

## Committee Nominations 2017

The below are the nominations for the OUSoc Bristol and Bath committee 2017, which will be elected at the AGM on Thursday 17 November 2016. The elected committee will stand until the next AGM at which point committee members will be eligible to stand for re-election.



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**Name** Gemma Pouncy **College** Magdalen  
**Position applied for** Chair / General Committee Member

*I relaunched the branch in late 2015, following the realisation that there must be plenty of alumni living locally, but the majority of events were held in London. Since then, we have held several events and over 300 individuals have opted into the mailings. 2017 is set to see continued growth and new events, and I am excited about the prospect of establishing an active group in the South West. I am keen to develop a schools outreach programme, to encourage young people to view Oxford as an achievable goal, rather than a staid institution which 'isn't for them'.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Richard Barnfield **College** St Edmund Hall  
**Position applied for** Chair / General Committee Member

*Previous Member of Senate City University, National Council for Academic Awards. Member / Chair various Companies in Financial, Health and Training / Enterprise Sector. Current active Reader Bodleian, Oxford Society and Vincents Member. Actively involved in Mentoring, Management Development and motivational speaking.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** No

**Name** Christophe Fricker **College** St John's  
**Position applied for** Secretary / General Committee Member

*Our branch can offer events that combine the smart and sociable sides of the person we aspire to be. I'd love to help out, building on initial work in organising the referendum debate and mock interviews for school kids; I can imagine hosting events on current and community affairs, with a view on sustainability issues, which ranked high in the members' survey we carried out earlier this year. I am a managing partner at Nimirium, so working on intercultural issues and generally being organised are part of my daily bread. I love Oxford, I love Bristol, Bath, and Somerset, and I'd love to be part of the new committee.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Derek Hawkins **College** St Edmund Hall

**Position applied for** Treasurer

*Experience as a Treasurer, Finance Director of a number of major companies. Treasurer of two local voluntary organisations.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Alex Zhurakovskiy **College** St Cross

**Position applied for** Web Officer

*I have been on the acting committee since the restart of OUS Bristol & Bath, created the current OUSBB website ([www.oxford-bristolbath.org](http://www.oxford-bristolbath.org)), and actively participated in social activities. Between 2010 - 2014, I served as IT-Officer, Secretary and President of the OU Ukrainian Society.*

*My aim is to create a website that would serve as a benchmark to other alumni societies. Also, as a recent graduate, I want to help OUSBB be interesting and useful to the younger alumni generation.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Claire Hall **College** St Anne's

**Position applied for** General Committee Member

*I organised this year's Freshers' Event which was a success. I am interested in starting a book club or topical discussion group.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Bianca Ambrose-Oji **College** Wolfson

**Position applied for** General Committee Member

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Nicolette Boater **College** Brasenose

**Position applied for** General Committee Member

*Thrilled to discover that I was not alone in wanting a more local professional, social and intellectual connection with the university that has been a major influence on the person I now am, and realising the unmet potential to do this in the South West, I joined this committee in Spring 2016. I'm now looking forward to contributing more substantially in 2017, and am currently exploring the possibility of our branch hosting a careers workshop, bringing together local alumni employer expertise, attracting those alumni seeking to develop their career in this region, and drawing on the expertise of the OU Careers Service. I'm also interested in working with other committee members to develop further current and community affairs events, particularly around sustainability issues.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Eric Albone **College** Brasenose

**Position applied for** General Committee Member

*Particular interest in outreach.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** George Rowell **College** Magdalen

**Position applied for** General Committee Member

*I have experience of serving on various committees over the years, including OU History Society. I have a particular interest in wine tasting and golf.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** Yes

**Name** Lizzie Cunningham **College** Somerville

**Position applied for** General Committee Member

*I am passionate about the potential that OUSoc has to reach out to the local community and share its collective expertise. This year I hosted the EU Referendum debate at my place of work, The Royal High School, Bath, which I co-organised with Gemma Pouncy, Christophe Fricker and Tony Coll. It was an extraordinary occasion where multiple generations combined to share ideas and discuss an issue central to the very core of our society. I would relish being involved in the organisation of further outreach events and in building the network that has been established over the last year.*

**Member of 2016 Committee?** No