DEBATING SOCIETY CONSTITUTION 2014/2015

WHO WE ARE:

We are a society that encourages and values reasoned argument, critical thinking and a wide range of opinions. We give everyone a platform to speak and contribute in debates, and actively encourage our members to create the main debate of the session in something that they feel passionate about.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

* Attract new members (Fresher's Fayre, lively adverts, social networking etc).
* To create a fun environment that attracts new members, but includes current members.
* Strike a balance between heavy, academic themed debate topics and hypothetical debate issues.
* Collaborate with new societies to increase variety of debates and awareness of societies.
* Likewise, work with other university societies to create a new debating challenge.
* Make the society more social by going to SU events and promoting making friends and being sociable
* To organise sponsored events, and fundraising for the charity Mind Andover. To obtain leaflets or information about the charity to help increase awareness and to plan a debate.

ANYONE CAN JOIN! – Meeting held on Mondays at 6pm. Also, we'll try to attract fresher's, 2nd, 3rd and mature students alike.

**CHAIR** – Antonia Fox

**VICE CHAIR** - Eli Nixon-Davingoff

**PUBLICITY OFFICER + SOCIAL SECRETARY**– Elle Hayward

ROLES:

All 3 members of the executive team will work together to equally manage the society, organise debates and create a fun social society

The **chairwoman** is ultimately the head of the society and has the final say on the society budget, debates and events. The Chair is responsible for the financial affairs and the booking of rooms. To guarantee the upkeep of the society, the chair will ensure each debate meeting is organised and prepared.

The **vice chair** is in control of challenge debates and tally to ensure a fun and friendly environment before the main debate. The vice chair also helps with the running of the society with the chair, and helps plan and manage events.

The **publicity officer/social secretary** is the face of the society, advertising the society and making sure students from all years are aware of the society. The role also encompasses the organisation of social events, and advertising via posters and flyers.

ELECTIONS:

Elections are to be held yearly. There will always be a ‘none of the above’ option for anyone who may disapprove of the candidates standing. Also, if a member of the society should oppose a member of the executive team mid-year, they have the right to call for a ‘vote of no confidence’, in which the said person or people will have to gain a majority in order to continue with their roles in the executive team. This will ensure the society remains fair and democratic.