

ecco London

Thank you for the great constructive meeting last week. ecco London already has 27 members and a lot of people interested in it.

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1.) Urgent organisational issue

Contrary to our previous information, ULU now requires every ecco London member to fill out the entire membership form including medical statements. Don't ask us why, but that's the only way to full ULU recognition for ecco! Furthermore, **every ecco member has to obtain a ULU card** which is free of charge to state this number on the form as well.

We received an extension to the submission deadline until 3 November, 12 o'clock, to hand in the completed membership forms. **To avoid holding up the recognition process, it is of paramount importance that you obtain your ULU card as soon as possible!** You can get the ULU card at ULU (Malet Street) and at almost every college's student union. All you need is a passport-size photo and your student ID. The ULU card offers other benefits as well, such as admission to the ULU swimming pool.

We will bring along your membership forms to be completed at the next meeting. For those of you, who have not yet registered as ecco members, please fill out the attached form and bring it with you.

2.) Next general meeting on 29 October

All ecco London members and interested students meet on Wednesday, 29 October at 7 p.m. to discuss and decide on our initial programme of activities and to elect a board. The location is to be announced Wednesday morning, so please check your e-mail account (it will be either at LSE or UCL).

3.) ecco London's programme

For the next meeting, please review the following conference websites and form your opinion as to which ones would be the most suitable to attend as ecco London:

- <http://www.nmun.org/>
- <http://www.worldmun.org/>

Furthermore:

- <http://www.renewables2004.de/>
- <http://www.barcelona2004.org/>

As discussed during our first GM, everyone should have a think about what ecco London could and should do during the coming months. **ecco London members should ask questions!** We want to raise public awareness for issues that seem to be forgotten. The following question might serve as an example: "What are the long-term environmental costs associated with the surge in the no-frills airline industry? Are cheap airfares only beneficial?" To answer such a question, we could invite experts, opinion leaders and politicians to a public panel discussion and put together a position paper. Or going even beyond just talking and writing (like chaining us to an easyJet...:-).

4.) Running for posts

Elections are coming up...! Please make up your mind whether you want to stand for one of the following positions and thus shape ecco London during its first year:

- Chairman - formally representing ecco London, supervising all activities, working with ecco International
- Vice-chairman - supporting the chairman, pretty much the same work
- Secretary - ensuring documentation of ecco events, assisting chairman and VC
- Treasurer - in charge of the money and financial reporting towards ULU, ecco International
- Communications officer - keeping in touch with ecco members, compiling ecco's event calendar and in charge of external communication (PR)
- Webmaster - supports communications officer in setting up and running ecco London's website
- Project manager(s) - coordination of major ecco London events and participation in conferences (e.g. MUN and renewables 2004)

Don't forget, ecco London will be what WE make out of it - so take responsibility if you can!

See you on Wednesday,

Max and Janosch

P.S. We are still looking for members (especially undergraduates), so please forward this mail to anybody who might be interested in ecco London.