

Oxford University Exploration Club Michaelmas 2023 Week 0



Freshers' Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited our stall at Freshers' Fair this week. We are delighted to add over 300 new emails to our mailing list. Welcome to those receiving their first OUEC newsletter!



Events

This Michaelmas we will be holding weekly events on Tuesdays at 19:30, at The Queen's College, unless otherwise stated. Please check our social media accounts for any changes (details at the end of this email). Meet at the main entrance on the High Street (<https://what3words.com/fuels.field.aims>).

Join us at the pub after our events!

Note that events are free for members, and £5 for non-members (unless otherwise stated).



Termcard

Week 1 - Tue 10 Oct 2023, 19.30h, FREE
Expedition Planning: Part I
Shane Winsor (Royal Geographical Society) & Carla Fuentes López
Ever wanted to plan your own expedition from scratch, with your own destination and a novel purpose? This event introduces the way in which students can and have used the OUEC in order to do just that!
We talk you through the process of formulating an initial idea, and the steps you then need to take to get this idea off the ground - including details on how to apply to grant programmes such as support through the Oxford University Expeditions Council.

Week 2 - Tue 17 Oct 2023
Museum of Natural History, BOOKING REQUIRED
Doug Scott Memorial Lecture
Leo Houlding
Leo Houlding, one of Britain's top climbers, gives an illustrated lecture on his epic adventures in the mountains over the last 25 years.
Leo is among the best climbers in the world, and is still pushing the limits of adventure exploration in the remotest and wildest places on earth. He is also a Patron of Community Action Nepal (CAN) founded by his childhood hero, the late Doug Scott. Leo will talk about his friendship with Doug and the impact he had on him.
Tickets cost £20. All proceeds will be donated to Community Action Nepal.

Week 3 - 24 Oct 2023, FREE
Expedition Planning: Part II
OUEC Committee
From the Club's first expedition to Greenland in 1927 to its latest that charted the Amu Darya River through Uzbekistan, OUEC members have produced reports from their expeditions.
In this hands-on event, you will have rare access to the OUEC archives that contain these reports. If you need inspiration for your own expedition proposal, this is the event for you!

Week 4 - 31 Oct 2023, 19.00h
Ethical Biodiscovery
Marlon Clark (Basecamp Research)
In this talk, Marlon introduces Basecamp Research, which builds partnerships around the world that combine sampling expeditions, technology development and transfer, data sharing, capacity enhancement, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from biotechnology products developed from this data. They are currently building the largest, most sophisticated, entirely ethically sampled graph database of natural biodiversity in existence!

Week 5 - 7 Nov 2023
Expedition Review: Space Analogue Mission
Mike Murphy
Join us as Michael discusses his fieldwork studying how simulated journeys through space change astronaut identities. Working with Space Health Research and Ethno-ISS, Michael conducted a first-of-its-kind ethnography of analogue space missions.

Week 6 - 14 Nov 2023
Expedition Review: Cyclops Mountains
James Kempton
1961: a Dutch botanist discovers a bizarre new animal in the Cyclops Mountains of New Guinea. The mammal lays eggs and looks like a cross between anteater, mole, and hedgehog. Attenborough's long-beaked echidna is not seen by scientists again. 2023: James leads an international coalition of scientists to rediscover it. His talk will chart Expedition Cyclops from inception to end.

Michaelmas Term 2023
Shulman Auditorium, Queen's College
Please refer to our social media channels for updates.

EXPLORE SYMPOSIUM 4-5 NOVEMBER 2023
Join the OUEC delegation attending EXPLORE!
*Tickets will be significantly reduced for OUEC Life Members

All events are open to the public and tickets can be purchased before the event.
Sign up to our mailing list here.
OUEC Membership entitles you to free entry to all the talks and workshops throughout the year.
Become a member here:



Membership

Benefits of OUEC membership include:

- Free access to all our weekly talks & workshops
- Ability to apply for Expeditions Council funding
- Subsidised OUEC stash (fleeces, jackets and hats)
- Subsidised tickets to expedition related events across the country (e.g. RGS Explore)
- Access to a range of expedition planning resources and documents
- Access to a network of explorers and Oxford alumni
- Weekly opportunities to meet different explorers who come to speak for the Club
- An opportunity to be part of one of Oxford's oldest clubs with a long history of exploring the globe

Our current prices are:

Term - £10

Year - £20

Life - £35

Find out more and register here: <https://www.uec.co.uk/membership>. Payment can be completed in-person at an event (cash or card), or via bank transfer.



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Book here: <https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/doug-scott-memorial-lecture>



RGS Explore

Royal Geographical Society, London

The Club will bring a delegation to the RGS Explore Symposium (held on 4-5 November) in Kensington, London. Discounted tickets are available for OUEC Life members. Club tickets and prices will be released on 10 October; note that the deadline to purchase a ticket is 16 October. Find out more about the symposium here: <https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/rgs-explore-festival/explore-symposium/>



OUEC Platforms

Finally, please find all of our social media platforms and website below. Here you can find all of our up to date information.

[OUEC Linktree](#)



I look forward to seeing many of you at this term's events!

Matthew Buckley
Chairman of the OUEC

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