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Dear Reader

Welcome to our Winter Edition 2025! We hope that you've now settled into Swansea University life and getting to grips with the Welsh way of life!

This newsletter should help you get a bit more information on the type of events we have to offer, our volunteering scheme we have available and the services we have to offer.

Our aim for these events is to give you the opportunity to meet new people, to get to know the local area and most importantly to enjoy the first few months of your University experience!

Our activities also run all year round!

If you have any event suggestions please email gosocial@swansea.ac.uk - we greatly appreciate them!

Emma, Fiona, Abbie, Nick, Nic, Mike, Kayleigh, Beth

VISA Advice



VISA Advice Team

Here to help

The VISA Advice Team are here to help and support International students with non academic queries. In particular we can help with visas and immigration, international family questions and cultural aspects of living in the UK. We also provide opportunities for social interaction and community building through our GO! Programme.

Please visit our website to explore our pages of advice and guidance, as well as details on how you can get in contact with us via email, Live Chat, ad hoc webinars or other online activities:

www.swansea.ac.uk/visa-advice

We also have our Instagram account, where you can tag us and when you go on events, keep an eye for your photos!

<https://www.instagram.com/studentlifesu/>

What's Going On?

Our social programme will be bursting with exciting activities to make your time here even more enjoyable! Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

- 4th November - GO! Eat: Madbuns
- 12th November - GO! Social: Meet up Mixer - Worcester
- 13th November - GO! Social Board Games
- 15th November - GO! Trip: Worcester
- 17th November - GO! Social: Cake Decorating
- 19th November - Language Cafe
- 20th November - GO! Social: Board Games
- 21st November - GO! Social: Waterfront Wonderland
- 24th November - GO! Social: Cake Decorating
- 26th November - Language Cafe
- 1st December - GO! Social: Card Making
- 1st December - GO! Social: Meet up Mixer - Bath
- 3rd December - GO! Trip: Bath Festive Markets
- 5th December - GO! Social: Crafting for a Cause
- 8th December - GO! Social: Card Making
- 10th December - GO! Eat: Pub on the Pond
- 12th December - GO! Social: Festive Mixer

All of these can be booked at:

<https://university-swansea.native.fm/group/5010/student-life-go>



GO! Programme Lookback

GO! Social: International Welcome Day

Our GO! events can vary, from calming crafts, bingo, pub quiz to film nights! This time round our students got the chance to meet new and current students, getting to know Swansea, making some crafts and meeting the GO! Team. There was even an art competition for a chance to win money off our events!

"I really enjoyed the welcome event where we can make badges and it was so fun. I would like to do it again."

"It was great chance to have a free talk with new students"

"I loved the offered activities"

Meet the GO! Team

In each edition we will meet another GO! Team Member!

Your name: Rohan Umate

Your course: Msc Operations and Supply chain Management

Nationality: Indian



Why did you choose to study at Swansea University?

I selected Swansea as my University of choice because of the University Ranking, with Swansea being among top universities in UK. Another huge part was also the living experience in Swansea, after some research, I found it is cheaper than other Universities for cost of living.

Why did you decide to volunteer as a GO! Team member?

It's such a fun thing to be able to do! I can meet people and make friends, what is there more to love! I also really like to travel, so this is a great chance to do that with the events and trips.

What do you see as your main job as a GO! Team member?

You need to help guide students throughout their student journey, make them feel safe, comfortable and just being a friendly ear for them.

What makes a good GO! Team member?

I think one of the biggest trait to have is to have friendly nature.

What has been the best part of being a GO! Team member so far?

I've made some really good friends!

Why do you think other students should apply to be on the GO! Team?

It's a great chance to explore and travel, life is very short. Have some fun and meet people!

The GO! Team Volunteer Programme

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, gain employability skills and get involved with the community.

If you'd like to volunteer as a GO!Team Member, and want more information please register for a discovery account and sign up to be a GO! Team Volunteer here:

https://volunteering.discoverysvs.org/volunteers/opportunity/1019315_1 or email gosocial@swansea.ac.uk.



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socials will
be here!

5 Festive Crafts to try:

Christmas decorations don't need to be expensive or damaging to the environment! Check out some easy crafts you can do over the season.

- Loo Roll Stars - These are simple, yet very effective to bring a touch of winter magic to your home. You just need a loo roll, a ruler, a pencil, scissors, glue, white paint and brush and a bit of string.
- Salt Dough Decorations - for this, you will need an oven, but they are easy to do and are fun for adults and children alike and can be used to brighten up your home as the nights draw in!
- Cardboard Decorations This is a great way to use up leftover cardboard from around the house and can make great gift tags or garlands to decorate the house year after year. This sustainable project couldn't be simpler, and can fill up a couple of hours on a rainy cold day.
- Homemade Crackers Christmas crackers are decorative paper tubes, a British tradition, that create a "bang" when two people pull them apart, revealing a joke and a small toy or gift. Why not use up leftover wrapping paper and toilet rolls to create homemade Christmas crackers yourself! Fill them with treats and your favourite food jokes.
- Clementine printed tags Got leftover clementines or oranges? Rather than throwing them in the bin, how about using them to create bespoke Christmas name tags – they're a beautiful and thoughtful addition to a festive gift and an trouble-free way to give it a little bit extra to your gifts!

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The Student Life Toolkit
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Our online Student Life Toolkit, Hapus, contains information on how to deal with culture shock, and lists the many teams across the University who can support you and help you settle in! You can access the course via your Canvas account