



Durham University Laidlaw Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee

On

Monday 30th September 2019

With

Evan Griffiths, President, in the Chair

And

James Harrison, Secretary, recording

Present:

Evan Griffiths, President

James Harrison, Secretary

Péter Vojnits, Events Manager

Lauren Powdrell, Social Secretary

1. Training events
 - a. The idea of producing training events organised by the Society was provisionally floated, to include food and outside speakers during evening sessions.
 - b. John Oliver, an independent trainer who works with the university on topics including sexual consent, was suggested as the first guest.
 - c. The event is to focus primarily on interactive training, with participants involved in the training process itself.
2. Saturday event
 - a. The suggestion was made that the Society should hold a 'TED-style' event through the day on a Saturday.
 - b. The event would consist of four 1½-hour slots, with varied speakers contributing from both inside and outside the student body.
 - c. The event would be promoted widely across the entire university, and might involve an element of cooperation with the TEDxDurham University team.
3. Change in Laidlaw Foundation branding
 - a. It was pointed out that changes in the Laidlaw Foundation's corporate branding mean that the Society will be unable to use its usual promotional materials at the upcoming freshers' fair.
4. Further business
 - a. A series of jobs for upcoming engagements involving the Society were allocated to members of the executive committee:
 - i. Arranging prior check-in at the accommodation for the upcoming Laidlaw Conference at University College London
 - ii. Providing a sign-up sheet for freshers to express interest in the Laidlaw Scholars programme at the upcoming freshers' fair
 - iii. Providing hand-out cards containing web addresses relevant to the Laidlaw Scholars programme, to be given out at the freshers' fair