

Emergency Action Motion – Support for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine

The JCR Notes:

1. President Vladimir Putin's decision to authorise a full-scale invasion of Ukraine was unjustified and untenable.
2. The UK government has not offered sufficient support to the country in its decision to not sufficiently waive visa requirements for Ukrainian nationals.
3. There are both students and staff members in Oxford that have been deeply affected by the crisis and the ongoing fighting.

The JCR Believes:

1. That the common room must lend its support to Ukrainians and members of the Eastern European diaspora in Oxford that have been hit by the crisis.

The JCR Resolves:

1. To publicly publish the below statement in solidarity with those affected by the crisis:

Statement

The St Edmund Hall JCR condemns President Vladimir Putin's decision to authorise an invasion of Ukraine. We recognise the sovereignty of Ukraine as a nation and stand in solidarity.

We condemn the inaction of the UK government and their choice to not fully waive visa requirements for Ukrainians in light of the crisis. There are estimated to be 18,000 Ukrainian citizens in the UK as of last year, and the Eastern European diaspora are an important part of the population in both Oxford and the rest of the country.

We also stand in solidarity with Russian staff and students, whom we recognise are not responsible for the crisis at hand and may be experiencing fear of ostracization and discrimination.

2. To lobby the college administration to fly a Ukrainian flag above the college in visible support and solidarity with both students and staff affected by the crisis.
3. To donate £500 to the 'Oxford in support of Ukraine' fundraiser to raise money for the British Red Cross, who are providing essential humanitarian support. The fundraiser can be viewed [here](#).
4. To raise awareness amongst JCR members of demonstrations taking place in the city.

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