

ZSÓFI BELOVAI & IVÁN MERKER MANIFESTO



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President



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After being the Events Officer of CUHS and the International Representative of the Queens' College JCR Committee during the academic year of 2017/18, I would like to challenge myself to another level of society management as the President of the Hungarian Society. I have found a welcoming and inclusive community here, and thus I feel determined to continue participating in the development of the society. As president, I am planning to encourage the future generations of talented Hungarian students to apply to Cambridge through the advancement of our access programme, and to continue improving what I have started as an outgoing officer by organising a range of events from which no society member feels excluded.

I have been the Access Officer of the Hungarian Society since last year. During this year, I had the privilege to meet with prospective Cambridge students and learn about their concerns. However, I also saw that there are obstacles of furthering our access effort. As Vice President, I would pledge to overcome these obstacles. I would also help to make the Society more transparent and accessible to all Hungarian students. The events of the Society helped me meet the other Hungarian students of Cambridge, many of them I am privileged to call friends. As Vice President, I would fight to make Cambridge accessible to more prospective students and the Hungarian Society more attractive to all of us here.

Our Aim

After both of us were on the CUHS Committee of 2017/18 we would like to continue the development of the Society as President and Vice President. As outgoing Events Officer and Access Officer, we have unique outlook over the two main aims of the Society, i.e. organising events and reaching out to prospective students, as well as seeing how the Society is run. However, based on our experience, we also recognize how these fields can be improved. We believe that the Society is like a family for many of us, and while the outgoing Committee ensured that this remained so, we aim to maintain and even improve the Society to serve the needs of the Cambridge Hungarian community even better.

OUR PLAN

Events

More diverse range of events

- More events targeted at graduate students
- Continue the organisation of the student seminar series
- Continue the organisation of the Getaway Days
- More events not involving alcohol (e.g. tea & biscuit afternoon, potluck dinner, film nights)

Set up a feedback system for the events

Access

Start building up a comprehensive access programme for students with disadvantage backgrounds

- Broaden the range of schools currently involved in our access outreach
- Seek out scholarship donors and opportunities in Hungary and in the UK

Reorganise the shadowing and mentoring programme

- More efforts towards their advertisement
- Shadowing weekend in Michaelmas
- Create a guide for the mentors and the shadowed students

Joint access programme with other Hungarian Societies of UK universities

- Organise and execute an access roadshow throughout Hungary

Society Development

A more organised handover

- Create handover documents and have a handover committee meeting for a more efficient start for the new committee

Create a new role of a graduate representative

- To help in making the society more inclusive for graduate students

An extra committee meeting per term

- In addition to the ones at the beginning and the end of the term a mid-term meeting to reflect on issues so far and revisit plans for the remaining weeks

Finance

Financial transparency

- A clear system of informing the members about our financial status
- Confirmation system on individual payments for event tickets