

# Imperial College Union Media Group

## **Report: Autumn 2012**

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## **Media Group**

Media Group has had a good term – with memberships of our Societies, for the most part, at the same level as at the same time last year. The major concern of the Media Group this year has been the Beit West Basement Redevelopment. We have had a number of productive meetings with both Union staff and Sabbaticals to help come up with a plan that would maintain, or even improve, the functionality that the current West Basement offers. These discussions are still ongoing.

The Media Exec had no income or expenditure during the last term. Two management Group meetings were held during the term. The majority of our Societies have provided individual reports – listed below.

## **PhotoSoc**

Up until 8th December 2013 PhotoSoc has 106 members and 6 associate members,

Service for members:

- We have been organising photowalks every Weekend throughout the whole term.
- We have Wednesday Lunchtime tutorial every week also
- Darkroom is running smoothly throughout the term, providing sufficient chemicals and photographic paper for darkroom members.
- We have darkroom tutorials every lunchtime for the first 3 weeks of term, covering B&W developing, C41 developing and B&W printing, and will repeat every term

- Accepted large amount of requests from the college and other societies for photography service in their events
- Have been lending out equipment for events and members use
- Also supporting on equipment for Felix's centre fold

#### Special events:

- London Photohunt 2013 organised by NUPS (National University Photographic Society), joint event with at least 27 PhotoSoc from all over the UK took part
- Studio Portrait workshop
- Disposable Camera Challenge
- Working on our Annual Exhibition in March, with volunteered members

#### Finance:

- We have so far spent 542.91pounds, mainly on darkroom consumables
- Also there is around 500 pounds of unclaimed expenditure on darkroom supplies, and PhotoSoc events subsidise
- Membership income is around 900 pounds

## Magazine

Magazine Society has enjoyed another successful start to the year. The Society's statement of service is being fulfilled and the Society is excited going into next term.

The Society's statement of service includes facilitating the publishing of *A Global Village*, Imperial's journal on International Affairs. This means representing the journal within the Union, organising editorial training for interested students, and providing relevant services to the journal that the Media Group provides.

Success has been highlighted by *A Global Village's* winter issue going to print on time, the result being it was ready for students and faculty across Imperial's campuses at the beginning of term. The Society will repeat this success in the spring term; *A Global Village's* January issue is going to print over the holidays to ensure it is ready for distribution in January.

Financially, the Society will have used its entire Union grant by January to fund January printing. This means the Society will have to rely on SGI in the form of sponsorship and partnerships to fund *A Global Village's* summer issue.

As such, plans are being drawn up currently to secure sponsorship for this summer. In addition to working on this, the Society is addressing two other immediate points. First, completing our membership target of 30 to unlock our Union grant. This should not be a

problem – the Society had 52 members last year. We are in the process of more formally informing students that membership is now available to obtain. Second, ensuring all records are up-to-date in eActivities. This means completing the new pending forms and ensuring there are no “Naughty Officers” who have not yet bought membership.

## **IC Radio**

IC Radio's statement of service is to provide the facilities and training for members to produce radio shows and live music and to promote a community around the station involving links to other stations through the Student Radio Association. This has been a busy term for us, we supported the alt-mingle in freshers week and participated in the Give It A Go scheme. We now have 69 full members and 5 associates who are all make active contributions towards our busy schedule. We've also run some live sessions and some collaborations with STOIC and MusicTech. Next term we look to increase our live music output by running a sound engineering course, unfortunately this has been delayed by broken equipment this term. We also want to work on more 'one off' shows that are unique and interesting to both work on and listen to.

Financially we are in a good position. We expect to spend the remainder of our grant early next term on our licenses and use our SGI to continue to fund training and small equipment purchases and maintenance. We also hope to be able to subsidize the student radio conference trip.

We've been working with union management on the future of the west basement, this is an exciting time for the future of the station.

## **Felix**

This has been a good term for *Felix* – with the paper continuing to be printed as normal and enjoying large popularity among the student body. This year a new system has been implemented where the paper's finances are handled primarily by the central Union – allowing the Editor to focus on editorial matters.