

Club Reports for Space Rally

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Aberystwyth



Club Activity

We've been up to lots! We're doubled in size, run a freshers camp, helped our new members find their way around town with a photo challenge, been on a pub crawl, helped find people units here at uni, had a few chilled out events to combat stress, played some silly minute to win it games and loads more!

Fresher Recruitment

We seem to have done really well at recruiting this year, more than doubling our membership since last year! We were at freshers fair and handed out keyrings and flyers (we found dancing around in a camp blanket and bright pink football socks gets attention) and we also had a presence on the freshers facebook pages which helped pull some members in

Camps

We ran a freshers camp! it went pretty well, a few minor blips but for a first try at organising one committee are all rather proud of ourselves! Lots of happy members and funny stories after it!

Upcoming Activities

We have a first aid skills event with some St Johns people which we're looking forward too and then we're embracing the season with a christmas party (kids style) and then our annual formal christmas meal!

Suggestions

2 things, firstly would it be possible for the national logo to be sent to the Royal British Legion so it can be printed onto wreaths? After a discussion at the town's stall about logos they suggested we send them one in advance and we thought if the properly formatted (not one we've copied off google) one was sent in then any club that wanted to could use it. Secondly, could we have some direction about where to wear national badges on uniform? We have some scout members who are keen not to put them in the wrong place!

Bangor University Guides and Scouts



Club Activity

We meet up every Thursday evening to do activities such as bush-craft, badges and cooking - we sometimes meet up on Sundays for pub socials as well.

We had a meeting near the beginning of the term with the local Scout and Guide groups to encourage our members to volunteer as leaders or helpers.

Our main event this term was the Fresher's camp, which was a huge success!

Fresher Recruitment

SSAGO camps are one of our main events during the year as well as our Fresher's Camp. To attend these our members need to sign up for SSAGO to confirm their places and get any extra information.

We encourage our new members to come along to the events by telling them stories about our previous camps - the good and bad times (we keep coming back, so they can't be that bad!!).

Camps

We sorted and ran a Fresher's Camp at Felinbach 14-16th of October. The camp involved bush-craft, a day hike and having an information talk at Coltswood in Betws-y-coed followed by shopping!

We're also attending the Associate Space Rally.

Upcoming Activities

On Thursday nights we've got stargazing, film night and a Rainbow badge planned. On other evenings we have Cheese Night and pub socials. We're also attending the Associate Space Rally and having our own Christmas sleepover in December.

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Birmingham



Club Activity

Although we are only just over half-way through our term, BUSAG has been quite busy with its meeting and socials. Activities on our Wednesday meetings so far have included a campus scavenger hunt, friendship speed dating, building spaghetti towers, a trip to Winterbourne house and gardens and pumpkin carving. We also managed to have a campfire during reading week for our members that weren't at home!

So far, this term's socials have included a curry night, film night, a pub quiz, and a trip to Birmingham's Remembrance Sunday service. We also had 7 of our current members attend the Mad Medieval Midlands Freshers' Camp, which I believe was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

Fresher Recruitment

BUSAG had a successful recruitment campaign at the beginning of the year, with about over 40 new people signing up to our mailing list – of these, 16 have decided to become paying members of the society – a slight decrease in the previous year I believe, but a good number of newcomers nonetheless!

We've recently carried out a big overhaul on our branding, with our publicity officer, Jon designing a new logo, as well as setting up a new email format to make our emails look more professional. We hope that this enticed some people to join, although of course we can never be certain.

Camps

7 members attended Mad Medieval Midlands Freshers Camp. We also have 5 attending space rally in Coventry.

Upcoming Activities

In the upcoming weeks we have yet more exciting meetings planned, including bowling, gingerbread house making, and an afternoon/evening trip to the Birmingham Christmas markets.

Socials planned for this term are the secretary's cheese and wine evening, a murder mystery party (with pizza) and a Christmas meal

Suggestions

N/A

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Cambridge



Club Activity

So far we've had our two Freshers' events, and had evenings of bouldering, a fire and a games evening. See photo of us trying to be artsy and spell CUSAGC with sparklers. We also hosted local leaders for our cheese and wine evening to allow them to find out what CUSAGC are up to and potentially recruit some of our members who aren't attached to groups already (or who want to be attached to more!) for their group.

Fresher Recruitment

We had a stall at the Cambridge Uni Freshers' Fayre (and tried to get one at ARU again) where we tried to lure people with our patrol tent to come and talk to us. We also ran our Freshers' Squash, with introductions to the committee then a selfie challenge finishing in a pub. We also had a fresher's hike out on foot to some of the villages nearby.

Camps

Rally!

Upcoming Activities

We have several activities in the lead up to our service event Marathon on the 25th November. We'll be trying out the activities, having a general safety briefing (always a highlight of term) and then doing the event. We've got a progressive meal for the end of term and our Crew Training Week is being planned over new year.

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Cardiff SSAGS



Club Activity

Since beginning a new semester, Cardiff SSAGS have done a variety of activities, including, but not limited to:

Two Give it a Go events, one which was a wide games and campfire evening, and also a scavenger hunt around Cardiff City Centre.

A crafts night, getting creative with some socks.

Going to Boulders, the local climbing centre, and enjoying some adventurous activity on a Wednesday afternoon.

Having a joint social with StitchSoc, another Cardiff University Society, as a hot chocolate crawl, as a twist on the normal pub crawl.

Fresher Recruitment

In order to recruit Freshers this year, we attended the Freshers Fair, and in addition to this also ran a Give it a Go Session of Wide Games, a Campfire and BBQ.

Camps

We have attended South West Freshers this term, and have had a decent uptake for rally.

Upcoming Activities

For the rest of term, we have nights including:

A board games evening, a Christmas Crafts evening and a Christmas meal, in addition to our weekly lunches on Wednesdays.

Looking forward, we are also planning our annual winter camp just after Christmas.

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Chester SSAGO



Club Activity

As a new SSAGO group we have been committed to starting our adventure and bringing Guides and Scouts together. So far we have only plans but soon we hope they will become reality and we can spread the SSAGO love throughout our university.

Fresher Recruitment

We did not have the opportunity to recruit during Freshers week this year as we are only just starting our group, however throughout the next few weeks we will be avidly recruiting and promoting the Gladiators as a friendly and warm group of people wanting to connect on a common ground. We have flyers in circulation and with the help of our SU are promoting our new club with events and activities.

Camps

No, however we hope to launch ourselves as an established SSAGO at an upcoming event in the next few months.

Upcoming Activities

We are planning a meet and greet, a social pub-crawl, and some Guide/Scout based indoor activities.

Suggestions

We would like to ask if there are any ways in which we can have help to promote and recruit and also of ideas for activities amongst other SSAGO groups from the SSAGO committee.

Exeter



Club Activity

Exeter SAGE have been as busy as ever this term: we've been running weekly events (a mixture of socials, leaders meet ups and more casual pub trips), as well as two bigger events: firstly, we ran a weekend camping trip in Dartmoor. This was simultaneously a training weekend for those members who are currently completing their DofE awards, and a great chance for all of our members to enjoy the countryside and a campfire! We also had four members attend the SW Freshers Camp, and we had an absolutely great time - thanks so much to UWE for organising such a good weekend.

Fresher Recruitment

We ran three activities during Freshers' week: a night walk, a scavenger hunt and a DofE meet & greet session. We also exhibited at the freshers fair, where we had several sign-ups.

Camps

As mentioned above, we've run our own camping trip on Dartmoor, and several members also attended SW Freshers Camp.

Upcoming Activities

With the end of term in sight and most members busy, we're keeping the rest of the term simple: a couple of pub trips (including the infamous 'Firehouse Challenge': if you're ever in Exeter definitely ask us about that!) and a big end of term Christmas dinner.

Suggestions

no :)

Glasgow



Club Activity

Glasgow SSAGO has been doing its usual chilled-out thing; we kicked off the year with a Chocolate Challenge (despite one of our best turnouts on record, there may still be kilos of chocolate under the President's bed...) and helped match about 20 new people with local units.

Fresher Recruitment

We had a Freshers stall at Glasgow Uni and a representative at the Freshers Fest in the city centre; our Freshers' event was our Chocolate Challenge evening.

Camps

Nope.

Upcoming Activities

We're hoping to have a Christmas dinner of some description, and get back in touch with Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Stirling to see about a Scottish camp next year.

Suggestions

We're finding it hard to make national rallies as they've been so far south recently.

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Hull

Club Activity

6/10 General games and get to know each other night

11/10 AGM then on to the student union for quiz night

20/11 Photo challenge around the city center

27/11 Night time board game cafe

5/11 Trip to Beverly for bonfire night

WEEK MISSED/CANCELLED

17/11 Pub/bar crawl

Have also sorted out a supplier for the neckers, we are currently working on getting our 15 paid members so that the union can make us an official club!

Fresher Recruitment

Stall at freshers fair

Camps

NO

Upcoming Activities

24/11 HOGS attend Christmas light switch on

01/12 Christmas crafts

08/12 End of semester meal

NO ACTIVITY PLANNED

Keele SSAGO



Club Activity

We have been running different activities each Monday both indoor and outdoor activities. Some of the best nights would have to be icebreaker session which was the first night of the year and we got a chance to meet all the new freshers. The chip shop hike would be another favourite night where we walked from the university into town and when to the chip shop. We are also in the process of starting our Gold DofE which we will be completing through scouting.

Fresher Recruitment

We attended the Freshers Fair and Society Sign Up at the Keele SU where we got a lot of sign ups. We then ran two taster sessions on the Monday and Wednesday after freshers' week these had varying successes but, next year we hope to get more people involved.

Camps

We attended Midlands Freshers Camp in October, it was a great weekend so a big well done to Leicester and thank you for having us. All our active members will be attending Space Rally which we can't wait for!

Upcoming Activities

The rest of the term will be spend getting ready for Christmas, the Monday after space rally we are planning a movie night. Then after that we will be making Christmas decorations and sweets. Finally the last meeting before we break up will be the Christmas Meal, we are currently looking at Frankie and Benny's for this.

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Lancaster



Club Activity

We were excited to welcome many new members this term as the social secretaries decided to shake things up. Moving away from our usual awkwardness of a freshers' meal at a local pub, we instead had a Welcome Buffet – where we stuffed our faces on an overload of food and played silly games. The evening saw: balloon towers; running screaming across campus; and making waterproof cardboard forts. Also replacing our usual trip to the pub for a very long pub quiz, we held our own. Our brilliant social sec, devised her own fabulous quiz; including a particularly easy Physics question that completely stumped our President. We have, of course, not let him forget it.

The following week, we made our merry way down campus sampling the best of all the nine bars in our Cluedo Bar Crawl. The answer was: The Statue of Queen Victoria, with questionable camp food in The Winning Post Pub, escaping on camelback – in case you were wondering! Next, we made like pirates and collected treasure from all over campus, guided by mysterious clues and puzzles.

Our lovely mascot – Shit the Spider – had his annual birthing of his children as we all made our Mini-Shits. Pompom technique was properly taught to the masses as they took shape. Including one Mini-Shit that was four years in the making finally taking on his true form!

Our most recent social was the ever enjoyable: Photo Challenge. We wildly ran around campus, attempting bizarre sights in the dark – to the amusement of strangers around us. We crammed into phone boxes; planked over water; snapped pictures mid-star jump; and wobbled our way to the top of human pyramids.

Fresher Recruitment

We attended our Freshers Fair. We also have got in contact with the other local university UCUM and attended their fair too. We then held a specific social just for the UCUM students who had started university a week before us. Aside from this, our hoodies, polo shirts and neckers have been very useful in helping use raise awareness that there is a group for Scouts/Guides.

Camps

The weekend of Bonfire Night saw cold numb toes; crazily waved sparklers; and swinging from tree to tree (we're lumberjacks, and we're ok!) on a high ropes course around Windermere. It was obviously our Freshers' Camp. Held, this year, at Silver Sapling Campsite in Silverdale. The lesson here was Sardines is not easy to play in an open field.

Upcoming Activities

This term we will continue to do our crazy socials, including a Cocktails and Pudding Evening; a Board Games and Pizza Night; our annual Christmas Meal; and a Christmas film with Christmas Snacks. As you can probably tell, food is an important element to our meetings!

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Leeds

Club Activity

Since my last lovely club report, Leeds have been doing loads! Apart from our usual weekly pub lunch our other socials have been going well with nights out (Top Gun - the ever LUUSAG favourite at the LUU [students union]) Hikes on Ilkley Moor (with and without hats! But all with trousers on!!) Bowling during freshers week, a trip to Roxy's Ballroom for pingpong, beer pongy fun and a board games night - that didn't involve any board games but lots of cards against humanity!

Fresher Recruitment

Several freshers fairs, two on same day! Under Volunteering and Outdoor societies.

Bowling in freshers week! Give it a Go Hike to Ilkley Moor

Freshers Camp (GYSSAGO out of Yorkshire..)

Much better turnout from previous year - due to better first social and dropping scout and guide uniforms for just LUUSAG clothing with a necker.

Camps

GYSSAGO Manchester Freshers Camp! - all great and awesome, even if not in Yorkshire! Thanks to ManchesterSSAGO for an excellent weekend with top notch fireworks!

Upcoming Activities

Launching to space (rally) at the weekend, followed by socials such as the Leeds Christmas Market, and the ever popular Christmas Dinner which has begun its initial planning stages.

Suggestions

Can we have summer rally accounts soon please from Southampton

Liverpool University SSAGO



Club Activity

We have had meetings every week. We have had a variety of activities this term from city centre orienteering to pioneering. we have had a pub quiz and completed a challenge badge. The first aid society delivered a evening of first aid training. we also had a Halloween event run by Shiverpool (a historic ghost tour around the city) and a mini pioneering event to help members before our full scale pioneering event.

Fresher Recruitment

We had a stall at the freshers fair and took part in a give it a go activity which was a pioneering event.

Camps

We ran a camp for a small group of members over guy fawkes weekend. The camp was just one night and involved a trip to the fireworks on the River Mersey.

Upcoming Activities

We have another quiz evening planned, a crafts evening and a Christmas event (meal and ice skating). we also have a large number of our members volunteering at a science jamboree run by the University of Liverpool.

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Loughborough

Club Activity



Scavenger hunt

The first meeting of the new term was a scavenger hunt around the university campus. The group was split into teams and sent off to find the objectives around the site. It was ensured that at least one fresher was included in each team so that they got to know existing members of the group so to ease their integration into the group. We were joined by some ERASMUS students for this meeting who were split amongst the teams as well.

Freshers' fire

For the freshers' fire we went down to a local scout hut and borrowed their fire pit for the evening. Upon arrival we played some indoor games while the Chief Arsonist and his team created the fire. Once the fire was going we went out and toasted marshmallows to make s'mores and then made popcorn on the fire. After people had tired of eating/setting fire to marshmallows some went back inside and played more games as others stayed outside and talked around the fire.

Mini pioneering

We met on campus and split into teams. The first challenge was to build a tower out of spaghetti and mini marshmallows and to see who could build the tallest tower. Our next task was to build a bridge between 2 tables out of paper and sellotape. The bridge then had to be able to hold the weight of a bag of jelly babies. The final task was to build a catapult out of elastic bands and wooden skewers. This was completed with varying degrees of success (or lack of) and produced many laughs. The winning team were then awarded prizes.

SGM

We met on campus to discuss various elements of the society and for current committee members to deliver their reports. We had votes on a range of matters including some grammatical changes to the constitution and clarification on voting procedures to reflect SSAGO's constitution. A union representative was invited but failed to attend without apologies. Two committee positions were also filled, Vice-Chair is Issy Parsons and Liaisons is Chris Goodier. After this was done we decorated and ate biscuits.

Pumpkin carving

We went down to a local scout hut to carve our pumpkins. Some interesting designs were produced, of varying degrees of quality including a unicorn and Donald trump as well as an owl and the SCOGUI logo. After placing candles in the pumpkins and taking photos some of us played pumpkin bowling the objective being to knock famous people's faces off of skewers stuck in the ground.

Murder mystery

After meeting up we discovered that there had been a murder. Over the course of the evening we tried to unravel a trail of clues and red herrings to discover who killed Coco Chanel. After listening to who had what to say it was revealed that the murderer was chocolatier Jock Lat

SCOGUI Bake Off

We met up at a local supermarket and split into teams. The teams then went round to a member's house and set about baking their creations. We then met up and the concoctions were judged. The winner was a model of Disk World made of chocolate brownie and a buttery biscuit base.

Fresher Recruitment

At the freshers bazaar we had a stall at the freshers' fair where they were able to make s'mores and talk with current members. We also ran some evenings to allow freshers to interact with current members and that sowed what we do on a typical evening.

Camps

Freshers' camp

For freshers' camp we went to a local campsite for the weekend to allow our new members to meet some more of the society and get to know other members better. We arrived on Friday evening and pitched the tents then unpacked everything. We then had tea and spent the evening chatting and relaxing. On Saturday morning we had breakfast and did the orienteering course around the campsite (avoiding being charged by the cows). We then had a game of cub and some lunch before doing mountain boarding and shooting in the afternoon. Some members were banned from this event due to past incidents so they helped the Chief Arsonist to build fire that was "big enough one metre ago". Then after having tea we lit the fire and spent the night singing and chatting until the small hours of the morning. On Sunday morning we had breakfast before doing the jungle trial and putting the tents down and sweeping the campsite for litter. Many photos were taken and we then travelled home and met up in town for a meal in the evening.

Upcoming Activities

We are going to be having a Christmas meal over the upcoming weeks and we are reconnoitering routes for the night hike we run for local groups.

Manchester



Club Activity

The People's Republic of Manchester packed up their paddling pool and mess tent (not to be returning to November rally) after summer rally and returned to the great city. A contingent travelled to Germany for Witan and distinguished themselves by winning a bottle of golden syrup for parking a car inside a tent. In September, weekly meetings resumed with campfire, a night hike and the ever popular pudding party all featuring this term.

Fresher Recruitment

Stalls were acquired at both the University of Manchester and MMU freshers fairs. These, alongside our online presence, allowed us to be very successful at attracting freshers to the club. A number have become regular attendees, and are playing a full part in the club.

Camps

Most notably, we hosted the Norther freshers camp alongside clubs from Yorkshire, who we hope appreciated the hospitality provided by the red rose county. This featured pubcrawling, trampolining, campfire and fireworks, and a good time was had by all.

Also hosted in Septmeber was our annual reunion camp, attended by current and former students. Again this passed successfully.

Upcoming Activities

Weekly activities will continue, featuring ice skating and the Christmas markets in Manchester. A highlight will undoubtedly be the Christmas meal in December, which is very much being looked forward to.

Suggestions

All policy documents and factsheets should end with the words, 'God Save the Queen', preferably in capital letters.

Please do not ask how this suggestion is consistent with being a People's republic.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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Nottingham



Club Activity

This term we have had a variety of weekly socials. These being Human Hungry Hippos, Newspaper Olympics, Murder Mystery Night and many other events. We have also had two pub lunches this term, which has had a high turnout from new members. In addition to this, we had our annual volunteers evening with a representative from guiding and scouting present to talk about volunteering opportunities in Nottingham. Finally, we also attended Fresher's camp in Leicester with a high turnout from SNoGS.

Fresher Recruitment

We had a stall at Fresher's Fair for two days, to ensure students were aware that a SSAGO group does exist at the University of Nottingham. Also, we submitted an article for the University's blog which would have been read by new students. The first few two events we ran were free to come to, so students could experience what the society is like before joining.

Camps

We recently attended Leicester's Fresher's camp, where fun was had by all. SNoGS will also be attending November Rally this term.

Upcoming Activities

Our next few socials include: Pool Night in town, Game show Night, Badge Night and we will also be going to the Pantomime to see Jack and the Beanstalk which will feature the Chuckle Brothers. SNoGS will be having their annual Christmas dinner at the Harvester.

Suggestions

Thank you for the great work you have done so far. :)

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Portsmouth

Club Activity

This term our programme so far has included; bowling, ready steady cook, Portsmouth Monopoly Run, film night, Geocaching and helping at a local Scout Group

Fresher Recruitment

We had stand at our Fresher's Fayre, and promoted ourselves on Twitter

Camps

We've been to SW Fresher's Camp and Autumn Rally

Upcoming Activities

Still planned for this term, we have; archery, a games night, a Christmas pub crawl and a Christmas meal

Suggestions

No

Queen Mary, University London SSAGO



Club Activity

Mostly getting to know each other socially. Pub and our universities club night. Unfortunately we weren't able to get ourselves together fast enough to go to the Rally but hopefully will be at the next!

Fresher Recruitment

Attended Freshers fair and our volunteer fair.

Camps

No.

Upcoming Activities

Going ice skating as part of our Christmas social. Hopefully a hike if our committee and members can all agree on a day.

Suggestions

No.

Sheffield Hallam Students Union Guides & Scouts



Club Activity

We started of the term with quite a few new faces, our first meeting was a icebreaker/silly games night were we played games such a pootato and building the highest tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows!! We hosted events such as pub quiz night, Halloween craft night and pudding night. We have also had quite a few joint events with Stings, these have been very successful and we are planning to have many more joint events in the years to come!! These including nights such as Photo challenge that was one of our most successful nights.

Fresher Recruitment

We had stalls at both fresher fair events that our uni had put on, where we had a big bright and colourful stall!!

Camps

We attended freshers camp over in manchester!! A few individuals form HUGS also helped at Gilwell 24 and attened Gilwell reunion.

Upcoming Activities

We plan to have events such as wine and cheese night, Christmas Crafts and Christmas dinner. We also aim to further develop our bond with StinGS by having even more joint events such as Ice scating and movie nights. We are also working with StinGS to try and host/run a Great Northern Social with the other SSAGO groups near us!!

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Solent SSAGO



Club Activity

We've had an exciting first term. After a successful fresher's fayre, we're now up to 22 members. We started term off with a brilliant air rifle shooting night – the highlight being Colin's face when he finally hit the target! This term, Solent SSAGO also got up to armpit fudge making (which tastes surprisingly good, as one member said "there's definitely an after taste of fudge here.") We also had a go at ten pin bowling, crate stacking, Winchester fireworks (where Mark the Shark avoided a narrow miss of catching fire...) and of course our favourite socials – pub meets and games nights. This week also saw the arrival of our very awesome society hoodies! Two members are looking forward to attending Space Rally this weekend.

Fresher Recruitment

Attended Freshers Fayre, was awarded SU funding for flyers and a banner. Held a free air rifle shooting event for members to get a taste of SSAGO during freshers.

Camps

Space rally

Upcoming Activities

Lots of festive socials! Visiting the German Christmas market in town, ice skating in Winchester, a campfire and a Christmas party.

Suggestions

No

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Southampton SSAGO



Club Activity

We've had a busy term so far with both our own freshers camp and attending South-West freshers camp for the first time. We had a slightly poorer turn out of Freshers this year which we think is due to our location at the bunfight, we have however had a very good retention rate for those that did start and we are still sending 2 minibuses to rally so definitely no need to panic!

We have had our students union funding cut this year (which of course is nothing to do with huge amount of money they spent to a re-brand that was recently voted to be reversed) so we have been having a fund-raising push this year which has also been a good chance for those not on the committee to get more involved in the club.

Fresher Recruitment

We attended the university bunfight and collected a list of interested members, we also engaged in university social media

Camps

We ran our own Freshers camp and attended South-West freshers camp for the first time

Upcoming Activities

Rally of course, a couple of fund-raiser a stall at the lights switch on and a themed Jester's (local nightclub) night . Several Christmas events, a Christmas meal, a Christmas party and a Christmas campfire. A night hike and trip to the Winchester Christmas market

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SSAGO UEA



Club Activity

So far this term we have had get to know you sessions which is helping us gain membership. We have had a few pizza evenings and game evenings which has gone well.

Fresher Recruitment

We attended the university societies fayre and also had a taster session to let people come along and find out more about us before joining us.

Camps

We haven't as of yet. Our plans for the Spring Semester is to camp at Eaton Vale which is local to us and take part in some activities such as kayaking which is available to us.

Upcoming Activities

This week we are going to watch this Christmas lights turn on, but not before going to have some coffee and cake. We also have a climbing session planned for this term. We are going to have a craft night with some snacks, as well as a Christmas movie and pizza night to get us in the spirit. We aim to finish off our term with a Christmas meal in the city which we are planning currently.

Suggestions

Not at current.

Swansea University Guides and Scouts



Club Activity

We've had an exiting first term this year, with lots of new members and different socials. We started the term with a beach party and campfire. We not only toasted marshmallows but also built sandcastles and played parachute games. We've had a hike around part of the Gower coastline. We have been on a pub crawl. For Halloween we played classic party games while dressed up and human hungry hippos. We were adventurous at our local indoor climbing wall. Bonfire on the beach for fireworks night. Visited the winter wonderland in town. We tested our taste buds with a sandwich quiz. We still have some more great events planed for this term.

Fresher Recruitment

We have a stall at all 3 freshers fairs where we signed up over 50 freshers. So far about 15 of these come to our socials regularly.

Camps

Unfortunately we could not attend this terms rally or freshers camp as they were a bit too far to travel.

Upcoming Activities

We have a jousting contest this week where we will have to make our card board horses first. Christmas meal and party is also planned for in 2 weeks.

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University of Bristol Guides and Scouts



Club Activity

Our give it a go events included. meet the committee, a pub scavenger hunt and a pub quiz. A lot of our members then attended a meeting with the ACC activities for scouts and guides and SAGUWE about volunteering to run a base at Kahoutek next March, an activities day we are planning to restart, something historically the club organised.

Our next aim was to restart the connections to local scouts and guides. We approached a scout group that were happy for us to use their hut. So we took advantage of this evening to play autumnal themed games. We hope to use the hut more in the future.

Some of our committee that have experience of climbing offered to take members to the local bouldering centre for the next meeting, sharing our skills.

Fresher Recruitment

After a nice long summer the committee met for a very productive committee meeting before we started the term with a bang at our Freshers' fair. We had a stall in the volunteering tent which proved to attract a lot of interest and had a lot of comments of "Oh, I didn't know Bristol had a club!"

Next we started our "give it a go" events, the first of these was a general interest meeting which had good turnout. We did a presentation about the committee, history of the club, the fun activities we hope to get up to this year and volunteering. The local District Commissioner for Scouts attended and we think this increased the interest in volunteering at groups as lots of people have now signed up. We finished the evening with a round of the chocolate game and dressing a member of each team as a scout or guide from bin bags! We then headed to the SU bar to chat over a drink.

Our next give it a go event was a pub scavenger hunt all over Bristol, we split into teams and used the clues to navigate our way around a selection of pubs in Bristol. This was a great way for new people to Bristol to get to know the city.

For our final give it a go event we attended a pub quiz at the Ship Inn, which happened to be busier than we expected! We formed team but ended up coming last and second to last! At least we won a bag of crisps!

We allowed anyone who was interested attend these events before they signed up for membership.

Camps

We attended South West Freshers' camp at Woodhouse with a good number of members. Some of us went on the hike to Tesco, did the onsite activities and went to Airhop. We have agreed to host the event next year.

This weekend we have seven members attending Space Rally and we are working with SAGUWE to share transport.

Upcoming Activities

For the rest of the term we plan to go ice skating, have a Christmas social, go to the Christmas markets in Bath with Bath BUGS and SAGUWE and go to a pub quiz with SAGUWE.

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Club Activity

Pasta pioneering as an introductory activity. Great StinGS bake off with many soggy bottoms. Photo treasurer hunt with HUGS. Bowling with HUGS, pumpkin carving, watched fireworks. A games night of the board and card variety, rally prep where we made an amazing costume to be revealed at rally. Then we started driving to rally where I am writing this report

Fresher Recruitment

We had a stall at freshers fair and did a give it a go with backwoods cooking.

Camps

Yes, many(1 northern freshers camp) and currently attending space rally

Upcoming Activities

Cheese and wine, wine, wine. Wine ,wine, wine, wine, wine, wine, wine night, Christmas meal and Christmas crafts. Ice skating with HUGS, greater Yorkshire SSAGO social(piss up)

Suggestions

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UWE Bristol



Club Activity

Our weekly meetings featured boardgames night, a scrabble hike around Bristol City Centre and Murder Mystery Night where everyone also brought Food from Home to share.

This year, we have got two members getting prepared to go to the International Moot in Iceland in 2019. They had an amazing kick off to their fundraising at their Disney party, where some hundred people turned up, rocking their best princess/villain attire for a crazed lip sync battle, themed cocktails and a costume competition. Autumn season ended with the timeless pumpkin carving for Halloween and a RAG fundraising for Bonfire Night at UWE with massive fireworks where we collected £45. Our last events up 'til now were Camp fire night with sparkles, the Marvel v DC costume party for Moot fundraising and Remembrance Day parade in Bradley Stoke.

Fresher Recruitment

SAGUWE was off to a brilliant start after a really good time at our Freshers fair, where we invited representatives from TSA and GGUK to man a stall and recruit volunteers. Our first meeting was around summer's last BBQ of burgers and kebab where we discovered most of our "freshers" to be second years!

Camps

Unfortunately, due to conflicting schedules, none of our Freshers could make it to our Freshers camp, which however was a good bonding opportunity for the old members who wanted nothing else than an indoors camp and some good food!

SAGUWE was in charge of running South West Freshers this year, where our 19 members all had an active role helping out make Woodhouse Park feel as magical as Hogwarts! We had over 80 guests from across the South West SSAGOs, more than double last year's number, and it's been quoted as the best SSAGO camp so far!

Upcoming Activities

SAGUWE's been keeping busy with a variety of different activities to please our members (fresh and oldies!) and we are busier with what's coming next, namely a fancy Christmas party, Christmas Market outing in Bath with BUGS, pub quiz night with UOBGAS, a fun day of activities at Woodhouse Park, more MOOT fundraising parties and weekly meetings of crafts, games, hikes and food around our favorite penguins!

The club has also undertaken the running of Kohoutek on Saturday 25th March 2017 with fellow SSAGO club UOBGAS. Kohoutek is a shared event open to local Scout Troops and Guide Units, a tradition started in 1970s that has been on a 13 year hiatus since 2004. Both clubs will be running 20 bases throughout the day, leading up to an epic campfire evening with up to 400 Scouts and Guides!

Suggestions

None, you guys keep up the good work!

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Wolves SSAGO



Club Activity

This term we've been meeting every week and doing various different activities such as games nights and a Halloween party :)

Fresher Recruitment

We were at both of our Fresher's Fayres with all of our leaflets and information, and a "guess how many sweets are in the jar" competition which brought quite a bit of interest.

Camps

We had organised a Fresher's camp but unfortunately due to little interest it had to be cancelled.

Upcoming Activities

We will have our annual Christmas party and some weekend activities like bowling.