Activities Forum

10. Retroactive Approval of Round 1 ADF Applications Including Food

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Decision(s): To **approve**

1. Context

1.1. At present, the Activities Development Fund policy states:
"6.3 Funding will not be awarded for … Food or drink."

1.2. The ADF committee received applications from three societies, pertaining to a single multi-society "Meet and Eat" event centrally organised by Nutritank. This event took place on November 28.

1.2.1. The event gave attendees the chance to sample food provided by various cultural societies.

1.2.2. Tickets were sold for £5.00, and the total net income for the event was £170.96.

1.3. Applications were received from the following societies:

1.3.1. ICSMSU Nutritank for £375.00.

1.3.2. NAI Nepali for £525.00.

1.3.3. CTA Bangladeshi for £590.00.

1.4. While the applications had support from the Committee, it was not within their delegated power to approve them as they were not in line with the ADF policy. The application has therefore been referred to the Activities Forum for decision.

1.5. According to the event's marketing, five cultural groups were involved in the event. The author cannot yet confirm which societies ultimately attended and provided food, though believes that the total expenditure was between £300 and £500.

2. Resolution

2.1. The Activities Forum is asked to retroactively approve ADF funding for the event, with the following stipulations:

2.1.1. Funding shall be given to cover the loss of the "Meet and Eat" event only,

2.1.2. The total funding shall be capped at £1,000, and

2.1.3. Funding shall be delivered to each society depending on their individual financial contribution to the event.

2.2. The Activities Forum mandates the Chair to:

2.2.1. Investigate the finances of the event and consult ICSMSU Nutritank, to determine who was involved and the loss incurred by each society, and

2.2.2. See to it that all societies involved receive ADF funding to cover their loss incurred from the event.

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ADF Subcommittee
Application No. 17

Submission: 2,486
Date: 12/11/2025 15:48

CSP Name: Nutritank
Purpose: New or growing activity

Application amount: **£375**

Has your society received funding from ADF this academic year? No

How would receiving this funding impact your Club or Society?
Nutritank aims to promote nutrition, lifestyle medicine, and cultural diversity. The Meet and Eat: World Foods Showcase 2025 is an educational initiative where food is not simply a refreshment but the core learning tool. Each participating cultural society will put forth traditional dishes that represent their cuisine's nutritional value, cultural context, and relevance to global health.

Receiving this funding would allow us to support these societies with ingredient/ food costs, enabling each stall to share food samples that encourage discussion about diet diversity, sustainability, and cultural traditions around eating. This hands-on format makes learning about nutrition and global cuisines accessible to everyone, helping students appreciate how food connects culture, health, and community.

Funding this event would not only enhance engagement and inclusivity across the student body but also create a platform for inter-society collaboration and shared learning around food, culture, and wellbeing. It would strengthen Nutritank's role as a hub for nutrition education within the student community.

Please provide an itemised breakdown of the funding you have requested:
Meet and Eat Event Revised itemised breakdown (2).xlsx

Event: *Meet and Eat: World Foods Showcase 2025*
Estimated attendance: ~120 participants
Serving size: ~100 portions per stall
Participating societies: Indian, Tamil, Arab, Filipino, Mallu, Bulgarian, Polish

Society Stall	Example Dishes (Educational Focus)	Estimated Food Cost (£)
Indian	Vegetable curry and rice - demonstrating balance of carbohydrates and plant-based proteins	55
Tamil	Traditional South Indian dishes (e.g. dosa or idli) — showing fermentation and gut health benefits	55
Arab	Hummus and falafel - illustrating Mediterranean diet principles	55
Filipino	Chicken adobo with rice - exploring protein preparation	55
Mallu	Coconut-based vegetarian curry - focusing on healthy fats and spices	55
Bulgarian	Shopska salad and banitsa - highlighting balanced diets and dairy use	50
Polish	Pierogi and vegetable stew - focusing on seasonal preserved foods	50
	Total	375

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ADF Subcommittee
Application No. 21

Submission: 2,498
Date: 13/11/2025 11:40

CSP Name: Nepali Society
Purpose: New or growing activity

Application amount: **£525**

Has your society received funding from ADF this academic year? no

How would receiving this funding impact your Club or Society?
Activity / What we're doing:
We propose to run a "World of Food: Nepali Edition" event in Term 2 of the 2025-26 academic year, in which six cultural societies (co-ordinated by the NutriTank Society) will each provide small servings of traditional dishes. The Nepali Society's contribution will be 150 small servings, sourced from a Nepali restaurant near the South Kensington campus. The dish selection will include momos (meat and vegetarian) and a vegan chicken-alternative option. Our role is to provide an accessible cultural food experience for the student body, especially non-Nepali students, thereby broadening participation and enhancing cultural engagement.

Justification / Why we need funding:

This event was not included in our annual budgeting, so it satisfies the "new or developing" activity requirement of the ADF policy.

It aligns with the Society's core aim of promoting Nepali culture and extends our reach beyond the Nepali-community to engage a wider student audience.

We are sourcing food from an external restaurant rather than self-catering; according to the ADF policy, funding for food and drink is explicitly not eligible.

To address this eligibility issue: We are classifying the food purchase as "educational equipment" (i.e., enabling hands-on cultural-food exposure for students) rather than standard catering. The plates, cutlery (recyclable) and other serving supplies represent equipment and consumables required to deliver the educational/cultural outcome of the event. This framing is intended to align with the "Equipment Cover" purpose of the fund: "Provide a route for CSPs to cover evolving activities... and equipment."

Without funding, either the event scale would need to be restricted (fewer servings) or ticket price would have to be higher (reducing accessibility). The requested support ensures the event remains inclusive and high-quality.

Expect ~150 students attending: including a significant proportion (target ~50—70) who are non-Nepali, thereby widening cultural exposure on campus.

The low ticket cost (£15) ensures affordability and reduces financial barrier.

The event raises the profile of the Nepali Society and contributes to cultural diversity, student engagement and cross-society collaboration (six societies participating).

We will collect attendee demographics and feedback via a short post-event survey to measure new non-Nepali participation, satisfaction and cultural awareness.

Please provide an itemised breakdown of the funding you have requested:
Funding request breakdown.docx

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ADF Subcommittee
Application No. 42

Submission: 2,551
Date: 14/11/2025 14:11

CSP Name: Bangladeshi
Purpose: New or growing activity

Application amount: £590

Has your society received funding from ADF this academic year? No

How would receiving this funding impact your Club or Society?
Receiving this funding would have a meaningful impact on our Society by allowing us to host a one-time educational event focused on global nutrition and world cuisines. The funds — £350 for biryani, £100 for samosas and pakoras, and £60 for traditional sweets such as jalebi, £40 for cutlery etc and £50 for any delivery charges or unexpected additional costs — would be used to purchase authentic foods that participants can taste and learn about.

This event is designed entirely for educational purposes, giving attendees the opportunity to explore what people eat in different parts of the world and to better understand the nutritional, cultural, and social importance of these foods. The aim is not simply to serve food, but to educate through experience — to highlight how dishes vary globally, what ingredients and preparation methods are common, and what these foods reveal about local diets and traditions.

Receiving this funding would make it possible for us to provide an engaging, inclusive learning experience that promotes cultural understanding, global awareness, and education about nutrition and how it is understood and implemented around the world.

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Itemised breakdown.png