

# International Student Newsletter - Summer 2018



## 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 2018, including renting a gown, buying guest tickets and getting a visa letter, see [www.bangor.ac.uk/graduation](http://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 from Alan and Marcel! [bangor.ac.uk/international/support/events](http://bangor.ac.uk/international/support/events)

## THIS ACADEMIC YEAR IN PHOTOS!



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## Goodbye to all Exchange & Study Abroad Students!

"The International Exchanges Office celebrated the 'graduation' of its Exchange and Study Abroad Students in April. Some of these students have been studying in Bangor since September or January and have been incredibly involved in the International Student landscape.

During the Mini-Graduation Ceremony, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Carol Tully and Head of International Student Support Alan Edwards gave speeches before presenting students with a certificate congratulating them on their semester or whole-academic year of study at Bangor University. Alongside staff speeches, exchanges student Bradley Thomas also gave a speech about his study semester at Bangor.

I would like to conclude this article with a little farewell message to all of the Exchange and Study Abroad Students who have been at Bangor for the past semester or academic year. It has been a pleasure to know all of you and I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your time at Bangor. Never forget us please!" - Charlotte Fairclough, International Exchanges Assistant 2017/18.



## International Ambassadors' Column - Stephanie Dale, UK



"When I arrived at this university in 2015 I didn't spare a thought about the International department of the university, and why would I? I'm not an International student. And yet, here I am, about to finish my final year and I have never been more thankful than I am to have met the wonderful people who are involved with international life at Bangor.

It all started in 2016 when I was looking for an internship within the University. I stumbled across an event planning one and it was so unbelievably perfect. I love planning and organisation, but this would be my biggest project yet. I had never been more excited and more nervous than I was the day of my interview. That was the day I met Alan, and Marcel and following the confirmation that I got the job I met so many more wonderful people.

Because of the fun I had had with the internship I decided to ask to become an International Ambassador. I was sure I wouldn't be needed as I am, once again, not an international student, but they let me join the team and for the academic year 2017/18 I have been helping in representing the university. This volunteer job was one of the best things to have happened to me. I have met amazing students, staff, and other volunteers who have impacted me in a way they might not even know.

It has been so great walking around Bangor and being greeted by friendly faces from across the globe. To know that this university has a team like this to support the wonderful students makes me very happy. As for me? This is an experience I wouldn't change for the world."

More details about Steph and the rest of the Ambassadors at:

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



## UNDEB Bangor - Students' Union

"It has been a great year and it is coming to an end! Undeb Bangor Sabbatical Officers would like to thank everyone that has been involved with Students' Union activities throughout the year. We wish all of you who are graduating this summer the best in your future careers!

Staying over the summer? Don't forget that we'll be releasing details of our Summer Sessions soon. Summer Sessions are activities arranged by Undeb Bangor and ELCOS on a weekly basis for those who will remain in Bangor over the Summer. Details will be available soon, so look out for the specifics on our website! [UndebBangor.com](http://UndebBangor.com)

If you are returning next year we look forward to welcoming you back to such events as Serendipity, our Freshers' Fair as well as activities such as Meet and Mingle and Tour of Bangor; activities aimed at those that want to steer away from busy pubs and clubs. Have a great summer break whatever you do!"



## BBS succeeds at IBM Business Competition

"A team of Bangor Business School students came 2nd at the national final of **IBM University Business Challenge**, held at IBM's London HQ in March. Students worked as board of directors to make critical business decisions showing entrepreneurial skills, creativity and team-work. **Over 200 student teams competed in the nationwide event.** The BBS team, which included Chinese International Student Ambassador Junhui Wang and Vietnamese International Student Ambassador Nguyen Nhat Ngan Le, was mentored by Dr Siwan Mitchelmore, BBS Employability Officer. A second BBS team made it into the semi-finals and were placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

The IBM Universities Business Challenge is a prestigious and highly competitive contest. Undergraduates from universities throughout the UK participate in a series of realistic, simulated business scenarios, showing how students can translate academic learning into real-world commercial sense."

**LLONGYFARCHIADAU! Congratulations!**





## 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](http://www.bangorstudentpad.co.uk/Local)

Diolch yn fawr! Thank you!

Amy Jones & Mair Owen



## HOST - Spend a weekend in a British home!

**Enjoy an experience that will be both unique and memorable this SUMMER.**

"HOST UK can offer you the opportunity to visit British people in their homes for a day or weekend home-stay. The invitations are offered by approved, volunteer (unpaid) hosts, who are interested in meeting you and learning about your culture. Hosts enjoy sharing meals and conversation and are well equipped to answer questions about the UK .

There are **FREE fully funded placements** available for students from the following countries:

Japan, Afghanistan, Palestine, Syria, Ukraine, Iraq, Israel,  
Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Yemen Libya, Sudan, South Sudan,  
Nigeria, Iran and Ethiopia

We also have funding for Chevening and Commonwealth Scholars.



If you are not eligible for funding, you can still apply!

The experience is very informative and enjoyable and offers a special kind of friendship.

Go to [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) to read more and apply. You must apply at least 4 weeks before you want to go on a visit.

Don't miss this unique opportunity!"

## Development and Alumni Relations Office

### 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!"



# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT?

FINAL YEAR STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE NOW >

## FUNDING FOR YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE AT BANGOR

- Up to £5,000 scholarship\* for 1st class students
- Minimum £2,000 scholarship\* guaranteed to all eligible international students
- Additional £1,000 alumni discount\*\*
- No application fee, easy application process

\* Only available to self-funding students. Sponsored students are not eligible.

\*\* Only £500 for Home/EU students

## RENEWING YOUR VISA

- Visa application/renewal support
- Free via the IEC - only £7 postage fee

**APPLY FOR 2018/19  
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COURSES**

Search "Bangor postgrad" online or visit [www.bangor.ac.uk/postgradinfo](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/postgradinfo) for more information and to apply.

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## Pontio - Casus Circus

**DRIFTWOOD : 15-17/06/2018**

In this colourful and turbulent concoction of pure joy and intimacy, watch Casus bring a blank canvas to life and reveal our innate need for human contact. This is a circus show that does not let you forget that to feel is to be human and in a moment of danger, a grasping hold is survival. The unique acrobatic shapes signature to Casus, from Australia, abound in this journey of explosive encounters, hidden looks, and humorous discoveries.

Using traditional and contemporary circus techniques, Driftwood is a spectacular display of choreography, acrobatics, trapeze and aerial stunts. Marvel at the breathtaking skill, strength and bravery of these phenomenal performers who test the limits of the human body, their only performance in Wales. Get your [tickets](#) today! - **£12 student;**



## Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod : 3-8 July 2018

Every summer since 1947 Llangollen has staged one of the world's most inspirational cultural festivals. Each year around 4,000 performers and as many as 50,000 visitors converge on this beautiful small Welsh town and its International Pavilion; to sing and dance in a unique combination of competition, performance, and international peace and friendship.

Its competitions climax with the prestigious 'Choir of the World', which determines the best overall choir of the event. In 2005 Luciano Pavarotti added his name to the competition in recognition of his appreciation of the festival and its influence on his career!

A **Day Ticket** (£10) gives you full access to the grounds, stalls, outdoor stages, activities and the option to sit in the red seating area of the Pavilion to enjoy the competitions. Don't miss out if you are staying in Wales this Summer!

For more info and how to get there please visit <http://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/>

