International Student Newsletter - May 2019







Internationals GO GREEN - Dawn Chorus Explorers

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Stay Green this Spring!

A team of 20 International Students from all over the World took part in a very early start on Saturday 13th April to experience the sounds of the Dawn Chorus at The Spinnies Reserve, Aberogwen.

The trip was organised by Marcel from the International Support Office and together with The North Wales Wildlife Trust the aim was to teach the students about the wildlife living right on our doorstep.

The students learned that The Spinnies is an important wetland site in the area with high water roosts and feeding areas for ducks and waders including greenshank and wigeon.

The Wildlife Nature Reserve is a popular spot for bird-watching with hides facing the lagoons and estuary of the River Ogwen and the Menai Straits, famous for its kingfisher and little egret.

Wrapped up against the early morning chill and equipped with binoculars the students learned about the species surrounding them and how to help care about them and help to protect them.



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WHAT UNI Student Choice Awards

"Bangor University has been chosen as the best in the UK for its Students' Union Clubs & Societies in this year's WhatUni Student Choice Awards. The University was also placed third in the UK in the Accommodation category and third in the UK for the International award.

accolade The latest is α further endorsement of students' place at the heart the University's extracurricular of experiences. Taking part in activities improves students' employability, giving them opportunities to develop a range of skills. It also creates communities and networking opportunities.

The Award follows another successful year which has also seen the University in the top 10 in the UK in the National Student Survey for student satisfaction and maintaining its Gold standard in the UK Government's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)".



Employability Celebration Event

"An annual Employability Celebration event was held in Pontio on Tuesday, 30th April to congratulate and showcase Bangor University students who have taken part in the Bangor Employability Award and University internship schemes, and demonstrated exceptional commitment to developing their employability through extracurricular activities whilst at University.

Students gave presentations about their experiences of developing their employability at University, and what they have gained from participating in extra-curricular activities and work experience. Student presenters included Raja Asad (Business), Megan Owen (Electronic Engineering), Gabriele Radzeviciute (Geography), and Fazeelat Hamid (Medical Sciences). A recent graduate working for Menter Môn, Danial Ellis Evans, also gave a presentation about his experiences during his first year after graduating.

Chris Little, Head of Skills and Employability said, "It's a great event for students to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication to developing their skills and employability. The diversity of interests of students taking part showcases the breadth of opportunities that there are available for students studying at Bangor University to prepare themselves for graduate employment".



International Student Ambassador's Award Ceremony



The International Support office held a Welcome and Training event on the 1st May for new International Student Ambassadors joining the International Support team.

It was a chance for new and current Ambassadors to meet and mingle but also for us to say a sad but fond farewell to some of the students who will no longer be continuing as Ambassadors.

Ronya Someschan wrote

"Today I received my end of year and goodbye certificate from the International Student Support office together

with the most popular fluffy red dragon there is.

I became an International Student Ambassador after meeting Charu Dada, who had been an Ambassador for the past 6 years and introduced me to the scheme.

Calling myself an International Ambassador has been a pride and joy of my last year at Bangor University, and I am so genuinely sad to leave this group and family. I learned about many other cultures and countries, and got to know so many people. It's a job where you help and learn so much at the same time. I will miss all meetings with the other Ambassadors but we made so many great memories together.

I thank Bangor International for being absolutely amazing and making my year wonderful with their work!"

The International Support team would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support, hard work and dedication. We wish you all the very best of luck with your future studies and adventures. Keep in touch!

Good Luck & Goodbye to our Study Abroad & Exchange Students

"The International Study Abroad & Exchange Office organised a certificate ceremony and farewell event for Study abroad, Exchange and Erasmus+ programme students from all over the World. Over 370 Study Abroad & Exchange students studied at Bangor during the 2018/19.

The event took place on the 1st May in John Phillips Hall and all students who have studied at Bangor for the full academic year and Semester 2 gathered for afternoon tea and cake.

Our thanks to all the students 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"



BU Alumni Meet in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Bangor University Alumni Meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia - April 2019

"Bangor University held it's first-ever reunion reception and networking event to meet Bangor University alumni and families in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The event was sparkling with energy as alumni exchanged greetings and remembered their study times at Bangor University.

The evening featured presentations by Bangor University MSc Business graduate Abdulrahman Bin Salman.

In his opening remarks, Abdulrahman reminisced about the special place Bangor holds in the hearts of Saudi alumni.

Abdulrahman added: *"For many international students, leaving their homeland, friends, and family to study abroad is a difficult experience, and after graduation leaving Bangor is equally difficult."*

Representation from Bangor University were Noor Al-Zubaidi, MENA Region Manager, International Education Centre and faculty members: Dr David Evans and Dr Mohammed Mabrook.



During her speech at the reception, Noor Al-Zubaidi mentioned that Bangor alumni have an important role in building the University's global reputation. Noor also highlighted the joy of meeting Bangor alumni at new stages in their lives and emphasized the importance of alumni staying connected with each other and with Bangor University.

At the end of the celebration all alumni received a certificate to recognise and celebrate positive achievements at Bangor University. Special thanks to our students who attended the event."

- By Noor Al-Zubaidi, Bangor University MENA Region Manager, Email: n.al-zubaidi@bangor.ac.uk



Student Led Teaching Award's

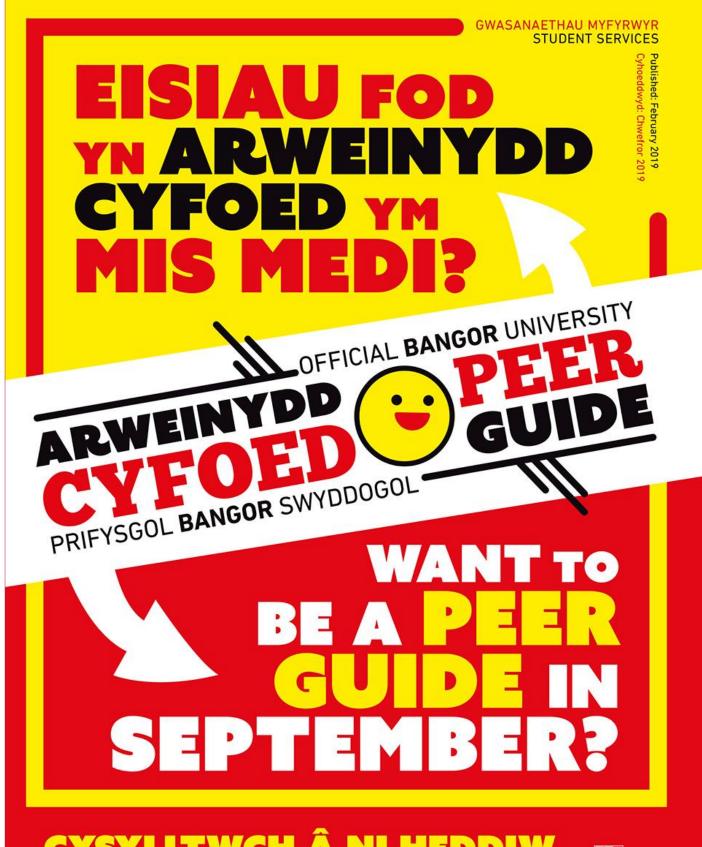
The International Student Support Team would like to thank all of you who nominated the Support Team for the Student Services Department Award category 2019.

We felt really touched and would like to send a BIG thank you for making our jobs so rewarding and positive – we couldn't do it without your good vibes!

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EU Settlement Scheme Update

EU, EEA or Swiss students and Brexit

If you are a student from the above countries, you can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. If your application is



successful, you'll get either settled or pre-settled status. Details are still vague at the moment and information changes quickly. To keep informed of the situation you can come and talk to us in the International Support Office, also the following website is very useful and you can also receive regular email updates:

https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

Student-Led Mental Health Strategy

"Your Students Union are working alongside the University to develop a new mental health strategy for students. The aim is for this strategy to be student-led, therefore it is really important that we hear your thoughts on the current strategy in place and new ideas for developing the new one.

If you can spare a few minutes please take the time to fill out this survey and have your voices heard!"

https://www.undebbangor.com/ mentalhealthstrategy/







PARTY TIME!





CALLING BANGOR STUDENTS!

Want to feature in our new prospectus?

We have screen tests at 1:30pm on 15 May at Bar Uno. If selected to take part in the photoshoot, you need to be available on either 22 or 23 May.

Fee - £7.85 an hour.

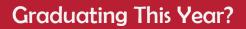
Interested? E-mail aos836@bangor.ac.uk



Are You Moving Out?

The **Student Housing Office** 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





Snowdon Hike - Saturday 1st June - £10 adult - Only over 18's

Join the International Support team and get ready to conquer the highest mountain in Wales and England and second highest in the UK! We will walk up to the top from Llanberis to enjoy the voted best view in the country. Bring a picnic and a towel (in case you fancy a quick dip in the lake afterwards!). Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Tickets are available online – visit http://shop.bangor.ac.uk

You can also buy from our office in Rathbone (cash only)



