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Dear Reader

Welcome to a special January Issue of GO!News for 2024!

We hope you enjoy reading about all the things we have to look forward to during the start of the New Year!

We've been working hard to create a fun, safe and exciting programme of social events to welcome you to Swansea University, wherever you happen to be in the world, and kick-start this next chapter of your life!

We also have information on volunteer opportunities and where you can access advice and support.

Emma, Fiona, Abbie, Nick, Nic, Mike, Kayleigh, 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.

Remember - we are here to support you! 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 Official Swansea University International Welcome Group on Facebook, dedicated to welcoming new International Students to our university, linking them with course-mates and friends. Click here or search for us on Facebook and become a part of our International community.

What's Going On?

Our January welcome programme will be packed with fun-filled activities including film nights, board games, exploring Swansea town centre and our popular welcome days.

We have many activities that will widen your imagination, give you the opportunity to meet new friends and make your time at Swansea University the best it can be!

Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

- GO! Social: Bingo - 17th January
- GO! Trip: Cardiff by Train - 19th January
- International Welcome Days - 28th January & 3rd February
- GO! Social: Welcome Breakfast - 22nd January & 29th January
- GO! Walk: Explore Swansea Town - 24th January, 31st January & 7th February
- GO! Film: - 26th January
- GO! Film - 8th February
- GO! Trip: Birmingham - 11th February
- GO! Eat: The New Slow Boat - 12th February
- GO! Family: Arts and Crafts - 14th February

There is an event for everyone to enjoy so browse our future events. All of these can be booked at:

<https://events.swansea.su/group/313/campus-life>

GO! Programme Lookback

GO! Trip: Gloucester



Our GO! Trips to Major UK cities are always International@CampusLife's most popular events. Our students loved walking around the city, visiting the docks, cathedral plus all the shops as well. With so much history at Gloucester, including some scenes from Harry Potter filmed there, it really was a city to explore!

"Chat with friends!"

"I loved the cathedral and having a walk around the docks and the city centre"

"For the first time I visit this ancient historical city and its churches and cathedrals, and I will definitely continue with the rest of the museums and churches that I did not visit on my next visit"

Meet the GO! Team

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

Name: Lois Owumi
Course: MSc Management (Business Analytics)
Nationality: Nigerian



Why did you choose to study at Swansea University? Honestly i fell in love with Swansea University when i first went to their website. It was so detailed that i didn't need to ask questions. I also loved how highly ranked they were and that influenced my decision as well. Finally, the International officers in Nigeria (2 of them), did an excellent job of making me chose Swansea over about 10 other schools I had an offer with.

Why did you decide to volunteer as a GO! Team member? I love helping people and making a difference in their lives especially by putting them on the right path and providing them with the right information. Volunteering with GO Team provided me that platform but on a larger scale. I also loved the fact that i get to go on trips with people and explore new places, build new friendships, and learn new things.

What do you see as your main role as a GO! Team member? Promoting the integration of international students into the community and helping them to feel happy in a country they are new to.

What makes a good GO! Team member? Kindness! Just be kind, be genuinely interested in the happiness of people and you will just fit right in.

What has been the best thing about being a part of the GO! Team so far? it's numerous but i would say for every event or trip i have participated in, i made at least one new friend and gained one new soft skill or knowledge. You never can tell when they will come in handy!

Why do you think other students should apply to be part of the GO! Team? You can have more opportunities to laugh. We play games, we have fun, we travel, we learn, we help others, we make a difference! Whats there not to love about being a member! I mean you can even use your experience here in a future interview demonstrating your inclusivity, cultural awareness, team work and leadership skills. Sign up now.

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.



GO!Eat | Cost £10 (usually)

Since starting a couple of years ago, our GO!Eat evenings have grown in popularity - 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://events.swansea.su/group/313/campus-life>



5 places to study and relax in Swansea:

- **Founders** - Grab a day pass for unlimited hot drinks from Little Man Coffee in Founders for £10.99. Not only do they have this, but they have many food vendors that you can grab some lunch or dinner from.
- **BaseKamp** - Free wi-fi, great coffee and cake! It's not far from the train station, so really central and easy to wonder over too. Also, one of the main appeals of this venue, is Dil the dog who is there most days!
- **Brewstone** - For only £10, book a space and get unlimited teas and coffee and a hotdesking space. Brewstone is in the heart of Uplands, so if you are living near here, it's a lovely place to pop into. They also do stunning homemade pizzas!
- **One Sixty Coffee Bar** - Are you an early riser for studying? Head to One Sixty for some breakfast/brunch whilst studying, and enjoy 10% discount as a student on top! With two floors, there is plenty of space to study, chill and eat some delicious food.
- **Brynmill Coffee House** - If you want somewhere close to Singleton Park Campus, head here - they serve a range of sourdough toasties, bagels and cooked breakfasts with amazing coffee and in-house freshly baked cakes.