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This JCR notes that:

1. The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a dearth of part-time and casual employment in the UK;
2. Many international students (those on a Tier 4 visa) in the UK rely on these modes of employment to be able to afford living in the UK;
3. Under current immigration laws, international students do not have recourse to public funds, which means they cannot apply for governmental support if they find themselves unable to afford living in the UK;
4. In many cases, these students have been unable to return to their home countries due to border closures or other circumstances;
5. These factors have resulted in many international students in the UK becoming destitute, unable to afford food and safe, dignified housing ([https://twitter.com/hayley\\_barlow/status/1355228097226944513](https://twitter.com/hayley_barlow/status/1355228097226944513)).

This JCR believes that:

1. No student should find themselves in a situation where they cannot afford food and safe housing;
2. All international students should be allowed recourse to public funds if they find themselves in a situation where they cannot afford essential goods and services;
3. Financial support should be offered to organisations who are currently offering essential goods to international students.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Mandate the JCR President to lobby the College to convince them to contact the local MP and express support for legislative reform which makes Tier 4 visa holders eligible for access to public funds;
2. Mandate the JCR President to lobby the College to convince them to lobby the University to convince it to lobby the UK Govt for the aforementioned legislative reform;
3. Donate £500 to Newham Community Project, a charity that is currently aiding international students with essential provisions, resources & support (<https://twitter.com/newhamcommunity>)