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Dear Reader

Welcome to our Spring Edition 2025! We hope that you have had a great time in Swansea so far! Now that the days are getting longer and the sun's starting to shine we hope you can enjoy the many beaches and other beautiful outdoor spaces Swansea has to offer! Have a look at our 5 things to do in Spring section to have an idea of what to do!

This news letter 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 activities also run all year round with trips to different UK cities, film nights, social events and more!

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

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

International@CampusLife



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Here to help

International@Campuslife (ICL) 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/international-campuslife/

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/campuslifesu/>

What's Going On?

Our social programme will be bursting with exciting activities to make your spring even more enjoyable!

Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

- 7th March - GO! Social: International Women's Day
- 13th March - GO! Social: Holi
- 14th March - GO! Film: The Hot Chick
- 17th March - St Patricks Day
- 18th March - GO! Eat: Awa
- 21st March - GO! Social: World Poetry Day
- 28th March - GO! Film: School of Rock
- 1st April - GO! Eat: Raj Kitchen
- 2nd April - GO! Walk: Explore Swansea
- 10th April - GO! Social: Meet Up Mixer - St Fagans
- 11th April - GO! Film: The Hunger Games
- 14th April - GO! Trip: St Fagans
- 15th April - GO! Social: World Art Day
- 16th April - GO! Social: Get Cracking
- 17th April - GO! Social: Treasure Hunt
- 25th April - GO! Film: St Trinian's
- 30th April - GO! Social: Bowling & Treatz

There is an event for everyone to enjoy so please browse our event ticketing website for a full list of our events. All of these can be booked at:

<https://university-swansea.native.fm/group/5010/international-campus-life>



GO! Programme Lookback

GO! Trip: Birmingham

Our GO! Trips to Major UK cities are always International@CampusLife's most popular events. This time we headed to the Lunar New Year festivities in Birmingham!

"Visiting the China Town was the highlight. All the performances and the fireworks"

"Also the fireworks at the end of the day were AMAZING!"

"the churches and cathedrals were beautiful"

Meet the GO! Team

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

Your name: Esmaralda Joseph

Your course: MSc Cognitive Neuroscience

Your nationality: Indian



Why did you choose to study at Swansea University?

To be honest, having a campus by the beach was one of the reasons! Swansea also offer unique courses and the practical experience offered is good.

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

I am discovery volunteer, and through that I got the opportunity to be in the GO! Team. I like to meet new people and organise fun events so being a GO! Team member was such a good opportunity for that.

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

I facilitate socialisation among the international students who participate in the events. Sometimes, students can be a bit reserved or not sure how to start conversation, so I just do the talking for a bit and nudge them to do the same, professionally of course. It's great to see people making new friendships.

What makes a good GO! Team member?

It's about being friendly, approachable, optimistic and being informative and organised. But mostly it's about having a can-do attitude and doing your best.

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

The opportunity to go on trips is amazing. Meeting so many students from all over the world and having the opportunity to socialise and be friends with them is a bonus.

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

It's a great role if you want to hone your skills of organisation, communication and resourceful. Plus, it's a great place to improve your people skills and makes a great addition to your CV.

GO!Eat | Cost £10 (usually)

International and Home Students have come along to a different Swansea-based restaurant each month to enjoy food from all the over the world and meet new friends too! Our host restaurant will typically provide us with a £10 set-menu for us and there's always plenty of food! GO!Eat evenings are advertised across social media and tickets are sold via:

<https://university-swansea.native.fm/group/5010/international-campus-life>



5 Fun Things To Do In Spring:

- Brynmill park is a small well- preserved Victorian park where you can wonder around the grounds and feed the ducks and other wildfowl.
- Enjoy the charm of Clyne Gardens and look out for the Japanese Bridge and the Tower. Clyne gardens is full of colourful and rare species of plants and trees.
- Have a picnic in one of Swansea's beautiful parks or on the beach. You could also try your hand at flying a kite or playing football.
- Try your hand at mini golf or try a pedalo in Singleton Park. This is a great way of enjoying a lovely spring afternoon whilst taking in the fresh spring air.
- You may like to go for a walk in Penllergare Valley Woods and pick some wild flowers to make a bouquet or press them. This way you will have the memories of the time that you spent in Swansea.

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/10193151> or email gosocial@swansea.ac.uk.



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The Student Life Toolkit
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Living in the UK after moving from a different country is bound to be a huge adjustment.

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 and it is available in English, Welsh, Chinese and Arabic.