

Student Community Action

Bath Volunteer Group
Make a Difference, Make Someone's Day.

SCA NEWSLETTER

Kids christmas party

This is one of our three Christmas appeal projects! If you enjoy event organizing and love children, then this is probably your project! A kids Christmas party will be held on the Wednesday 7th of December at StPhilips after school club for children aged 5 to 9. It is mainly characterized by a lot of entertaining and fun activities, including guest societies workshops and performances, a visit from Santa, delicious food and delivering gifts for the children. But people, there is still a lot to be done! Fundraising- we need to fundraise some money to buy food and gifts for the children. The first cake sale is going to be next Thursday from 11am to 2pm! We desperately need help from those of you who can cook and bake! Even if it is just a few muffins, or a small brownie! Anything would be extremely helpful! If you are up for this, just make sure you drop anything you make to Karen at the Volunteering Centre before 11am! There is going to be a few of these, so we will keep you updated! If you are free on the actual day of the party and enjoy dressing up, then volunteer to be a Santa or a Snowman!

We are also in need of Societies such as cheerleading, gravity vomit, bodysoc and so on that would be willing to perform at the party and maybe prepare a small workshop for the children! We are also currently looking for those of you who enjoy wondering around town! We need to do shop research and ask for gift and sweets donations from shops in town. If you are free a couple of hours any day to do this, please contact the project leader, her email is: cd334@bath.ac.uk

Welcome to the third SCA Newsletter of this academic year! In this Newsletter you will find...

- ✂ Our Christmas appeal projects and how you can help
- ✂ How Oxfam Campaigns Group are doing and how you can get involved!
- ✂ SOCIAL!!!
- ✂ New School Helpers Scheme
- ✂ Extra Section on Occupy Bath
- ✂ Age UK in need of volunteers!
- ✂ Reminder of our Projects

Old Persons Tea Party.- The OPTP is a brand new volunteering opportunity this year with the SCA. The hint is pretty much in the title, a week or so before the christmas break we will be holding a teac party for some of the elderly people in the Bath area. It will involve food, dancing and performances from different societies to really get everyone in the festive spirit. This is especially helpful for the elderly people for whom christmas can sometimes be a very lonely time of year, and by us merely showing them a good time for a few hours and really make someones christmas.

Shoebox Appeal- Help collect shoeboxes full of gifts for children that would otherwise have none! The first meeting will be on Monday at 13.15 in 8W2.13 . Anyone is welcome to come along to find out more or sign up to help!!! Additionally there is a facebook group (which is linked to the SCA page) about the appeal.

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[www.facebook.com/
groups/160421874053817/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/160421874053817/)





Oxfam raises awareness of the broken food system! You can contribute too!

The Oxfam Campaigns Group in Bath is a campaigning group for Oxfam UK. Currently Oxfam's biggest project is 'Grow' (Growing a better future: Food injustice in a resource-constrained world) which focuses on alleviating the negative impacts of global warming, distribution inequality and injustice on people living in poverty.

Oxfam believes by making changes to the system we could stop a food crisis that is otherwise sure to come. If you want to find out more please go to www.oxfam.org/grow.

At Bath we will participate in many of the big things Oxfam organises by either replicating them in Bath or joining with other Oxfam groups to campaign together.



On the 4th of November we had our first action this year, we successfully 'Landgrabbed' the Parade area in front of the library. The purpose of this was to raise awareness of the fact that currently 22000 farmers are being kicked off their land (it is being 'landgrabbed') by a British company. We asked people to join in the campaign against this injustice by signing a petition to the chairman of the country, asking him to make the companies work in Uganda more ethically and fairly. It was great and there is yet to come a lot more actions going on at the University!!

Another way to make a small contribution is looking for christmas presents at your local Oxfam store or the Oxfam online store, they have tons of great ethical gifts!!

If anyone is interested in joining please email Sofie at sdf23@bath.ac.uk

SCA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2011 TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER THE HUNTSMAN, 7PM

Enough of our projects now...with Christmas fast approaching we do not only have a lot of events and projects you can contribute to but also...the Christmas SCA Social, which is a MUST! Don't make any plans for the 29th of November, as we'll be heading the huntsman at 7pm for a fantastic three course meal in wonderful company! SCA volunteers, projects leaders, the committee and the general public are all welcome! This is the perfect occasion to say goodbye to your group of volunteers before the Christmas break and get to meet other volunteers in other projects, exchange ideas and views and find out more about the experiences of volunteering in other schemes. Meet the committee, share ideas and enrich SCA! The same goes for all those of you who are not



members! Come over to our Christmas meal with friends and find out about experiences of volunteering with SCA, meet new people and find out about the upcoming schemes and events in semester 2! If you do want to join us you are more than welcome, but those of you who wish to attend you would have to pay a deposit of 5 pounds to Karen by Friday the 11th of November. Hurry up!!



SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!

The Volunteer Centre are looking to recruit a bank of volunteer school helpers and tour guides. The role involves giving about an hour of your time to lead tours round the campus and to talk to pupils about your

life as a student. You will be acting as role models in order to promote university life to young people who may be thinking of going to university in the future. These tours and talks will take place about twice per month but you are only needed to commit to one of these if that's all the time you can give!

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Please email Anna on A.Boneham@bath.ac.uk if you would like more information and a role description.

Training will be provided

And today as an 'extra' section...Occupy Bath! It is important to note that this is nothing to do with SCA, but I thought it would be interesting to include it as some of you might be interested to know more about it. Regardless of how much you know, here's a brief summary! The Occupy Bath is just one of the 2100 cities around the world participating in a global, democratic movement which is attempting to enclose the feelings and concerns of the 99%. It does not claim to represent any particular economic or political views, but the concerns of the majority of the population in this situation of economic austerity and political corruption. Different occupy movements have different ideas and ways of approaching their campaign and different tactics. Occupy Bath camp is located at Queens Square. Meetings are around 8 almost every evening, where security issues, ways of promoting the movement and other topics are discussed. Feel free to pop over at any time of the day or evening.

It is a movement particularly concerned with continuous discussion and sharing of ideas. A few lecturers have already popped over to talk about subjects such as War and Capitalism, encouraging debates and discussion; in addition, there is an information tent where you can enjoy reading variety of books, have a tea or fruit. Meetings are around 8 almost every evening, where security issues, ways of promoting the movement and other topics are discussed. Feel free to pop over at any time of the day or evening.



For pictures, updates, and the full manifesto please visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=152310054865217>

Please not that this is an extra, informative section, and that the Occupy movement has nothing to do with SCA



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STREET COLLECTION!

And moving towards the end of the newsletter, some help needed!! If you are free anytime between 9am to 11pm on Thursday 17th of November, and you could spare any amount of time to help the Age UK street collection we would be extremely thankful! Remember it is as little or as much time as you can commit, even if it is just for half an hour! Those of you willing to do so please contact Kat, her email is: .kb284@bath.ac.uk

A reminder of our Projects and our project meetings...

It is not late to join a new project, find more about it, and maybe contribute in any way and as little or as much as you can! For those of you who still want to do more, or would simply like to find out more about them here you have a list of projects meetings that you might want to attend...



- **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**
on Monday 14th at 1.15 in 8W 2.13
- **Oxfam Campaigns** - Thursday 17th and 24th, both at 12.15pm in 8W 2.13
- **Kids Christmas party**
Contact Carol for next Meeting, email: cd334



Hope you have enjoyed this week's newsletter! We wish you a nice weekend and a lovely last month of uni before the Christmas break!!