Imagine being able to contribute meaningfully to debates about the world’s most pressing problems; being able to use your expertise, skills and knowledge to help governments and industry meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
The Societies Issue

“Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second issue of GLOBUS. As the purpose of GLOBUS is to provide a platform for fair and objective discussions about local and global issues, we came up with the idea to invite Societies, which are full of independent thinkers with a passion for change and the aim to make the world better, to contribute to this issue.

During my three years here at Warwick I found myself involved in numerous societies—it was a decision that not only brought me joy, but also enhanced my skills!

There are over 250 societies at the Warwick Students’ Union, and the number keeps on growing each year. We hand-picked the societies we believe GSD students are bound to be interested in—but if you’re looking for something a little different, head to warwick-su.com and check out the full list. Finally, the greatest thing about the Warwick SU is the ability to start up your own societies if you can’t find one that encompasses your interests!”

Ande Milinyte, Editor of Globus and Marketing (Social Media) Intern
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AIESEC Warwick

AIESEC is the largest youth-led organisation that envisions 'peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential'. We believe young people are the leaders of tomorrow and thus have a responsibility to take a positive role shaping the future of our planet. We believe every young person deserves the chance and tools to fulfil their potential by providing practical cross-culture exchange experiences to them.

AIESEC was founded after the Second World War (1948) by a group of young people from Europe (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden), as they believed that cross-culture understanding was essential to prevent similar conflicts happening again. We are currently operating in 126 countries and territories and since we were founded, we have engaged and developed over 1,000,000 young people who have been through an AIESEC experience.

AIESEC at the University of Warwick was founded in 1982 as a direct result of the International Congress of that year being held in nearby Coventry. The history of the society from then until the 1990s is to a great extent unknown.

AIESEC’s belief is that responsible and entrepreneurial leadership can help us solve many of today’s challenges. We believe that leaders not only have the capabilities to create impact, but also to instill values that will guide their ethics and decision-making. We believe in changing the world not only from the outside, but also from the inside through the leaders we develop.

AIESEC aims to develop leadership potential in all young people by sending them onto exchange experiences, i.e. volunteer projects and internship in 126 countries and territories. Students who want to develop their leadership, learn about international mind-
sets, engage in cross-culture experiences, self-development and make a positive impact to the world might want to join us.

In September 2015, AIESEC set up a strategic partnership with the United Nations to promote the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to build a better world by 2030. Youth For Global Goals is an initiative for young people to have a positive impact in society by taking simple, daily actions. These actions start by voicing our dreams and letting decision-makers see the world we want. By joining this youth movement, young people engage in purposeful and cross-cultural projects around the globe that are designed to impact and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. Not only could they develop themselves through these challenging projects, but also make a positive impact on the world by tackling the issues that the world is facing today.

This year, we held two main events on the Warwick University campus: the first one, Global Village, saw 15 cultural societies join together to sell food and present their cuisines. We attracted around 2000 participants to the event. The second one, Youth to Change Leadership Conference, aimed to instill global awareness and open up doors for students to develop themselves.

If you would like to join this global youth movement, sign up now on aiesec.co.uk.
Cobalt is a creative students’ magazine with lots of short stories, poetry, great original photography, reviews, lifestyle articles, recipes and much more!

We at Cobalt noticed a void in the student media at Warwick for a good-looking creative arts magazine and decided we should fill it. Cobalt now publishes all sorts of interesting and innovative creative material from a variety of contributors at the end of every term in our online magazine. We also have a blog, run creative workshops, and have an active social calendar, including collaborations with other societies and trips to local events!

Anyone with a flair for creativity or even anyone with a desire to develop their creative skills would thrive in our society. We are in the process of setting up guest speaker events for our members who would like to learn more about the magazine and publishing industry, and experience as a contributor, editor, or production officer would provide valuable substance to the portfolio of anybody looking to improve their career prospects. As our magazine is only produced once a term our members are invited to be as active as they want to be, and we welcome everyone who wants to get their work out there and be a part of a great team of like-minded people.

We recently took part in a Boar (note: Warwick’s independent newspaper) ‘spread-swap’, in which Cobalt Magazine took over a few pages in The Boar, and in return will publish some Boar pages in our next issue. This was a lot of fun, and an exciting oppor-
tunity for some of our contributors to see their work in print! It was also a new challenge for our magazine production team, who had to consider ways to make our very visual magazine stand out on a black and white newspaper page. Additionally, as part of our second birthday celebrations, the magazine has been running a selection of photography, editing, and magazine design workshops to improve our members’ skills and start training a new generation of exec to take over running the magazine.

Becoming a part of an arts magazine like Cobalt will teach you that creativity can be found everywhere, and we welcome engaging articles on serious issues - perhaps an excerpt from an essay or your own ideas on how our world is changing for better or worse – alongside our photography, fiction, reviews, illustrations – the list goes on...

From a Global Sustainable Development point of view, Cobalt is an interesting platform to use to publish your ideas, and attracts a somewhat different audience from other campus publications, therefore giving you access to a whole new market of people. Plus it’s a lot of fun, and a good way to get your head out of your course and meet some new people whilst continuing to develop your skills.
Effective Altruism

Effective Altruism (EA) is a social movement founded on the idea that if we use evidence and reason alongside compassion, we can work out the best ways of improving the world. We're interested in finding out how to do the most good we possibly can and actually doing it! The society is for anyone interested in this idea.

Effective Altruism Society started out as Giving What We Can Warwick in 2012. Giving What We Can (GWWC) is a non-profit organisation which researches effective charities and encourages its members to donate at least 10% of their income to these charities. The society was originally formed of GWWC members who took giving seriously. GWWC Warwick changed its name to the broader term of Effective Altruism in 2014. The EA movement is still largely centred around effective giving but also incorporates other effective ways of doing good such as reducing existential risk and animal suffering, systematic and political change and choosing a career with has a high positive impact.

Effective Altruism is for anyone interested in doing good! We're interested in discussing how to do good effectively, especially if this takes outside of areas covered by the EA
movement. EA attracts people from all fields and backgrounds, all over the world from philosophers to mathematicians, novelists to computer scientists.

Our most recent (and ongoing!) project is a campus-wide charity fundraiser called The Big Match which we're running to raise money for The Against Malaria Foundation (AMF). AMF buy and distribute insecticide-treated bed nets to effectively prevent the spread of malaria—one bed net protects two people for 5 years and costs an incredible £1.75. We've asked our members, society execs, professors and other generous individuals to pledge to donate to a 'matching pot'. Then, whenever students donate to AMF via our online page, our supporters will match it, doubling the donation!

Effective charities give each of us in the developed world an incredible opportunity to save the lives of those in need. £50 can give someone an extra year of life, free from preventable diseases. A graduate from Warwick is likely to be in the top 5% of earners in the world - by donating a portion of your income to these incredible charities, you can quite literally save peoples lives throughout your career. Joining EA Warwick will not only help you to have an incredible positive impact on the world but also enable you to engage with people in the EA community across the globe, all of whom are interested in making the world a better place. EAs apply moral philosophy, discuss sustainable development, advance new and exciting interventions, debate the impact of various movements, communicate ideas through a global network, launch new ventures... Join today and be part of this exciting new movement which is already changing
Waste Hierarchy on Campus

Below you can see the "Waste Hierarchy", which the University of Warwick has to keep in mind when dealing with waste. It shows the different ways you can deal with waste, from what's considered best, to what's considered worst. In the 2014/15 period, we stopped 97.4% of our waste from going to landfill (the worst option).

The best option of all: don’t dispose of things in the first place. Avoid over-ordering, and use things to their absolute maximum capacity before throwing them out.

If you’ve definitely finished with something, and really do need to dispose of it, the best thing to do is to give it to someone else who needs it. 2.4% of Warwick’s waste is reused in this way.

The one everyone has heard about: sending waste off to be broken down into its basic form, and used to create new things. 54.7% of Warwick’s waste gets recycled.

Instead of taking waste to a landfill site, you can incinerate it, feeding the energy generated back into the national grid. 40.3% of Warwick’s waste is converted to electricity.

Sending waste to landfill is the worst option. It leaves non-biodegradable stuff lying around for years and years, taking up valuable space, and potentially poisoning the environment. 2.6% of Warwick’s waste goes indirectly to landfill. Warwick sends nothing directly to landfill - the figure referred to here is residue from the energy reclaiming process. To help us reduce this figure even further, make sure you re-use or recycle everything you can, and keep contaminated waste out of the recycle bins.
Fossil Free Warwick

Fossil Free Warwick University is the Warwick branch of a global environmental movement which diagnoses our climate malaise as lying in the fossil fuel industry itself. The movement seeks to challenge the power the industry holds over political, economic and cultural life and free our society from the industry’s oily embrace. Lobbying, climate denial propaganda, human rights abuse - companies like BP and Exxon are the masters of these arts. Removing their influence from our institutions and delegitimising them, prominently by leveraging the power of our University’s endowment fund through divestment, is our method of helping push forward the fight against climate change. This analysis and commitment drove the society’s founding in October 2013, and our original campaign succeeded in getting Warwick to pledge to stop investing in fossil fuels in the summer of 2015.

The biggest event of the year so far has been our protest march to the BP Archive last term. This was as part of the BP Off Campus Campaign - a campaign to move the control of the archive from BP into the hands of the University, to be used in the public in-
terest rather than as a propaganda tool. The march, which began with and ended with rallies featuring speeches from Fossil Free Warwick campaigners and SU representatives, was loud, vibrant, and drew the support of the wider student body. Fossil Free Warwick also coordinated a group of students who went to COP21 in Paris last December.

Whilst attending lectures and seminars is important, it is equally important to realise how much is missing. There are some things which simply cannot be passively absorbed in a lecture, such as the skills one learns when getting involved in a campaign such as ours. At Fossil Free we are constantly thinking of new questions to ask, more effective ways of challenging authority and more creative ways of engaging with the public. Through self-motivated research we develop our own views as individuals, as well as the confidence to participate in important discussion, with university management, for example. There are also hugely important elements of teamwork, planning and organisation, outreach and campaigning which come together to form the backbone of Fossil Free.

We welcome students of all degrees and backgrounds - everyone needs to join in the fight against climate change. Campaigning is a meaningful and vibrant activity for anyone to engage in, deepening learning and understanding, forming relationships, and contributing to meaningful projects. We need leafleters, persuaders, public speakers, writers, graphic designers, tech-heads, social media experts, banner-makers and more. Get involved!
UNICEF on Campus

Warwick UNICEF on Campus is a branch of ‘on Campus’ societies that was set up across the country, under the charity of UNICEF UK. Our members organise and help to manage our events and campaigns to make them a success and thereby raise as much money and awareness for as many vulnerable children as possible.

Undoubtedly our ‘Fast 24’ has been a complete storm breaker. Originally created by Warwick UNICEF as ‘Mission 24’, UNICEF UK were so impressed by our fundraiser, they rebranded it to use as a fundraising model for other societies. Members organise and create the event, and many will take part in it too. It is a gruelling 24 hour fast to raise money (and awareness) for a specific UNICEF UK appeal and every year we seem to smash our previous records! This year, we smashed all expectations and raised a whopping £9,144.61 for children affected by the Yemeni crisis! Our very latest campaign was ‘Water is Life’ which aims to raise awareness among Warwick students about the extraordinary problems that children face worldwide. Raising money is never a priority in our campaigns and, yet, ‘Water Is Life’, together with our ‘Children of Syria’ campaign, have been estimated to have raised over £2000. Members in our School’s Project also go into local schools to teach children about issues such as access to clean water, gender equality and education around the world. Our branch of ‘UNICEF on Campus’ is unique as we now also offer members the opportunity to volunteer abroad – last year we went to Romania, and this year we will be going to help teach at a summer camp in Morocco.
Warwick UNICEF is a great society to be part of, not only because we have so many members, but because we all share similar beliefs and ideas. If you are energetic, fun, pro-active, ambitious – if you are interested in human rights, global politics, or the welfare of children then we are 100% the society for you. Our members are hardworking but enthusiastic and very friendly. Remember, we are a society that centres all its work and efforts around people, so all of our members are really personable which means that, really, no matter what your interests are, everyone loves it!

When you join Warwick UNICEF, you are not just joining a student society, you are joining a worldwide charity that is recognised by the UN and plays a vital role in preventing further catastrophes in countries around the world. Many of our students are Sociology, Political Science and Economics students or just have a keen interest in human rights, world politics and development issues. You will be with like-minded people who are serious about making a difference; many of our members are already pro-active in this area, having set up their own charities, accepted prestigious UN internships or have based their dissertations on areas that we cover. This year, members have been able to hear first hand from Syrian refugees, worldwide environmental and development experts and UNICEF representatives who experience what you read about in your degree. While Warwick University can give you the knowledge, Warwick UNICEF can give you the practical application. For any prospective GSD student joining Warwick UNICEF is definitely a no-brainer.
Warwick Blackout

Warwick Blackout is a social enterprise startup that has undertaken the task of achieving environmental sustainability at the university. Our task was to work with the University to turn off unnecessary lights in certain locations, for a period of three hours. What initially started as Earth Hour turned into a movement specific to our University, and we hope to set an example for other Russell Group universities.

We have partnered with the Christian Union, the Warwick International Development Society, other performance and academic societies and the University’s Estates team. Our main points of contact are Sustainability Champions David Chapman and Judith Kilgallon.

Our efforts led to "investigating how much power the University really needs, & creating a 3-5 year plan with the Sustainability Officers to find practical, commercially-viable solutions" (Riana Mahtani - Warwick Blackout Founder and Coordinator). Warwick Blackout created petitions for our inaugural event in order to push for Blackout to be an annual event, and to persuade the University to analyse their insufficient management of their lighting system.

We started out as a group that holds one flagship event per year. Our first event, on 26th February 2015, involved turning off lights in the Students’ Union and piazza, and holding a celebratory event. This consisted of food and performances, as well as speeches from staff and SU sabbatical officers. Our second event, on 5th February 2016, was a greater success. We had the support of the Estates Management team and Security Services, alongside sponsorship from PwC. We expanded the blackout to Rootes Building and screens.
across campus, and received approval to turn off more lights within the SU. We were
joined by a whole host of performance and food societies, and pulled off a massive and
successful campaign. We hope to have a cou-
ple of extra smaller Blackouts next year, as
well as our flagship event, and spread Black-
out to other buildings around campus.

As a society, we hope to appeal to anyone
and everyone. GSD students, as well as stu-
dents from Engineering, Economics, Politics,
PPE, WBS, the Sciences and more are stu-
dents that would be attracted to our causes.
However, the quest to turn off unnecessary
lighting and save costs concerns both staff
and students. Not only do we campaign to
conserve energy, we also offer the opportuni-
ty to gain a valuable skillset for future careers
in any field. Another one of our main aims is to bridge the gap between staff and stu-
dents, and unite everyone under a common cause.

The Global Sustainable Development degree
programmes are already getting interest from
numerous parties, and we are excited about
the prominence of promoting environmental
sustainability in the academic sphere. We
hope to encourage the University to think
about its own carbon footprint and to set an
example for other universities and communi-
ties. Our aim in the long run is to spread
Blackout to other Russell Group universities,
and create a desire for students to pursue
tangible change during academic degrees.

Joining Warwick Blackout is completely free,
and GSD students will get to be part of our
executive team and Superhero team should they decide to join. They will get to put
their learning and ideas into practice as part of a group that runs more as an inclusive
startup than a society. We offer interaction with the university as a corporation, which
the other 260 societies on campus do not! This movement is the first of it’s kind at the
University, so what are you waiting for?
Warwick Debating Society

In Warwick Debating Society we believe that it’s very important to discuss what’s happening in the world. We do sessions twice a week, where we choose a perspective on the topic and then divide people into teams to introduce arguments for and against it. Before the debate itself one of the members does a training on the topic, explaining its general context and how to debate it. Everyone is welcome to join the society at any time during the year regardless of whether you have done debating before – we are sure that each person will find a number of exciting themes they wish to talk about more, meet people from all the backgrounds, make new friends and just have a lot of fun!

We also go to national and international competitions and organise public debates, where we invite experienced debaters or external speakers to discuss different present-day issues – we think that getting access to expert knowledge and opinions is crucial for in-depth understanding of a variety of topics.

In the middle of term 2 the society hosted Warwick IV, an annual universities debating competition, which provided almost 40 teams from different universities across the UK with a competitive environment where they could not only significantly improve their debating skills, but also meet a lot of new people and just have a great time. The participating teams have later said that the motions (debate topics) set by us were well-selected, interesting and relevant to the latest issues. In the beginning of the year we
also conducted the Warwick Schools competition, which has repeatedly proven itself as one of the biggest and most prestigious school-level debating tournaments in the UK.

During this academic year, we have also prioritised the society’s all-inclusivity – we try to engage people from as many different backgrounds is possible. We have achieved great results so far and we feel like the society and all its members benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, find friends and have all the opinions well-represented in our debates.

Debating is a discipline to which everyone can relate in one way or another. We discuss a wide range of issues, from politics and economics to art and media, which means that any student will find a debate that appeals to him or her both inside and outside their course of study. Joining the society would be great for anyone who is looking to get more insight into the topics they specialise in, or for those who want to be more aware of and more involved in the discussions about the latest events all over the world.

Debating is also an excellent way to learn how to clearly present your arguments and be persuasive, which helps to develop self-confidence and is a very useful skill for essays, interviews and a lot of other areas. And, of course, we as a society are very friendly and open to everyone, which makes all of our sessions lively and fun!

Debating allows the discussions of problems as soon as they appear in the society, which is very helpful in keeping up with all the latest events and not always possible within the academic programme.

As debating implies introducing opposing interests to the discussion, a number of perspectives is always acknowledged – that helps in getting an unbiased, well-informed view on the analysed issue and in being further able to competently explain your position. Even more so, the society has members from all over the world who have their unique experiences concerning the chosen topic – an excellent opportunity for the Global Sustainable Development students to hear firsthand accounts of the international affairs.
GSD on Social Media

Our Most Popular Tweets

Warwick GSD @WarwickGSD
Congratulations to everyone clutching their #warwickgrad diploma this week - you truly deserve it! @warwickuni

Warwick GSD @WarwickGSD
We're cooking up a little project with @iggywarwick and @janpalmowski. Here's a little #behindthescenes.
pic.twitter.com/EFHmrGpn0C

Our Most Popular Facebook Post

Warwick Global Sustainable Development shared Justin Trudeau’s note.
March 14 at 9:55pm

Read the U.S.-Canada Joint Statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership

Justin Trudeau
March 14 at 9:44pm

U.S.-Canada Joint Statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership
Warwick Economics Summit

The Warwick Economics Summit is one of the largest student-run academic conferences in Europe: set apart from the rest by world-renowned figures, engaging debates and educational workshops touching on a range of global and economic issues, including politics, development and finance. The weekend, which usually takes place in February, offers delegates the opportunity to meet and learn from a truly diverse group of speakers and to socialise with delegates from around the world at our extravagant Summit Ball. Last year, we had the honour of hosting Sir James Alexander Mirrlees, Economic Nobel Prize Winner in 1996, as well as the former Italian Prime Minister, Enrico Letta, demonstrating the quality of the event. Since its foundation in 2002, the sole aim of the Summit has been to provide a platform upon which students can exchange and gain knowledge, think creatively and debate current issues, all in the friendly environment of the University of Warwick.

Although our main event is the three-day conference in February, we also host a number of free speaker sessions, known as WES Presents, leading up the Summit weekend. In past years, we have had the honour of welcoming Lord Robert Skidelsky, the ac-
claimed economic historian and academic, as well as Vince Cable, the former Coalition's Secretary of State for Business, amongst others.

The Summit runs over the course of three days and includes a wide range of activities, ranging from ‘Meet the Speaker’ sessions, allowing delegates to meet the speakers personally, to a lavish Ball that exceeds expectations every year. Besides the individual talks, we also hold a panel discussion with speakers to encourage debate and sharing of opinions. Over the history of the Summit, we have had the honour of welcoming four Nobel Prize Winners, as well as a vast arrange of iconic economists and political leaders, giving delegates the chance to hear the opinion of some of the most influential individuals of our time.

Any student, regardless of the degree they are studying but who has a strong passion for economics or current affairs, will want to attend the Warwick Economics Summit or join our team. Our purpose is to add value to our students by exposing them to some of the greatest minds of our century, allowing them to learn from different perspectives and making their university experience at Warwick unique. This year our internal tickets sold within one minute, demonstrating once again the high demand that exists for the conference. With the quality of speakers and diversity of topics discussed at the Summit, we aim to provide all students across all degrees a reason to enjoy the Summit.

Joining our WES team will not only give you the possibility of being part of an incredibly hard-working and committed team, but will also give you the opportunity to grow as an individual. We all work together to uphold and improve the quality of the Summit, making the entire project incredibly rewarding when it is finally carried out in February. As a prospective Global Sustainable Development student, being part of the Summit will allow you to develop a unique skill-set that will complement your studies and prepare you for your future career. Our team is composed of seven departments - Talks, Internal Marketing Operations, Finance & Sponsorship, External Marketing & Hospitality, Socials, Tech and Communications – they all face challenges, and learn how to cope with them by improving their organization, communication and teamwork skills, preparing them for their future workplace. For more information about what each team does or when our recruitment opens visit our website: warwickeconomicssummit.com.
Warwick Globalist

Warwick Globalist seeks to provide an alternative to the more established media outlets on campus. We aim to inform our readers through our rigorously researched articles and provide novel insight on subjects that may not be reported in other, more mainstream outlets, bridging the gap between academia and journalism.

As a fairly new society we are still close to the original ethos, aiming to provide a well-researched global affairs magazine.

Each term our society has a launch event for each new issue, as well as other exciting events throughout the year. We also have an investigative team working to break in-depth stories about Warwick issues across the year. For example, we have written the most in-depth analysis and coverage of the campus police violence on Dec. 3, 2014, and revealed that Warwick Business School is spending over £11 million renting out the 17th floor of The Shard in London. This is an area we hope to expand significantly next academic year.

The launch of our first issue, entitled ‘Climate Change: Feeling the Heat’. drew speakers from the worlds of activism, engineering and journalism, to discuss the impact of COP21, the possibilities of renewable energy and more. Our second issue, 'Mind Matters: Mental Health in the Modern World', was a similar success, adding to growing discussions around the mental health crisis in higher education. Our final issue of the year will be on drugs, both locally, nationally, and internationally.

We are also looking to have a conference later in the year involving a number of other university magazines who share our values.
We seek to push the boundaries of what is considered acceptable debate in mainstream corporate and student outlets, and emphasise quality over quantity. Our aim is to produce analysis and reporting of the highest possible level.

Our team is rich and varied, with economists, historians, engineers, physicists and as well as students studying politics, languages and computer science, all are welcome.

Being part of our team gives students experience in producing regular, top-quality content. We have to manage a budget - difficult because we usually reject corporate sponsorship - build a marketing strategy, run events, and synthesise sometimes divergent views across the executive team. Editors swiftly learn how to encourage and provide comment on nascent articles we receive and work them into a finished piece. Our readership and our executive seek to push and provide a range of perspectives one wouldn’t normally hear in student media, across our print, video and online editions, and in our events and on our radio show. Our team spans Warwick's disciplines: economists, historians, political scientists, engineers, computer scientists, students of Warwick Business School; all add to the richness and depth of our work.

Check out our website to see all of our articles: warwickglobalist.com
Warwick Think Tank Society

Warwick Think Tank is a politically neutral organisation that serves to organise guest lectures and Q&As for students featuring renowned experts discussing areas of public policy. We were the first UK student think tank founded in 2009 and since then we've been steadily expanding in size.

This year we began on the first issue of Polis, a research journal that publishes articles written by students on public policy. We plan to release the first issue in October 2016 and for it to become a regular activity of the society. We are also planning to host the UK's first student think tank conference in January 2017.

In addition to socials, this year our discussion events have included:

- The Syrian Crisis: A British Foreign Policy Perspective;
- Big Data: A 21st Century Challenge;
- Food Security;
- The Ukrainian Crisis;
- The War on Terror;
- Fracking: Friend or Foe?;
- The African Conflict Trap: How do Recurring Conflicts affect Development?
Drug Policy: Who benefits from decriminalisation;
Combating Sexual Violence on Campus: Ensuring Safety Through Better Policy;
The Economics of Anti-terrorism with Dr Eric Golson;
Post Antibiotic Medicine: The End of the Road for Antibiotics?

All students can benefit from the Warwick Think Tank but most of our events are focused on economics and the political sciences so students in those subjects will especially benefit from joining our society.

In short, we offer our members any and all of the following:

- Opportunities to have your policy research published in our journal, Polis;
- Guest talks by academics, business leaders, journalists and other experts;
- 'Café Politique'-style discussions - i.e. our regular meetings: A guest speaker introduces the talk, then the floor opens to everyone for a lively discussion;
- A variety of socials: Pub quizzes, dinners!

GSD students will benefit not only from listening to expert speakers who can supplement their academic knowledge but they will also join a community of like-minded students who are passionate about public policy, enabling GSD students to build fruitful relationships that can advance their studies. Additionally GSD students seeking experience in writing about policy have the ability to write for Polis.
Women for Women International Warwick

Our society is a university chapter of a global charity called Women for Women International (WfWI). The charity targets women due to their specific structural disadvantages in war-stricken countries. The charity aids women in eight countries; Rwanda, Nigeria, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Kosovo. More recently the charity also helps women victims of ISIS in Syria and Iraq. At Warwick University, as with Oxford University, LSE, SOAS, Leeds, Manchester, St. Andrews, and London Metropolitan University we aim to fundraise for these women. The charity then collates all the funds to aid these women and enrol them on a year-long programme that equips women to earn money, regain their confidence and actively participate in their communities. When a woman joins the programme, she comes together with 24 other women, forming a tight support group that helps to break the isolation caused by war and insecurity.

In Term 1 we successfully had two bake sales, several social events and a talk on the Syrian Refugee Crisis in collaboration with Warwick Model United Nations - raising a total of £500. Term 2 has been even more successful as we have raised close to £1500 and counting through our 24 hour fast, a Krispy Kreme bake sale and an upcoming sponsored run (anticipated to raise about another £1000). The highlight of this year
would be Week 9 (an annual “Women’s Week”). Throughout this week, we run events daily, in collaboration with many other societies including Warwick Rouge, Warwick Theatre Rep Company and Warwick Student Cinema. From campaigning on the piazza to letter-writing and film screenings - there is so much to attend!

The most distinguishing feature about our charity is the fact that we know the women that we sponsor directly. We are assigned a number of women throughout the year (approximately 12) who we regularly write to and keep in touch about the progress of their programme, encouraging them to keep going. For students at Warwick University, there are many opportunities to get involved, you can either run to be on the executive team, join a sub team or if you do not want a massive commitment - sign up as a volunteer!

Being a part of Women for Women International at Warwick would greatly complement any degree but in particular a social sciences one oriented around development. The charity can be seen as an application of development, an effort in the struggle to develop these countries and assess its effectiveness first-hand. Being a part of the executive committee would give the student the most intimate insight into the workings of the charity - through collaborating with the London WfWI offices. Furthermore, it adds to any degree in that volunteering for a charity in addition to one’s studies can greatly increase a student’s global awareness, moral values and overall persona.
Thank You

I would like to thank the societies that contributed to the Societies issue of GLOBUS and made it possible, as well as the entire GSD Team.

Most of all, thank YOU, reader—whether this is the first time you laid eyes on GLOBUS, or were waiting with excitement for the second issue. We hope you dream of a better world with us.

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Poem sent in by N. Alt Maamar, a prospective student from Algeria