
OGM REPORT – SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

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I. Social Justice Careers Panel

This was a huge success!! We began rallying for speakers early in the semester which paid off as we got 4 fantastic individuals who have done a lot of work in varying SJ fields. The speakers were: Katrina Marson, Kirsty McLeod, Greg Roche and Parastou Hatami. Despite 2 other clashing events running at the same time (Ambassador of ???) we packed out the Fellows Theatre with over 40 students turning up, asking lots of questions and staying to chat privately with speakers at the end. I believe the timing of the event was also very helpful with clerkship applications close to wrapping up at that time. Would definitely recommend week 4 again in future years. Also engaging advertising through posting panellist bios is very successful.

Huge shout out to the Careers team for getting a lot of on the ground work sorted and to Brianna for pulling off a really engaging event.

II. LRSJ Collaboration

This will be a continual discussion year after year with the academic head of LRSJ and the LSS SJ team. It has been solidified that LRSJ and LSS will assist each other with advertising and LRSJ will provide LSS with possible contacts for events. No formal program has been set up yet and will likely not be set up this year due to the constant shuffle around of LRSJ academic. Would encourage future SJ Teams to continue this open discussion with LRSJ.

III. Social Justice Dinner

This event is happening on 10th October (Week 9) at University House. The theme is juvenile justice and the keynote speaker is Senior Counsel Anthony McAvooy who was Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory. We are deciding if we want an introductory speaker – if so, this is likely to be the ACT Inspector of Correctional Services. Everyone pls come to this event !!! There will be dinner!! This is our last event for the year and will also be a celebration of the SJ year that was – all mentors/mentees will receive a personal invite.

IV. Social Justice Mentoring Program

This program has been tracking well. All mentors and mentees will receive a feedback form that the next SJ team can act on to continue improving this program.

V. Law in Action: Cambodia Initiative

After an initial stumble the Cambodia team found their feet. The organising committee and the team as a whole have pulled off some successful fundraising events such as the Beach Burrito Night and a few bake sales. The team will continue fundraising until they go to Cambodia at the end of the year. The SJ team is still working on the Cambodia Guide for future SJ Teams to be able to efficiently assist the Cambodia Team.