

Dear Student

March is upon us, and the weather is changing, spring has sprung and you'll soon be able to put your umbrella away! Watch out, however, as Wales can sometimes have snow showers in March and we also get April showers.

We hope you're all enjoying your courses at USW, and that those of you who joined us in February have found your feet. This issue of the newsletter has information on our upcoming events as well as articles and photos from the recent trips to Bath and Oxford. In March there will be more FAN events, an Easter Treasure hunt, and as you will see in the newsletter, lots of exciting things happening to keep you busy this year!

Emma, James, Kath, Sarah, Tim, James and Amina
Immigration and International Student Advice

FAN

FAN stands for Friends and Neighbours. The FAN Charity supports communities to set up groups that bring people together from around the corner and around the world, to meet and talk in a relaxed and friendly space.

The USW:1World FAN group is open to all (students, staff and local community members) and it's FREE to take part, so why not come along and see who you might meet?

Meetings are held every **Wednesday, 4pm-5pm** in **Crawshays Cafe** in **Tŷ Crawshay** on the **Treforest Campus**. Full information is available here: bit.ly/1L69JQI



USW:1World Easter Treasure Hunt

In some parts of the world it is traditional to have a Treasure Hunt during the upcoming Easter holiday period?

Families and friends hide small gifts and chocolate eggs in their homes and gardens to be found. Well, you too can take part in a challenge to win some chocolate eggs by taking part in the USW:1World Easter Treasure Hunt!

This activity will take place on **Wednesday 30th March 2016** starting at **2pm** in the **IISA Treforest office – E001**. All you need to do is register your team with IISA (£1 per person and children register for free). Register by dropping into to see us or by e-mailing 1world@southwales.ac.uk.

All USW students and their families are welcome to take part! Please make sure you register your team so we have enough prizes on the day!





Bath Trip

On 20th February 50 students took the opportunity to visit the City of Bath.

Bath is a very historic city which has perfectly preserved Roman Baths, fantastic architecture, a lovely Cathedral, the river Avon and fantastic local walking tours. Students on the trip had the opportunity to visit the baths and take a hop on hop off bus tour of the city, seeing all of its monuments and beautiful sandstone buildings. The damp day didn't spoil this beautiful location, and several students took part in the free walking tours of the city.

As usual our Bath trip was a fantastic day out and everyone had a fantastic time in this beautiful city. If you missed out on our Bath trip, there will be plenty more trips along the year. Keep an eye on your emails for more information about our upcoming events!



Oxford Trip

50 international students visited the beautiful English town of Oxford on Saturday 5th March with a trip organised by the Immigration and International Student Advice team.

Students had over five hours to discover the city on their own or in small groups, taking in the sites and striking architecture. Some students spent time visiting the several museums the city had to offer, including the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers. Visiting Oxford also gave many students the opportunity to experience another university town. The sunshine plus the enchanting city of Oxford were the perfect ingredients for a fun and exciting day trip for the international students.

Meet the Global Assistants

Have you ever wondered who and what the Global Assistants are and where they come from? Read on to meet one of them and find out...



Name: Yue Liu

Course: BA Computer Animation

What is your nationality? Chinese

Which campus are you based on? Cardiff Campus

Why did you choose to study at USW? High level of computer animation course with skill set, and my friend study here highly recommend USW to me because of good staff and good support services. Also Cardiff is good city to live.

Why did you decide to become a GA? I can help more new international students like me, and it an opportunity to improve myself including communication skill, event management skill, and more experience like working in a multi culture situation, also a good opportunity for me to meet people and make friends.

What do you do as a GA? I helped welcome programme like help them police register, share my experience and help organize trips. Also joined some interesting activities on festivals like pumpkin carving competition for Halloween, give out tea lights for Diwali.

The best thing about being a GA is....? I meet lovely people and make more new friends.

Why should students become a GA? Can get more different and great experience of activities, and can develop some key skills for future career. Can help new students and make more friends.

Any USW student can apply to become a Global Assistant. If you are interested in becoming one please e-mail the IISA team at: international.advice@southwales.ac.uk