

International Student Newsletter - Summer 2017



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What A Year! - A goodbye message from us

We cannot believe the year has gone so quick! It has been 9 months full of events, trips and great moments and we would like to send a BIG Thank You to all of you for your enthusiasm and good vibes! Congratulations also to all our graduates! Although we are sad to see you leaving, well done to everyone and we are sure that you have a bright future ahead! For more information about Graduation 2017, including renting a gown, buying guest tickets and getting a visa letter, see www.bangor.ac.uk/graduation.

Welcome to all our new summer students as well! This newsletter comes at the end of most months during term-time. It will be emailed to your Bangor University email address, so be sure to take a look to keep up-to-date with news and information to help you make the most of your time in Bangor!

Finally, if you are in Bangor over the summer, then check our Events page for information on local events, trips and sports activities. This year the Students' Union will be running the summer social programme, so it is going to be even bigger and better than before! Watch this space, wishing you all a HAPPY SUMMER! bangor.ac.uk/international/support/events



Important Information for EU/EEA Students

As you may be aware, in June 2016 the UK government held a referendum on whether or not the UK should remain part of the European Union, and 52 % of voters chose to leave the bloc. Although Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty was triggered in March 2017, it is still unclear when the UK will be leaving the EU and on what conditions. This unfortunately means that at this stage there is little certainty as to what implications the result of the referendum will have for the EU/EEA nationals living in the UK in future. What we do know however is that the process of leaving the EU is likely to take a minimum of two years from the date the UK gave notification of its intention to leave the union (29 March 2017). The position of EU/EEA nationals in the UK remains unchanged throughout this time.



With an aim to keep you informed on the matter, we have launched a new website that will be regularly updated as new legislation unfolds: <https://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/eea-students.php.en>

We recommend that you have a look at the link above as you will find useful information on *Tuition Fee and Student Finance Status, Right of Residence and Comprehensive Sickness Insurance*. Please continue monitoring our site as well as the [Home Office](http://www.gov.uk) and [UKCISA](http://www.ukcisa.gov.uk) webpages for any news - *information correct on 5th June 2017

HOW TO CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM:

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Goodbye to all Exchange Students!

“On 26th April 2017, we held Mini-Graduation, a ceremony aimed at formally saying farewell to exchange students who are finishing their study period at Bangor University and therefore becoming part of our “Bangor Family”, a worldwide network of over 88,000 alumni of Bangor University. As well as receiving Study Abroad Certificates from Pro-Vice Chancellor Carol Tully, the exchange students shared their experiences in Bangor with the audience and some students took the opportunity to wear traditional clothes from their native culture or country to celebrate diversity. After all, the international experience is all about discovering other cultures and being enriched by it. We also had the great pleasure of listening to an uplifting speech from one of our exchange students, Xhulia Gjoni, who had the whole room laughing with her.

Our thanks to all the students and guests who attended the ceremony! It was a pleasure to be a part of your experience. Although it is sad to see you going, this is not a farewell and we hope to see you again in Bangor one day. We would like you to remember that although the world is changing, your experience and the international bonds you have created can make a difference and contribute to make the world an open and friendly place!

Wishing you the best of luck for the future,

Exchanges team”



International Ambassadors' Column - Hindere Wong, Hong Kong

‘Time flies. Especially when you’re in university’ - I can’t doubt this quote at all -

“This three years felt like I have just woken up from a nap. My stay in Bangor was nice, with seagull’s company despite their strong eagerness to food. I have had some really nice flat mates and friends who really helped me through tough times.

Having studied in the UK for 7 years, it’s finally time to leave and begin a new chapter of my life elsewhere. If I hadn’t come to the U.K., I wouldn’t have met so many interesting people which helped me think so differently. I will certainly not miss the weather here, but surely the people. For example, the team at the International Office who are always so friendly and approachable.

Hopefully everyone who has studied in Bangor has learned a great deal, not just academically, but also become a better person!

It is odd to think about leaving so soon, but it will happen. And I am ready to sit in the train reminiscing my experiences I had in in this country.

Thank you Bangor, a place which has given me so many opportunities to meet new friends from so many different places around the world. Most importantly, the position of an international student ambassador.

Farewell U.K,

Hindere”

More details about Hindere and how to contact the rest of the Ambassadors at: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/studentprofiles/ambassadors



UNDEB Bangor - Students' Union

"It's been a great year for Undeb Bangor; we've won a few trophies, numerous awards and above all else we have enjoyed ourselves to the fullest. Our successes are a tribute to our student-led movement. Early on in the next semester, nominations open for Course Reps and for the Undeb Bangor Council, two very important democratic bodies that steer the work of the Students' Union.

Undeb Bangor Council (UBC) discusses, debates and sets Union policy as well as reviewing, guiding and holding to account the Sabbatical Team. It also works to create projects and initiatives for the Students' Union to take forward ensuring your Students' Union is of relevance to you and works to make Students' lives better by consulting and understanding the needs of the student body.

Course Reps are students who are elected by their peers to represent students' views about issues surrounding their course. They attend meetings with staff in their school and college, as well as Students' Union meetings, to make sure that students' voices are heard.

Nominations are open between 18th and 29th of September on our website, with voting starting on the 2nd of October, also on our website:

www.undebbangor.com ”



- What the students are saying about: Confucius Institute - by Ankita Goyal, India

"Confucius Institute put up a stall at **Trazz**, a busking festival with fringe events held at Llandudno Junction on the 22nd of April.

They had a unique presence at the said festival where people could learn more about Chinese culture and language. A team of 8 spent their time promoting the rich culture to the locals from 9 am to 5 pm. They provided the crowd a glimpse into Chinese culture through activities such as translating names to Chinese, selling Chinese merchandise and so on. Calligraphy, paper quilling and kite paintings were also a part of their exhibition which helped in attracting a lot of kids.

Personally I had a really wonderful time and was proud of the fact that the University was well represented. Hopefully you all can be part of such events along with me in the future!" - Ankita Goyal





Internationals GO GREEN - Sustainability Week



The International Student Support Office has been recently working on a new project for the academic year 2017/18 - *Internationals GoGreen* – consisting of a series of trips and events aimed at raising awareness on environmental issues and sustainability among overseas students. With this project, staff at the ISSO will promote ways to ensure a greener present and future not only in Wales but also worldwide, whilst doing their bit in helping Bangor University to become The Sustainable University.

In that context, University’s sustainability goals were presented and discussed during Bangor Sustainability Week (02-05 May), with a whole workshop dedicated to “Sustainability and Wellbeing across Continents”, in collaboration with ELCOS and the Sustainability Lab. During 3 hours English language students shared ideas on sustainability, both in Bangor and back in their countries of origin, and learned about ways to enhance and ensure sustainable practices.

Overall, the event positively highlighted the rising interest towards sustainability, wellbeing and the environment amongst international students. Taking all the feedback received into consideration, we will start putting together a programme full of activities for the next academic year, hoping to deliver an opportunity for international students to make a difference and work together towards a greener future for all.

KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME!



PREPARE 2 GET AHEAD - Careers information for Chinese students

Get ahead on your career journey

Studying in the UK is the start of an amazing journey that will provide you with knowledge, opportunities and experiences, as well the chance to make new friends and explore a different area of the world.

Making the most of your time in the UK is an important part of your experience and one of the best ways you can do this is to get ahead, and get started on your career journey as early as you can.

The Prepare2GetAhead e-learning resource gives an introduction to career planning for students and provides a step-by-step approach to enable you to develop and create your own career plan. The resource aims to help students to make the most of your time at university and to explore options that interest you, as well as gain relevant skills and experiences. For more information please visit:

www.prepare2getahead.co.uk/

1 Get Ahead	2 Get a career plan	3 Research your options
4 Create your own career plan	5 Develop your skills	6 Review your plan
7 Your next steps	8 Resources	9 Contact

Employability Workshops for Postgraduates—June 2017

Activities & Events	BEA Code	BEA Categ.	Day	Date	Time	Room
Postgraduate masterclass: Applications - academic & non academic	C030	CM	Tuesday	27.06.17	11:00-12:00	Alun 1.06
As a postgraduate applicant, competition for jobs and academic positions is intense so your application has to stand out from the crowd. This workshop will help you to present yourself effectively as the perfect candidate.						
Postgraduate masterclass: CVs - academic & non-academic	C029	CM	Tuesday	27.06.17	14:00-16:00	Alun 1.06
If you're applying for jobs, an excellent CV is critical to your success. This workshop gives advice on putting together an effective and powerful CV which will make you stand out and be noticed. An overview of CV types and strategies suitable for both academic and non-academic applications.						
Making the most of LinkedIn	C547	ESD	Wednesday	28.06.17	10:30-12:00	Alun 2.03
LinkedIn is a powerful networking and job-searching tool, but are you using it correctly? This workshop will explain the benefits of LinkedIn, how to create a profile that makes you stand out, and how to make the site work for you.						
Postgraduate masterclass: Interview skills	C031	CM	Wednesday	28.06.17	12:00-13:00	Alun 2.03
Find out what to expect at interviews as a postgraduate and how to prepare for presenting yourself effectively. This workshop looks at the preparation needed to give you the confidence to handle interviews successfully.						
Understanding yourself and others know your personality type	C552	ESD	Thursday	29.06.17	11:00-12:30	Alun 1.06
The aim of the workshop is to help you understand how some people are similar to you whilst others are different. As a result some work differently and this can have an impact in the workplace. Understand the different personalities within the MBTI framework; recognise how this knowledge will help you deal with change; understand how use this information to help you to develop more effective relationships.						
Postgraduate masterclass: Job search	C032	CM	Thursday	29.06.17	13:00-14:00	Alun 1.06
As a postgraduate student, what are your options? In this workshop, you will have the opportunity to look at the wide range of options open to you, both academic and non-academic, and consider how to research and apply for them.						
Working in the UK for international students	C028	CM	Thursday	29.06.17	14:00-15:00	Alun 1.06
A session for international students to come and find out about the rules for working in the UK, both during and after your studies.						

Correct at time of print. Double-check in My Employability Hub for up-to-date information.



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Study Skills Centre - Over the Summer Vacation

"We're open over the summer vacation for 1-2-1 writing appointments and Maths and Stats support*.



To arrange a [1-2-1 Writing appointments](#) or for [Maths and Stats support](#) visit our website.

Also why not attend one of our free, interactive workshops aimed at helping you write your dissertation this semester? [Visit our website to reserve your place.](#)"

For further information or advice:

Website: www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills

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*Maths appointments limited to a Tuesday afternoon.

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Student Housing Office - MOVING OUT



"We have created a handy checklist, with the basics of Moving Out of your student property, to help you to ensure the day goes well."

Check it out at www.bangorstudentpad.co.uk/Local



HOST - Spend a weekend in a British home!

"Would you like to learn more about British culture, meet British people, and explore British home-life?"

HOST is a charity that wants to help you feel welcome in the UK and to give you a taste of British life first-hand. Enjoy a short time away from your University work and benefit from this unique opportunity.

HOST has hundreds of friendly, welcoming people across the UK who would like to meet and give you a true home-away-from-home experience. All hosts are unpaid, and invite students because they enjoy offering you a welcome to this country.

"If you are student, you need this experience. Because from this wonderful journey, you will get precious friendships, good experiences and unforgettable memories of your life." Yingyu Hu, Chinese student

To find out more, or to submit an application, please visit www.hostuk.org. Applications are currently being accepted for the summer: have a truly local experience during the warmer months!

An application fee may apply. Please see the HOST website for more information.



Development and Alumni Relations Office

Bangor University Hong Kong Reunion, May 2017

"Vice-Chancellor Prof. John G. Hughes welcomed more than 45 Bangor University alumni to a reunion in the beautiful Kowloon Shangri-La hotel in Hong Kong recently. Alumni caught up with old friends and made new ones at the drinks and canape reception and Prof. Hughes updated the guests on developments at Bangor and on Bangor China College, the prestigious joint school established in Changsha by Bangor University and the Central South University of Forestry and Technology. It was a lovely evening!"

See our website for more photos from the event: www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/photoslideshows/



Keep in touch!

"For those of you who are graduating this year, please remember to let the Development and Alumni Relations Office know of any changes in your contact details so we can send you *Bangoriad*, our alumni magazine, regular e-newsletters and invite you to reunions and events in your area. We love to hear what you have gone on to do after graduation, so please keep in touch with your alma mater. You can also stay connected by joining our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) groups.

We hope that you will forever be proud of being a Bangor alumnus and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours!"



Enterprise by Design Triumph for International Team

"International students were amongst those scooping the £2500 top prize in Enterprise by Design at Bangor University this year. They wowed the judges with their 'Slate VR' concept; a package of VR related benefits to enhance the customer experience across sites at Zip World (North Wales based adventure-tourism company).

The team comprised Electronic Engineering student, Adam Reading who has dual Australian-UK citizenship, Business student Fangzhi Cao and Psychology student Yui Ting Lee both from China, and Creative Studies and Media student Jesse Young from Wales. Team members were delighted to be offered paid employment in Zip World's Marketing and Operations departments, subject to their individual visa conditions.

Jesse Young said of the experience *'it was hard work well spent. Even though joining in was a snap decision on my part, it was one worth making. I love doing things that I fear such as working with people who look at things in an entirely different way to me or developing and pitching a product. I think I've grown a lot in the process, and feel much more prepared for what post-university life will bring'*.

Enterprise by Design involves multidisciplinary teams working together alongside postgraduate facilitators and academic specialists over ten weeks to design a new product according to a real world design brief. The course provides a central activity for Arloesi Pontio Innovation in collaboration with B-Enterprising and the Schools of Psychology, Creative Studies & Media, Business, Education and Electronic Engineering."

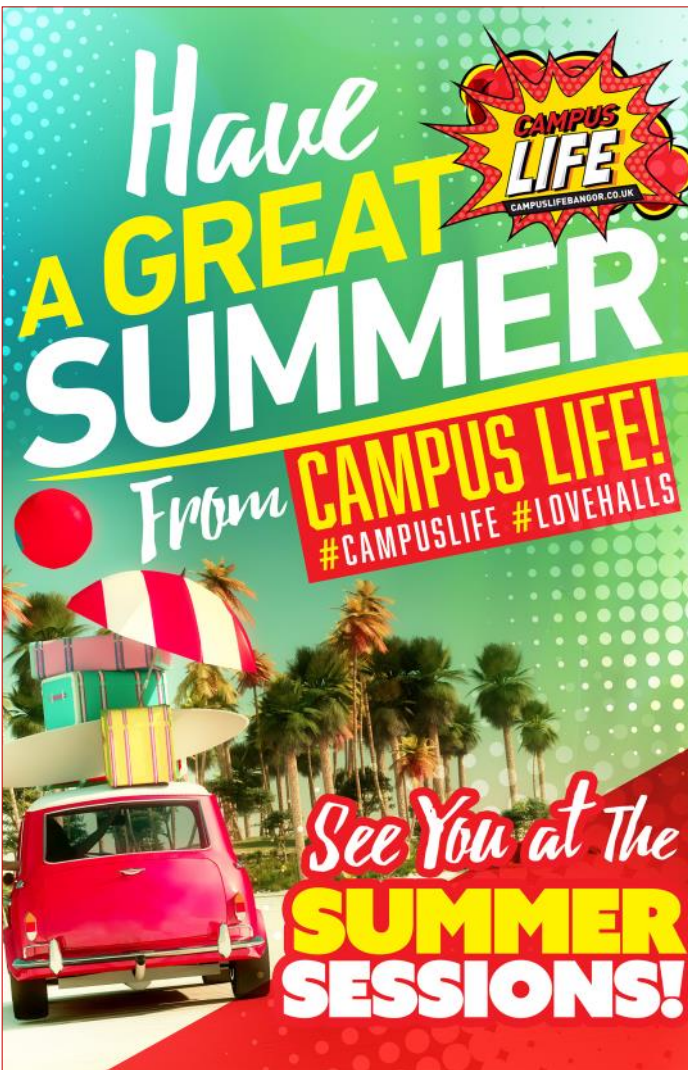


Pontio - Summer Circus Feast

Circolombia: ACELERE : 21-23/07/2017

Pontio is very proud to bring Circolombia to Wales for the first time this summer! Inspired by Colombia's diverse communities, *Acelere* features 13 of the most talented performers from across Colombia, mixing spectacular circus with dance and an original soundtrack.

Most of the artists trained and graduated at Colombia's National Circus School; the World's first professional circus school specifically dedicated to empowering children and young people succeeding against the odds. The young company includes some of the most revered circus performers in the World and they've been on an incredible journey to be part of an even more incredible company. Get your [tickets](#) today! - £10



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Here this Summer? WALES' BIGGEST FESTIVAL IS COMING TO ANGLESEY!

The National Eisteddfod - the largest festival of Welsh Music, Literature and Performance in the World - will be set in Bodedern (Anglesey) from the 5th until 12th of August this year! The National Eisteddfod consists of eight days of competitions and performances with up to 6,000 competitors every year and an overall attendance of 150,000 visitors. The main aim of the event is the celebration of the Welsh language and Welsh culture. But do not worry! You do not have to speak/understand Welsh in order to attend!

There will be hundreds of tents, pavilions and booths where you can experience poetry, readings, art, music, drama and visual arts in a stunning location. Each year, the festival is held at a different location and we are very lucky to have it next door this year so don't miss out! We will be organising a 1-day trip (check your email closer to the date) but you can also get a tent with friends and stay at the site for a night!

* Expect Welshness at its best, you won't regret it *

For more information please check <https://eisteddfod.wales/>

