A petition (www.ubspetition.org), started by genocide prevention organisation "Aegis Students" in Oxford, was created for students to pledge to refuse to apply for jobs or internships at UBS whilst they maintained their support for PetroChina. The petition has proved a great success in Oxford, with over 700 students signing. Students from as far a field as Toronto and Harvard Universities have also signed in good number. Articles in the Cherwell and Princeton's student newspaper have followed, as well as an article in the Harvard Crimson, in which the Editorial board of the paper endorses our campaign. These are sure signs that the humanitarian movement is gathering strength once again at a student level.

Further to this, a motion was unanimously passed through OUSU council in Michaelmas formally banning UBS from advertising in OUSU publications. This crucially includes the Oxford and Cambridge Careers Handbook, a publication UBS have spent £8500 advertising in over



the last two years. We are encouraging other Universities to follow suit.

Campaigns for companies and institutions to invest ethically have gathered pace over the preceding few years, and students have been, and continue to be, a leading cause in this. In Oxford, there has been a quiet, yet strong, movement for the University and its colleges to end investment in companies, including PetroChina, who are funding the atrocities that are taking place in Darfur today. Sudan Divestment Oxford and Aegis Students are working hard towards this goal; if you want to make your voice count too, get involved by contacting us at mark.darby@lincoln.ox.ac.uk. Join students everywhere in saying that you will not be complicit in the most horrific crime against humanity the world has ever known; genocide.

Daniel was a past Managing Editor of the Harvard Crimson and is studying for the MPhil in Politics and International Relations

Mark is Chair of Aegis Students National Executive, President of Oxford Aegis Society, and Social Enterprise Coordinator for the Oxford Hub.



Connecting Charities. Promoting Social Action
What better way to connect charities than to bring their committees together to enjoy an evening of live music and lip-smacking cocktails?

Arriving in Style Cocktails with a Twist

By Nitika Agarwal, Queen's

The Oxford Hub burst onto Oxford's charity scene with its launch event, "Cocktails with a Twist of Charity" at the Oxford Union in 2nd week. What better way to connect charities than to bring their committees together to enjoy an evening of live music and lip-smacking cocktails? The event was the first of its kind, bringing together over 20 Oxford charities outside of OUSU's Freshers' Fair. It was a great opportunity for the movers and shakers of Oxford's Charity sector to network,

making future collaboration between organisations more likely. Furthermore, it gave the 200- odd attendees a chance to find out about charity organisations and opportunities for involvement, amidst a lively ambience which characterised the evening. It is hard to say what was best about the evening; the diversity of charities represented, the wandering accordion player, the jazz pianist, the delicious cocktails, a national award winning bar-flaring demonstration...or the fact that all of this was for a 2 pound ticket! Thank you to all who attended and made the night so enjoyable.

Nitika is Queen's College charities rep.

World AIDS Week Raising money and awareness to continue the fight against HIV

By Alissa Caron

At the end of 8th week in Michaelmas, the University experienced the first annual Oxford World AIDS Week, a successful collaborative effort between the Oxford Student Stop AIDS Society, Oxford Global Health Group, People & Planet, Medsin Oxford, UNICEF, Amnesty International, U8, and Christian Aid, with generous support from the Oxford Hub.

On Tuesday night, we organized a debate at the Oxford Union about the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants (as in, all those without legal status) to HIV treatment in the UK. In 2004, the government changed its policy to exclude these groups from accessing free HIV treatment, even though they are still entitled to care for other STDs and health care services. In the UK, which prides itself on a National Health Service that provides essentially free medical care to everyone, it is inconsistent (and against public health principles) to make certain individuals - especially those who are least able to afford treatment - pay for HIV care. Three speakers from London - an HIV specialist from a large London hospital, someone from the Refugee Council (the UK's largest NGO that works with refugees), and another from an organization called the African HIV Policy Network which advocates for the rights of Africans living in the UK and has started a



“the UK should support developing countries who have taken their own initiative to produce generic, low-cost versions of drugs that are affordable for their own population”



campaign on this very issue - formed the panel. Working with them, we hope to launch an active lobbying campaign around this issue next term!

Wednesday night was our big benefit concert! The East Oxford Community Centre served as a comfortable host for the evening. We had a fair turnout, and all those who came enjoyed themselves. Each of the acts was unique and fabulous - from solo signers to a Bollywood dance group, to a 20-piece jazz band, the gumboots group, and a samba group that distributed earplugs before they started their set because they play so loudly!

On Thursday, we screened “Pills, Profits, Protest,” a documentary about global treatment activism and had an open discussion about it afterwards. Using the film as a jumping off point for reflection on what advocacy strategies have and have not worked in

the past, we debated what the “best” way forward is.

During the week, we encouraged people to sign action cards to send to the Prime Minister and Ministers of Parliament about the key national Stop AIDS Campaign issues: that the UK should distribute the funds (2.5 billion pounds) that it has already committed to spend on HIV/AIDS globally; that the UK should support developing countries who have taken their own initiative to produce generic, low-cost versions of drugs that are affordable for their own populations; and third that the government should do more to support health care system strengthening, without which better access to HIV treatment won't have a positive effect.

Alissa is a MSc candidate in Global Health Science and a former chair of Student Stop AIDS, Oxford.



New Office Moving in soon

In January we will be moving into an office within the Ethical Property Company's new Oxford development. This will allow us to offer a more readily accessible resource library and back office support, such as photocopying, scanning and printing. This building will house more than thirty charities and thus put us at the heart of Oxford's charitable community. As a result we will be very well placed to forge strong links between the student body and the local community.

Still Human, Still Here

Taking action for refugees



By Jenny Allsopp, Wadham

On the 18th of November, The Cellar bar was stormed by some of Oxford's most spirited human rights activists as STAR, (Student Action for Refugees), supported by Amnesty International, raised £300 for local charity, Asylum Welcome, with a bands night, Hear for the Human. The gig marked the launch of the Still Human Still Here campaign, raising awareness of the bitter plight of the many asylum seekers forced into abject poverty every year as a result of the failure of the government to provide them with subsistence and support.

A diverse line-up of local bands rocked the stage with their rousing rhythms to show their support for what is an extremely close and important cause. Aisha Mirza set the mood with her quirky acoustic guitar set, followed by some funk and folk from Boog and ou Phrontis, a three-part band who wowed the audience with their kaleidoscopic costumes and colourful electric cello accompaniment! Mister Ginger's Indie-Rock was a sure hit and London band Monda Cada shook the audience with a lively rock set before the legendary Dots Funk Odyssey concluded the night on a happy high with their characteristic flare.

Whilst some took to the dance floor and enjoyed the cheap drinks, in the corners others picked up leaflets, signed petitions and took advantage of the occasion to learn more about the complicated realm of refugee issues and get on board with the campaign. Fancy getting involved

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yourself? Want to find out more? Visit www.stillhuman.org, contact star@herald.ox.ac.uk, come along to a STAR meeting or event and get your sleeping bag ready to join hundreds of people from the local community, including fellow students, MPs and minor celebrities, for a sleep out on the 5th of March! Interested in taking a more active role volunteering with refugees in the local area? Why not offer a couple of hours a week to help coach a football team on Thursday evenings or help run a youth club on a Tuesday night? You could volunteer at the Asylum Welcome office in Cowley or help serve and chat to refugees at the Open Door community lunch on a Thursday. Asylum Welcome is especially looking for people with language skills who can help with interpreting or spare a couple of hours to visit refugees in the local Removal Centre at Campsfield. Contact www.asylum-welcome.org for more information.

Jenny studies French and Italian at Wadham and nags the STAR committee to get things done.

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Tuesdays on Poverty Authentic Action not Gripping Guilt

Magdalen College, St Swithuns 7:4

8:30-10pm, every Tuesday in Hilary 2008

Organised by Dr Sabina Alkire, Director - Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative

For the remainder of our lives most of us will be aware that the majority of the earth's people do not enjoy our standard of living. In Tuesdays on Poverty we hear how different people respond to global poverty effectively, yet stay (somewhat) sane. Each week will also have an **Action** (something concrete), a **Briefing** on a Millennium Development Goal (MDG), and a **Cameo** of one or more activities by other students and local groups. See www.oxfordhub.org/weeklyevents for more.

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