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International Students Induction Programme 2017

Tickets for freshers events are now available online at www.cardiffstudents.com

BRP Collection

Date: Monday 18 –Thursday 28 September
Time: 09.30 –16.00
Venue: Students' Union

For all students (Cathays and Heath Campus) who have requested to collect their BRP from Cardiff University. Please wait until you have received an email confirming your BRP is ready for collection. You must bring your passport and original BRP letter. You should collect your BRP before collecting your ID card.

Enrolment Support, ID Cards, Bank Letters

Date: Monday 18 September – Thursday 5 October
Time: 09:30–16:30
Venue: Students' Union

If you're having any trouble enrolling online, we can help! A letter is essential for opening a UK bank account (together with your passport). Staff can also advise on which banks and types of accounts are available and how to open an account. After you have enrolled online, you need to collect your ID card from the Students' Union – bring your passport (essential).

International Student Help Desk

Date: Monday 18 September – Friday 29 September
Time: 9.30 –17.00
Venue: Students' Union, Postgraduate Study Zone

Need help? Want to know where you should be next? How do you something? Where you can buy something for your room? The friendly team on the help desk can answer all these queries and will save you having to go to too many different places to get help.

Campus Tours (Cathays)

Date: Wednesday 20 September–Sunday 1 October
Time: 11:00 & 14:00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union

Join the Students' Union's tour guides as they take you around the Cathays campus pointing out our Academic Schools, libraries, support services and parks.

Students' Union Tour

Date: Wednesday 20 September – Sunday 1 October
Time: 12.00 and 15.00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union

Get to know the Students' Union building and the great services we offer.

Students' Union Film Night

Date: Thursday 21 September – Sunday 1 October
Time: 20.00 –22.00
Venue: Students' Union, The Lounge

Visit cardiffstudents.com to find out what films will be showing each night.

Fresher's Warm Up

Date: Thursday 21st September
Time: 22.00 – 03.00
Venue: Students' Union, Y Plas

Come along to the first night of Freshers' 2017. Hit the main room for your fave hits or ease your way into freshers' week at the headphone disco with nineties vs noughties in room 2.

International Student Information Fair

Date: Friday 22 September
Time: 09:00 –14.00
Venue: Students' Union, Great Hall

Need help on connecting to the internet or phoning home, registering with the police or doctor in Cardiff. Want to open a bank account or find out how to get a part-time job? Then come to the fair! You'll also be able to buy tickets for the International Students Welcome Party.

Bric-a-Brac Sale

Date: Friday 22 September
Time: 9:30 –14:00
Venue: Students' Union, Y Stiwdio

If you've just arrived in Cardiff and you've forgotten to bring some of life's essentials with you, head to the Bric-a-Brac sale. There'll be an array of items available at student friendly prices including kitchen and dining equipment.

Parents' Welcome Talks

Date: Friday 22 September
Time: 11.00 –14.30
Venue: Main Building, Council Chamber

Your parents will receive a warm welcome to the University from the Head of the International Office.

International Students: Discover Cardiff Walking Tour

Date: Friday 22 September
Time: 14:00 –16:00
Venue: Outside Main Building

Explore the famous landmarks in the city with 2nd and 3rd year tour guides. Your fact-finding walking tour starts at 14.00 outside the Main Building, Museum Avenue (map ref. 39) and will take around 2 hours.

International Students' Welcome Party

Date: Friday 22 September
Time: 19:30 –10:30
Venue: Students' Union, Great Hall
Price: £5

Come and experience a traditional Welsh welcome at the International Welcome Party taking place the Students' Union Great Hall. Tickets for the party are £5 and can be bought from the International Student Information Fair or at www.cardiffstudents.com

Open Air Double-decker Bus Tour of Cardiff City and Cardiff Bay

Date: Saturday 23 September – Sunday 24 September
Time: Available throughout the days
Venue: Outside castle-front
Price: Discounted £5 ticket with password 'international'

Enjoy a guided bus tour of the beautiful city throughout the day for the reduced price of £5 on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September. Bus tours start at the main entrance to Cardiff Castle on Castle Street (map ref. 64) at 10.00 and leave every 30 minutes until 16.00.

Tell the bus driver that you are an international student from Cardiff University and give them the password "international" for your discounted £5 ticket.

Essential Guide to University Life

Date: Saturday 23 September & repeated on Sunday 24 September
Time: 12.00 –14.00
Venue: Students' Union, Great Hall

The session consists of essential information ranging from what the university offers you with regards to support, facilities, services, and events. Alongside this we have asked a number of external organisations to give you advice on UK banking, library services, police registration, and much more! This is an essential part of your university induction so please ensure you come along on either Saturday or Sunday.

Postgraduate Welcome from the SU Vice President Postgraduate

Date: Saturday 23 September
Time: 18.00 –18.30
Venue: Students' Union, Great Hall

During your time as a Postgraduate at Cardiff University, you are represented at the Students' Union by the Vice President Postgraduate. This year's representative Jake has many exciting ideas for improving student life at Cardiff. Pop along to this talk to hear about his plans, advice and experience as a recent Postgrad.

Under-18 Get-Together

Date: Sunday 24 September
Time: 18.00 –19.30
Venue: Costa Coffee, Park Place

This is an exclusive event for anyone coming to study in Cardiff who is under 18 years of age. If this is you, then come along to make new friends and have lots of fun. Plus you can find out all about what events and activities Cardiff and the university offer under 18s.

Police Registration

Date: Monday 25– Friday 30 September
Time: 9:00–17:00
Venue: Student's Union, International Arrivals Lounge

Police Officers will be on hand to assist students who need to register with the police. No appointment is necessary. Check with International Student Support if you are unsure if you need to register.

Cardiff Bay Trip (Barrage Walk)

Date: Monday 25 September & Friday 29 September
Time: 10.00–12.30
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

Cardiff Bay Barrage lies across the mouth of Cardiff Bay between Queen Alexandra Dock and Penarth Head. It was one of the largest civil engineering projects in Europe during construction in the 1990s. Join us for a guided walk and take in the views around Cardiff Bay.

Volunteering Fair

Date: Monday 25 September
Time: 10.30 –17.00
Venue: Students' Union, The Great Hall

Volunteering is a great way to make a difference in your new local community. You'll also get to meet loads of new people and have a lot of fun! Cardiff Volunteering offers a wide variety of different and exciting projects to choose from which you can fit around your University schedule. Come along to the Volunteering Fair to find out more and sign up to our projects.

Barry Island Trip

Date: Monday 25 September
Time: 11.00 –14:00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

Visit the local seaside town of Barry Island! Enjoy the promenade, adventure golf, amusements, shops, funfair rides and beautiful sands.

Big Red Bus Cardiff Tour

Date: Monday 25 September; Wednesday 27 September; Friday 29 September
Time: 12.30 & 15.30
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £2

Hop on the Students' Union Red London Bus for just £2! Our guided bus tours offer the perfect introduction to Cardiff, in classic vintage style.

IKEA Trip

Date: Monday 25 September; Wednesday 27 September; Friday 29 September
Time: 14.30
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

Forgotten to bring something with you? Join us for a trip to Ikea to pick up those last minute essentials.

Sports Fair

Date: Tuesday 26 September
Time: 10.30 –17.00
Venue: Students' Union, The Great Hall & Y Stiwdio

Playing sport is a great way to stay healthy and meet new people while you're at University. It doesn't matter whether you're an experienced athlete or a complete novice, there are sports clubs and teams to suit all abilities!

Welsh Cake Making

Date: Tuesday 26 September & Thursday 28 September
Time: 11:00 –14:00
Venue: Students' Union, The Kitchen, 3rd Floor
Price: £2

Learn how to make the traditional Welsh treats! A Welsh cake is a delicious little cake flavoured with spice and dried fruit, baked on a griddle and best served warm sprinkled with sugar.

Introductory Welsh Lesson

Date: Tuesday 26 September & Thursday 28 September
Time: 12.00 & 15.00
Venue: Students' Union, Room 3A, 3rd Floor
Price: £1

Wales has its own native language, which you'll see displayed and hear spoken around the city. This is a great opportunity to learn some useful phrases when you arrive in Cardiff.

Cardiff Castle Tour

Date: Tuesday 26 September
Time: 13.00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

Cardiff Castle is one of Wales' leading heritage attractions and a site of international significance. Located within beautiful parklands at the heart of the capital, Cardiff Castle's walls and fairy tale towers conceal 2,000 years of history.

National Museum Tour

Date: Tuesday 26 September; Thursday 28 September
Time: 14.00–16.00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union

Visit the world class art and natural history museum, just a short walk from the Students' Union.

Postgraduate Quiz & Pizza Night

Date: Tuesday 26 September
Time: 19.00–21:00
Venue: Students' Union, The Lodge

Challenge your new acquaintances at a quiz with some delicious Taf pizza!

Cardiff Bay Trip (Senedd Tour)

Date: Wednesday 27 September
Time: 09.30 –12:00
Venue: Give it a Go bus stop outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

The Senedd is the main public building of the National Assembly, the main centre for democracy and devolution in Wales. Have a tour of this sustainable building, built of traditional Welsh materials such as slate and Welsh oak, located in the vibrant Cardiff Bay area.

Heath Park Fair

Date: Wednesday 27 September
Time: 10.30 –15.30
Venue: Heath Campus, Sports and Recreation Centre

You can find out about Students' Union services, Heath based societies and sports clubs, professional medical organisations, local support services and much more.

Societies Fair - Day One

Date: Wednesday 27 September
Time: 10.30 –17.00
Venue: Students' Union, The Great Hall & Y Stiwdio

We have more than 200 societies including cultural societies, course-based societies, international societies and much more. Joining a society is a great way to meet new people and try something different when you arrive in Cardiff.

St. Fagans Trip

Date: Wednesday 27 September
Time: 11.00–14.00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

Come along for an amazing day out with the Students' Union. Come and hop onto our vintage London bus and we will take you along to one of the cultural highlights of South Wales.

With plenty of original buildings from different historical periods to walk round and workshops and craftsmen on site this visit is sure to be a fun day out. Bring your friends, pack a picnic and spend the day outside indulging in everything St Fagans has to offer.

YOLO Relaunch

Date: Wednesday 27 September
Time: 22:00 – 03:00
Venue: Students' Union, Y Plas
Price: £6

The BIGGEST Wednesday night in Cardiff is back. Scott Mills and Chris Stark headline the club to kick us off for the term. Are you ready?

Societies Fair – Day Two

Date: Thursday 28 September
Time: 10.30 –17.00
Venue: Students' Union, The Great Hall & Y Stiwdio

Day two of our Societies Fair features different societies to day one, so we recommend coming along to both events. Whatever your hobby or interest, there will be plenty of options to choose from!

Principality Stadium Tour

Date: Thursday 28 September
Time: 12:30–15:00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £8

Walk in the footsteps of famous footballers like Ryan Giggs, see where Madonna stood, and where Welsh rugby star Shane Williams laced his boots. You will get to see where all the action takes place on event days with a Principality Stadium Tour.

Postgraduate Heath Meet & Mingle

Date: Friday 28 September
Time: 19.00–20:00
Venue: IV Lounge, Heath Campus

For both Postgraduate and mature students, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet like-minded friends on other healthcare courses.

Bingo Lingo

Date: Thursday 28 September
Time: 19:00 – 01:00
Venue: Students' Union, Y Plas
Price: £6

Bingo Lingo is the newest breed of Bingo sweeping across the country, coming to the Students' Union for the first time. Expect dance-offs, the wheel of misfortune, mini-raves and embarrassing moments. Prizes to be won! the end!

Full Moon Party

Date: Friday 29 September
Time: 22:00 – 03:00
Venue: Students' Union, Y Plas
Price: £5

Full Moon is back...Cathays style. Y Plas is transformed into an oasis full of tropical jungle vibes and the freshest music. Ko Phangan eat your heart out.

Castell Coch Trip

Date: Friday 29 September
Time: 11.00 –14:00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £5

Castell Coch is a 19th-century Gothic Revival castle built above the village of Tongwynlais in South Wales. Join us for a visit to this beautiful building.

Rhossili Bay Beach Trip

Date: Saturday 30 September
Time: 09.00–20:00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £16

Spend a day at the seaside before lectures begin! Rhossili Bay has been voted into the top four of Britain's Best Beach by TripAdvisors Travellers' Choice for four years running, and was the first beach to be awarded Britain's Best Beach for two years in succession!

Postgraduate Meet & Mingle

Date: Saturday 30 September
Time: 18.00 –20:30
Venue: Students' Union

Enjoy activities, drinks, snacks and a chance to meet your fellow Postgrads. It is a great opportunity to meet others from your college too. If you're joining the University as a PhD researcher, this is also a great chance to network with other researchers when you arrive in Cardiff.

Caerphilly Trip

Date: Sunday 1 October
Time: 11.00–17:00
Venue: Give it a Go stall outside the Students' Union
Price: £16

Discover the majestic Caerphilly Castle with its wall within walls defence and tower that outleans Pisa. The trip will depart from the Give it a Go Bus Stop outside the Students' Union building on Park Place.

Table Tennis

Date: Wednesday 4 October
Time: 17:30 – 20:30
Venue: Talybont Sports Centre
Price: £1

Embrace your inner Forest Gump and come give table tennis a go!

Even if you haven't picked up a bat before, or you have been table tennis champion on your family holiday, join us for a taster session at Cardiff University Table Tennis Club. You will be able to play matches with your friends and overall have a good time. Remember to bring sports clothing, snacks, and a water bottle!

How's Your Head? Fair

Date: Tuesday 10 October
Time: 13:00 –17:00
Venue: Students' Union, The Lodge 2nd Floor

Come and meet the groups and services here to support you! Particular significance for LGBT+ students but relevant for all! As part of Mind your Head week, the LGBT+ Association is joining forces with university and external support groups and services for a fair dedicated to showing students what support is out there for them.