

# International Student Newsletter - February 2017



## One World Gala 2017 - We are RECRUITING!

We cannot believe winter is almost gone! In no time daffodils will be covering the beautiful Welsh landscape and the long dark evenings will be gone!

Every spring, we host the One World Gala, which has become an important date in Bangor University's calendar. This event presents an excellent opportunity for students and staff from all over the world and the UK to showcase their **talents and culture**, and, of course, to make new friends in the process.

Previous years' acts included a brass band, a Welsh choir, an Afro-Caribbean fashion show, Beijing opera and a traditional Vietnamese dance act, to name a few!

We are looking for talented people to perform at our evening Gala so **whatever your talent is, we want to hear from you!** The event will take place on 16th March 2017, **but rehearsals will begin this month**, so if you are interested in taking part get in touch with our new Gala Intern Stephanie Dale on [stephanie.dale@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:stephanie.dale@bangor.ac.uk)

or come see us in our office in Rathbone. **Auditions date: 23rd February. REGISTER TODAY**



HOW TO CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM:

Website: [www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support)

Email: [internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk) Telephone: 01248 382882

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 [www.instagram.com/bangorinternational](https://www.instagram.com/bangorinternational)

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## Study Skills Centre – Succeed with your writing

“Our aim is to demystify academic practice and to provide opportunities for exploring those processes and strategies that encourage academic success.

We offer 1–2–1 appointments, workshops, and Maths and Stats support.

To arrange an appointment for 1-2-1 Writing appointments or for Maths and Stats support visit our website: [www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills)

To attend one of our free, interactive workshops this semester visit our website to reserve your place.

We also offer Maths and Stats ‘Drop In’ Advice sessions during term-time in Room M7, Mezzanine Floor, Main Arts Building, at the following times:

- Tuesday afternoons 15:00 – 16:30
- Wednesday lunchtime 12:00 – 13:30
- Thursday afternoons 15:00 – 16:30

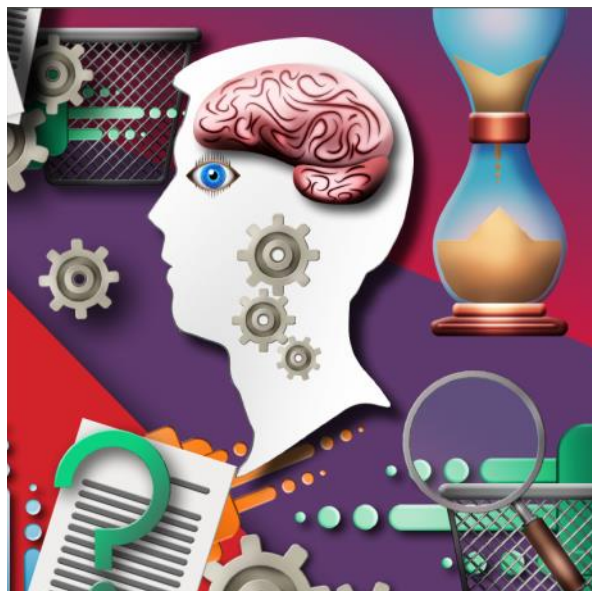
For further information or advice:

Website: [www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills)

Email: [Studyskills@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:Studyskills@bangor.ac.uk)

Telephone: 01248 38 2689

Or search for us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



## International Ambassadors' Column – Fazeelat Hamid, Pakistan



“Choosing Bangor University out of all the other offers I got from different Universities was the best decision I have ever made in my life. It’s not only just the fact that I am studying health sciences in a research-led university but also its size, its highly supportive staff and the team of dedicated teachers that Bangor brought to my life. I never imagined the staff would be so helpful, willing to help in any matter of life.

During my first year of Medical Sciences I was given a chance to do an internship on a cancer research project with highly qualified researchers; a promising opportunity enough to develop myself into a graduate able to beat tomorrow’s competitors with same degrees in the job market.

Now, being an international face at University I would like to share what I experienced in this multicultural University. It’s not just its beautiful location and picturesque views but the respect given to different languages and cultures from all over the world is what’s most admirable. The quality of education enabled me to fulfil my dream of making my parents proud of me and the amount of resources available –whether its free clubs, societies, study skills, mental health services etc.– has made me learned to heed the call of my heart. I now know what my hidden passion lies in. After all, life is not only about studies. ”

More details about Fazeelat and how to contact the rest of the Ambassadors at:

[www.bangor.ac.uk/international/studentprofiles/ambassadors](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/studentprofiles/ambassadors)



## Undeb Bangor - Your Student's Union

"The Undeb Bangor Student Opportunities Fair is your chance to discover some of the amazing things that are available during your time at Bangor.

From Sports Clubs, Societies, Volunteering Projects through to many other exciting opportunities that you can get involved in.

There will also be the chance to speak to us and our partners about Summer Opportunities and fantastic new volunteering projects both in the U.K. and overseas.

We'll be based all over Pontio, so come along and see what you can get involved with this semester.

You will also be able to link in with Becca, Matt, Ifan and the Opportunities Team to discuss new ideas or anything else you want to! "

😊 Oh yeah, there will be free pizza too 😊



## Bangor Celebrates Chinese New Year

This year, Bangor celebrates Chinese New Year – Year of the Rooster – with a Chinese dragon parade and gala on Saturday 4 February, organised by Bangor University's Confucius Institute.

Performers from the Confucius Institutes at Bangor University and London South Bank University will join pupils from Our Lady's School for a vibrant display of Chinese culture throughout the afternoon. A Chinese dragon, 15 metres long, will wind its way down the High Street, accompanied by costumed dancers and drummers. This will be followed by a gala to celebrate Chinese New Year, featuring Chinese song and dance, instrumental pieces and a special Chinese/Welsh duet of *Ar Hyd y Nos* (*All Through the Night*).

Special guests on the day include Mayor of the City, Councillor Dewi Williams, and local actress Angharad Rhodes, best known for her leading role in the CBeebies television series *Melody*.



### Chinese New Year in Bangor

Saturday 4 February, 12-2pm

**12-12.30pm** Dragon parade (Cathedral to Town Clock)

**12.30-2pm** Chinese Gala (Town Clock)

[www.bangor.ac.uk/confucius-institute](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/confucius-institute)

## Student Housing Office

### Looking for a house?

Then first check out [www.bangorstudentpad.co.uk](http://www.bangorstudentpad.co.uk)

The Student Housing Office deals with privately rented accommodation.

[Visit our Studentpad website](#) where you can search our database for your ideal property to rent. There is currently a surplus of private student accommodation in Bangor. The majority of our landlords do not charge any additional fees.

Have you paid a deposit?  
Has your landlord protected it? For more details, click this NUS link:

[www.nus.org.uk/en/advice/housing-advice/deposits/?load=13&top=2171](http://www.nus.org.uk/en/advice/housing-advice/deposits/?load=13&top=2171)



## Rate us and win!

Review Bangor University  
for the What Uni  
Student Choice Awards

[whatuni.com/review](http://whatuni.com/review)



Win a £200 food shop

Closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
See Whatuni.com for full T&C's

## Sustainability Lab - Fruit for future generations across Bangor

Bangor Students Union is set to boost a new student lead urban campus greening project in Bangor city centre this year, with a plan to plant forty new fruit trees in Bangor University's grounds. Studies show that trees bring people happiness as well as promote healthy living and ensure benefits for wildlife including birds and bees through habitat creation.

Gabe Hibberd, project coordinator said, "Increasing wildlife and promoting healthy diets is what we're all about. It's not just about planting trees, the benefits are much more far reaching."

The project has been taken on by [Hub Cymru Africa](#), the Welsh Government Assembly's link network with African development programmes, and a sister project has been started at Makerere University in Uganda to match Bangor's planting tree for tree.

Keep an eye out around campus for new trees, and the promise they bring of blossom in spring!

Read more international sustainability stories at <http://planet.cymru/category/news/>



Gabe Hibberd





# Campus Life Calendar



## CAMPUS LIFE

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### WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR?

We have loads of events running throughout the term. Just take a look at our helpful guide below...

- FOOD EVENTS**  
There's food involved! From Sunday roasts to pizza nights.
- HOT DRINKS**  
Grab a FREE hot drink at these events.
- MUSIC**  
From dancing to singing our nights have got it covered!
- ACTIVITY**  
Enjoy a variety of fun activities around campus.
- BILLS & BUDGETS**  
Want to learn how to stretch your cash? Come along to our workshop.
- WET & WILD**  
2 hours of FREE fun in our great outdoors! Pre-booking essential.
- LEARN TO COOK**  
Time to test your cooking skills or learn some new ones with our Uni chef!
- SPECIAL EVENT**  
Special events not to be missed!
- QUIZ & BINGO**  
Love your quizzes and bingo? Then get your mind ready!
- BIG SCREEN MOVIE TIME**  
Choose your favourite from our online poll and grab your free popcorn!
- TRIP**  
Amazing off campus trips. Pre-booking essential. See Facebook page for more info \*small cost payable
- GET CRAFTY**  
Love glue and glitter? Come along and get crafting!
- MEET THE CREW**  
Keep an eye out for the Campus Crew team and come say hi!
- HALLS TO HOME**  
Helping smooth the way from halls to private accommodation.
- TIME TO RELAX**  
Chilled out events to help you unwind.

### JANUARY

<b>MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Hot Chocolate Morning</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls Office / 8.30-9.00am
<b>THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Brain Break! Board Games &amp; Biscuits</b> St. Mary's Barlows / 4.30-8.30pm
<b>FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Friday Night Film</b> Acapela and Braint Common Room / 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> St. Mary's Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Free Sunday Roast</b> Bar Uno / 8.00pm / PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL
<b>WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Brain Break! Board Games and Biscuits.</b> Braint Common Room / 4.30-8.30pm
<b>SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> St. Mary's Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Wet and Wild</b> Meet outside Ffridd Security Office / 12.45pm
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Meet and Mingle with tea and biscuits</b> Braint Common Room / 5.00-6.00pm
<b>MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Hot Chocolate Morning</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls Office / 8.30-9.00am
<b>WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Santes Dwywnen Spread the love!</b> Check out My Bangor or Facebook for more information
<b>THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Campus Life Curry Club and Karaoke!</b> Half price Curry with your Campus Life Badge! Bar Uno / 7.00-8.00pm
<b>FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Friday Night Film</b> Braint Common Room and Acapela / 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> St. Mary's Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Meet and Mingle with tea and biscuits</b> Barlows / 5.00-6.00pm
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Open Mic Night</b> Acapela / 8.30pm / email campuslife@bangor.ac.uk to perform
<b>MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME Learn to Cook</b> Barlows kitchens / 7.00-9.00pm

### FEBRUARY

<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Table Tennis</b> Acapela and Braint Common Room / 7.00-9.00pm
<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Friday Night Film Premier! Foreign Language Film Special</b> Acapela / 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Barlows Live Lounge</b> Barlows / 8.00pm
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Handball</b> St Mary's MUGA / 2.00-4.00pm
<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Healthy Living Week</b>
<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Hot Chocolate Morning</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls Office / 8.30-9.00am
<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME Bills and Budgets</b> Barlows / 5.30-6.30pm
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Free Fruit Friday!</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls / 8.30-9.00am
<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga and Free Fruit Smoothie!</b> Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Student Opportunity Fair</b> Pantio / 12pm - 4pm
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Wet and Wild</b> Meet outside Ffridd Security Office / 12.45pm
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Free Sunday Roast</b> Bar Uno / 8.00pm / PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>RAG week</b>
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Rapid Rendezvous!</b> Bar Uno / 7.00-9.00pm / check out Facebook for details
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Cupid Fun Run</b> Meet outside Ffridd and St Mary's Halls offices / 12.30-1.00pm
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Puddings for 2</b> Bar Uno / 6.00-8.00pm
<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME Learn to Cook!</b> Barlows kitchens / 7.00pm
<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Friday Night Film</b> Braint Common Room and Acapela / 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> St. Mary's Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Ice Skating</b> Meet outside Recheil Halls / 12.00pm / £10
<b>MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Student Volunteering Week</b>
<b>MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Hot Chocolate Morning</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls Office / 8.30-9.00am
<b>WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Quiz Night and Nachos</b> Bar Uno / 7.00-9.00pm
<b>THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Campus Life Curry Club and Karaoke!</b> Half price Curry with your Campus Life Badge! Bar Uno / 7.00-8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Swap Shop!</b> Acapela / 11.00am-3.00pm / see Facebook and posters
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Open Mic Night</b> Acapela / 8.30pm / email campuslife@bangor.ac.uk to perform
<b>MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEB - SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>
<b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Pancake Day! FREE PANCAKES!</b> Barlows Kitchens / 7.00-9.00pm

### MARCH

<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>St David's Day! Free Tea and Welsh cakes</b> Barlows and Braint / 5.00-6.00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>International Twmpath Night</b> Rathbone / 8.00pm
<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Get your free Fairtrade Fruit</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls / 8.30-9.00am
<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME What a load of Rubbish!</b> Braint Common Room / 5.30-6.30pm
<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Friday Night Film with Fairtrade tea and coffee</b> Braint Common Room and Acapela / 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Wet and Wild</b> Meet outside Ffridd Security Office / 12.45pm
<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Start the week with something sweet! Fairtrade Hot Chocolate Morning</b> Ffridd and St. Mary's Halls Office / 8.30-9.00am
<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Easter Crafts</b> Braint / 6.00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Undeb Bangor BIG Elections Voting Opens!</b>
<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME Learn to Cook Fairtrade Brownies</b> Barlows kitchens / 7.00-9.00pm
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Undeb Bangor BIG Elections Voting Closes!</b>
<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Chippy Tea!</b> Bar Uno / 4-7pm
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Bingo and Pizzal!</b> Bar Uno and Barlows / 7.30pm
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME The Next Step - Living in Private Accommodation</b> Braint Common Room / 5.30-6.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>5-a-side Football.</b> MUGA, St Marys / 2-4pm
<b>SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> Acapela / 10.30am

<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Bangor's Got Talent 2!</b> To perform contact campuslife@bangor.ac.uk Acapela / 8.30pm
<b>MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Murder Mystery Night</b> Braint Common Room / 7.30pm
<b>TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Board Games and Biscuits</b> Braint Common Room and Barlows / 6.30 - 8.00pm
<b>THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>Pool Tournament</b> Barlows and Bar Uno / 7.00pm
<b>FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>HALLS TO HOME Fair</b> Check out My Bangor for more information 11.00am-3.00pm
<b>FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Friday Night Film</b> Braint Common Room, Acapela / 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Yoga</b> Acapela / 10.30am
<b>SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Varsity!</b>
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Wet and Wild</b> Meet outside Ffridd Security Office / 12.45pm
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> Ffridd and St Mary's Halls offices / 3.00-5.00pm
<b>MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>World Quiz Night and Nachos!</b> Barlows / 7.30pm
<b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Hot Cross Bun Baking!</b> Barlows Kitchens / 7.00pm
<b>THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Campus Life Curry Club and Karaoke!</b> Half price Curry with your Campus Life Badge! Bar Uno / 7.00-8.00pm
<b>THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Undeb Bangor Annual General Meeting</b>

### GREAT STUDENT VENUES

**Academi**  
WWW.BANGORACADEMI.COM

**BAR UNO**  
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**sky SPORTS**

**Barlows**  
MEET • EAT • DRINK

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EVENTS ARE FREE

FUN, RELAXED & FRIENDLY

GREAT EVENTS



## What's On



班戈学联&班戈孔子学院  
CSSA-Bangor & Confucius Institute Bangor

**班戈2017春节联欢晚会**  
2017 Bangor CSSA Spring Festival Gala

新年快乐

购买门票即有机会赢取新年惊喜大奖!

门票2磅 (一张门票含一张抽奖券)  
Ticket price only for 2 pounds!

时间: 2月11日, 4:30pm Time: 11th February 2017, 4:30pm  
地点: PJ HALL Address: PJ Hall  
联系人: 许城源, 07455028080 微信: you5538  
Contact: Parker, 07455028080

## ELCOS

Hello from  
ELCOS's  
Language  
Improvement  
course!



This semester we have students from Saudi Arabia, Libya, and China for our regular classes. On Tuesday mornings we have an IELTS preparation class which is open to anyone. This is a great chance for BU students to prepare for IELTS by focussing on one skill per week. It is also great for our ELI students to see some new faces! Students from Bangor Business School joined us this week to practice their speaking skills. If you are interested, have a look at our website:  
<http://elcos.bangor.ac.uk/general.php>

We are also working closely with the department of Linguistics and English language. Students from Linguistics come to help with conversation lessons and, in turn, we help their students who are learning about English teaching. It is exciting to work with students from other departments and we are thinking about more ways we can do it.

So, international students – look out for opportunities to study or get involved in our ELI course!

## Fancy a trip to CARDIFF? Join us and discover the Capital of Wales

Join us and our legendary local guides on this 3-day adventure  
direct from uni to the Welsh capital!

Hit the highlights of one of the most important cities in Wales for sightseeing, history & culture. Get up close to an ancient fort and ultra-modern architecture, discover the seat of Welsh power, and follow in the footsteps of the Doctor Who. Get tickets today from [www.dontbeatourist.co.uk/trip/show/379](http://www.dontbeatourist.co.uk/trip/show/379)



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- **All transport** - travel comfortably by private modern air-con / heated coach.
- **2 nights accommodation** - multi-share (4-12 bed), Cardiff's top 2 hostels!
- **3 meals** - 2 x continental breakfast, 1 x two-course Cardiff Group Dinner
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- **Plenty of free time** - explore more
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- **All local taxes / tips / service charges** - no hidden extras

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