

Presidential Manifesto for Caitlin Ellis and Caroline Purse

We both think that Ben and Shelby have done a great job of promoting the ASNC Society and would like to carry on their good work. However, we would also like to introduce a few ideas of our own! Here are some of the changes we would make if we were to be voted in as presidents:

Revised role of catering officer

Linda has been amazing as catering officer, but having spoken to her there are some areas of this position which we feel need revising:

- We propose to make this position one which is shared between a group of two or three people so that the standard can remain high without it being too much work for one person
- We suggest that this group has someone who is in charge of the logistics (putting plates on the table, organising people to volunteer with the washing up etc) and someone who is in charge of the cooking
- We would also encourage these people to organise a rota if needs be so that more people have the chance to get involved

Social Events

- More efficient means of letting people know events in advance and better publicity
- A more varied range of events (pub quizzes, film or theatre trips, cross-year formals as well as club trips) arranged with a more even spread throughout the year
- We would like to organise a freshers' facebook group closer to the beginning of the year so that all of the first-years have the opportunity to ask work-related questions or organise social events to get to know each other. We would encourage the first-year rep to try and take an active role in this.
- If there is not enough interest for the position of film secretary, then we would consider amalgamating this role with social secretary
- We would like to carry on the tradition of committee formals

Graduate relations

- Some grads haven't been receiving emails, so we would check the mailing list to try and remedy this
- We want to increase graduate participation in social events. Having spoken to the grads, they expressed a wish to get more involved in the social side of the society, so we will encourage this by our greater range of events, and the grad rep will have an important role in encouraging the grads to attend.
- We would like to encourage more undergrads to come to the grad pub after research seminars to socialise with the grads.

ASNC Pub

- We would like to keep ASNC pub at the Castle as previous suggestions for change have proven circular and it seems best to keep it here. However, we would like to have a different venue perhaps once a term for a little bit of variety (eg. The Red Bull with grads)

Access

- We would like our new access officer to revise and update the guide created last year for the new intake of freshers
- We would like to review the usefulness of our stall at the freshers' fair and see whether it would be worth undertaking this again

Potential ASNC trip

- We are considering the possibility of either a trip just before/after term for asnacs, according to interest
- We might, however, try and arrange several smaller local trips across the year, if this suits people better.

And finally, why choose us?

- Caroline has been on the society committee for a year and has had experience of responsibility by organising the Black Tie Dinner in her capacity as Vice-President
- Caitlin is a dedicated asnac who participates in all social aspects of the department, and who can bring a new perspective to the committee
- We are both organised, friendly and committed to ASNC, as well as being approachable and on good relations with the department as a whole.