OUDS meeting minutes 27/5/24

Present:

In person: SW, LF, CH, HK, CT

Online: CN, EB, MN, CN, LA, SB

Not present: AR, ILever, ILyh

**BAME round table**

SW to seek room in BNC 7pm-9pm – MN to find backup room in Mansfield. Others on committee to look into other rooms

To be posted as Insta grid post which can then be shared on other platforms

**Freshers events**

Look at Freshers event at next committee meeting (room bookings, deadlines, etc)

Freshers Fair (likely Weds/Thurs 0th week MT) – all committee members to work shifts, exec members (LF, LA, CN, CH) to be as available as possible

**Port Meadow Social**

Port meadow social Sunday of 7th week (2 June), 15:00-17:00 – OUFF to join the event in lieu of OUDS x OUFF event at Isis Farmhouse

**Bank account access**

CN and LF to look into bank access this weekend via visit to branch

Payments outstanding: LF for tickets to charity night, SW for Pimms at New Writing Festival

In between bank being resolved and now, LF to use Peach Prods company bank account

**Website updates**

LF contacted CamDram – they responded saying code is out of date and it will be extremely difficult to get it off the ground

Action – to convene a group of volunteers associated with computing/coding in order to revamp OUDS website. LF and SB to follow up

SB to investigate website-building programmes which may be feasible

EB to post link in committee to website she has worked on (via Wordpress)

**Inclusivity and access – next steps**

LF updated team on meetings in previous week since post about access and representation went live – meeting occurred between LF, CH, EB, HK, ILyh

EB updated committee on idea of open auditions – allows for more transparency and allows access opportunities to demystify rehearsal process

SW offered feedback that open rehearsals have been constructive in the past

CH raised idea of integration of open rehearsal ideas into Freshers access ideas – launch in MT

HK to raise feedback from BAME roundtable regarding above issues

CN spoke about continuation of effecting change – the issues raised were not new and changes have been made in the past to try and minimise them (which need updating as new concerns arise)

EB – raised importance of OUDS as a fun community for everyone – low-stakes involvement for those who want to enjoy themselves just as important as those using OUDS to launch professional careers

 LF – increased promotion of audition guidelines, welfare manifesto, etc – will allow for culture change and development at the ground level. Importance of doing so for freshers

CH – to bring revised welfare manifesto and audition guidelines to committee in 8th week meeting – will share current versions via committee chat so committee can provide ideas and feedback

Note – if anyone has anything to say on this topic they did not share in today’s meeting, please contact LF

**AOB**

**Schools outreach**

EB – schools outreach project; difficulty in comms

CN – may be an email from the group in Treasurer email – will look and send to EB if so

**Newsletter**

SB raised newsletter – items to be sent to LA for next week

**Shoutout to New Writing team for events this term!!**