**Departmental Societies Area Meeting – 29.11.12**

**Present:** PSA, Alix Chadwell (Activities Officer), Scott Burfiend (Socs Exec Chair), Nicola Donnelly (Departmental Rep)

Nicola introduced herself as the Departmental Area Rep.

Alix and Scott awarded PSA 50 brownie points for attending the meeting. It was agreed that societies can go in to negative brownie points for bad behaviour.

**Peace Week**

Nicola introduced Peace Week and explained the idea behind the event. PSA suggested a discussion on chemical warfare. All ideas for events were requested to be submitted to the Activities Office by 9th December.

**Fairtrade Fortnight**

Alix explained the aim is to promote all aspects of fair trade, including employment and gender equality, not just fair wages. Alix requested anyone with an idea for Fair-trade Fortnight to contact her asap.

**Enterprise Bath**

Enterprise have £25,000 to fund student Social Start-Ups. Any student/group can apply for funding. ND to circulate information on applications

**Academic Reps**

Chris Clemments (SU President) wants to improve links between departmental societies and academic reps. Alix suggested meetings between socs and reps to identify any recurrent issues that can be addressed e.g. by workshops organised by socs. PSA are already working with academic reps and have organised several successful workshops.

**Special Request Fund**

The S.R.F. has around £20,000 for societies to apply for funding for events. All societies are encouraged to organise events and request funding from the SU. Applications can be made at any time.

**Inter-departmental Events**

These are common in the engineering societies. The Socs Exec is keen to encourage societies to collaborate on events e.g. socials, conferences, trips. Societies are encouraged to use Nicola as a contact point between societies and to share ideas.