



## Dear Reader

Welcome to our Summer Edition 2025! We hope that you have had a great time in Swansea so far! Summer in Swansea can be unpredictable but we hope you can enjoy the many beaches and other beautiful outdoor spaces this city has to offer!

This newsletter should help you get a bit more information on the type of events we have to offer, our volunteering scheme we have available and the services we have to offer!

Our activities also run all year round with trips to different UK cities, film nights, social events and more!

If you have any event suggestions please email [gosocial@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:gosocial@swansea.ac.uk) - we greatly appreciate them!

Emma, Fiona, Abbie, Nick, Nic, Mike, Caroline, Beth

### VISA Advice



## VISA Advice Team

Here to help

The VISA Advice Team (previously [International@CampusLife](mailto:International@CampusLife)) 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.

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/](http://www.swansea.ac.uk/international-campuslife/)

We also have our Instagram account, where you can tag us and when you go on events, keep an eye for your photos!

<https://www.instagram.com/campuslifesu/>

## What's Going On?

Our social programme will be bursting with exciting activities to make your spring even more enjoyable! Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

- 9<sup>th</sup> June - GO! Social: Graduation Cap Design
- 12<sup>th</sup> June - GO! Social: Seaside Crafts
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - GO! Social: Meet Up Mixer - Gower
- 20<sup>th</sup> June - GO! Trip: Gower
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - GO! Film: Carol
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - GO! Eat: Joe's Ice cream
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Swansea Summer Social - Airshow
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - GO!: Film: Paddington
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - GO! Social: Board Game Bonanza
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - GO! Trip: Barry Island
- 25<sup>th</sup> July - GO! Film: The Festival
- 29<sup>th</sup> August - GO! Social: Meet Up Mixer - Caerphilly
- 30<sup>th</sup> August - GO! Trip Caerphilly



All of these can be booked at:

<https://university-swansea.native.fm/group/5010/international-campus-life>

We are also running our.... Swansea Summer Socials!

Keep an eye out for the Swansea Summer Socials here:  
<https://university-swansea.native.fm/group/5018/campus-life>



## GO! Programme Lookback

### GO! Trip: Dan-Yr-Ogof

Our GO! Trips to Major UK cities are always International@CampusLife's most popular events. This time we headed to the Dan-Yr-Ogof, Wales' National Show Caves!

"The Cathedral Cave was stunning!"

"A unique cave experience in Wales... the cave has a long life and a broad history"

"The site was a very interesting place to go to!"

### Meet the GO! Team

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

Your name: Shivani Patel

Your course: Medical Pharmacology

Nationality: British



#### Why did you choose to study at Swansea University?

I chose A major advantage of studying at Swansea is the lifestyle. Coming from London, I really appreciate the access to outdoor activities that are harder to come by in the city. Here in Wales, I can go for a hike on the weekends or take a trip to Mumbles to enjoy the beach.

#### Why did you decide to volunteer as a GO!Team member?

Back in London, I would volunteer whenever I had the opportunity, so when I came to Swansea and discovered the diverse range of activities offered by GO!, I knew I had to get involved. What makes GO! stand out is that it doesn't just feel like volunteering—it feels like being part of a community. Everyone comes together, supports one another, and genuinely enjoys what we do, which makes the experience even more meaningful.

#### What do you see as your main job as a GO!Team member?

I primarily support international students on campus, helping them feel included and welcomed. Many of them face challenges such as language barriers or simply not knowing what the UK has to offer. My role is to create opportunities for them to explore more about life in the UK—whether through organized trips or social activities—and to provide a safe, friendly space where they can connect with others and feel part of a community.

#### What makes a good GO!Team member?

Someone who is approachable, dependable, and genuinely committed to helping others feel welcome and supported. I bring patience and a strong sense of responsibility to everything I do, and I always strive to complete any task to the best of my ability. What has been the best part of being a GO!Team member so far? Meeting like-minded volunteers at various GO! Team events have helped me build new connections, and many of those individuals have become friends I now spend time with outside of volunteering.

#### Why do you think other students should apply to be on the GO!Team?

Joining the GO! Team is an incredible opportunity, especially for international students. It's more than just volunteering—it's a chance to become part of a supportive community, meet people from diverse backgrounds, and make a real difference in the university experience of others. It's also a great way to integrate into campus life, explore new places, and form lasting friendships.

## 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/1019315\\_1](https://volunteering.discoverysvs.org/volunteers/opportunity/1019315_1) or email [gosocial@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:gosocial@swansea.ac.uk).



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All of our  
Singleton  
socials will  
be here!

## Making the most of Summer in Swansea:

- Hikes around Swansea - there are many beautiful hikes to do around the coast and central areas around Swansea. There are beautiful nature walks including: Penllergare Valley Woods Circular 2.3km, Penllergaer Forest Circular 6.4km, Lower Lliw Reservoir - Brynlllefrith Plantation 9.7km or you can walk the whole of the Swansea coastline!
- Swansea Outdoor Adventures at Lower Lliw Reservoir offer lessons and rentals! The SUP Hut on Francis Street also provides paddleboarding rentals and lessons!
- Cool down whilst enjoying the Swansea sun with a delicious Joe's ice cream! Famous for their fresh vanilla, Joe's secret recipe, is truer to an Italian fresh gelato, than ice cream.
- Surfing - Some popular surf spots in the Gower include Langland, Caswell, Pobbles, Oxwich, Horton/Port Eynon and Llangennith. There is a Surf school at Caswell is home to the Surf school Surfability UK which also has Surf boards for people with additional needs.
- Bikes - rent a bike around Swansea and pay with your phone! There are 5 docking stations located across the beautiful sweep of Swansea Bay including both University Campuses, Mumbles and Fabian Way park and ride!

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The Student Life Toolkit  
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Our online Student Life Toolkit, **Hapus**, contains information on how to deal with culture shock, and lists the many teams across the University who can support you and help you settle in! You can access the course via your Canvas account