

FREDERIK NIELSEN

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

From: Brussels, Belgium

Nationality: Danish-Norwegian

Languages: Danish, Norwegian, French, English, and notions of several others.

My name is Fred and I'm a first year historian. Born in another country than the ones I consider myself from, and having lived my entire life as a foreigner in my own country, I know what the struggles of being an international student living abroad include. This, I think, is crucial to help international students in Peterhouse and helping them feel welcome.

As President of Model European Council, I chaired a multi-lingual event, whilst also helping to organise it, and I am currently organising a conference in Cambridge on Transhumanism. I am therefore experienced both in organisation and in handling lots of people of various nationalities and languages all at once. As an arts student, I have few contact hours and this will allow me to be as available as needed.



Policies

Storage – We all know how full the storage room gets. This is clearly a hazard for our belongings, and I will therefore do my utmost to work with the college to give us an adequate amount of storage space. If a third room is necessary, then a third room will be pursued. I will organise orders of boxes to save money for everyone and help ensure precisely the concern for the safety of items.

International Fresher's Week – Having attended International Fresher's and found it thoroughly enjoyable, I would like to make it even better by introducing some more intercollegiate pub crawls, film night and events, both through iCUSU and individual colleges. I will also provide a document about all the banks, bike shops and other practical information to help students settle in in a foreign land.

Termly events – The annual Chinese New Years Dinner is already great, but wouldn't a termly or even bi-termly event be better? We could arrange a formal or an international student could recommend a restaurant that showcases their own national cuisine. Organised events with other international students at other colleges will also be pursued, so as to continue introducing everyone to new and fascinating people here in Cambridge.

International Parenting scheme – We all love our parents, but godparents or the like are lacking in Peterhouse. I will of course be there to help any international student out whenever they feel, but having an international "godparent" could help any international student feel even more at home when they might want to talk to someone they know a bit better about anything from homesickness to practical questions. Most importantly, it would help foster a stronger sense of community among the international students.

Feedback - Halfway through each term I will ask international students to tell me if there is anything that could be improved to make their experience at Peterhouse better. I feel that the JCR committee needs more direct democracy, and this would be the ideal way to make your voice heard.