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HOST UK promotes international friendship and understanding by arranging for international students studying in the UK to spend a day, or weekend in a British home..

HOST has friendly volunteer hosts living all over the UK. You will be introduced to one of your hosts, who will invite you to spend a day, or a weekend in their home. For more information please [click here](#)

Guild Events!



Fab N St Patrick's Day

Guild of Students
Sunday 17-03-2013 - 22:00 until
Monday 18-03-2013 - 03:00

The Guild's most popular home-grown event right on your doorstep!
Ticket Price: £4
<http://www.guildtickets.co.uk/>

About St Patrick's Day:

Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. He was the first person to use the three leafed clover to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. Many people believe this is how shamrocks came to be identified with St. Patrick as well as Ireland, becoming its national symbol. He is also said to have driven the snakes out of Ireland. For more information [click here](#)

Weekly Events at the Vale!



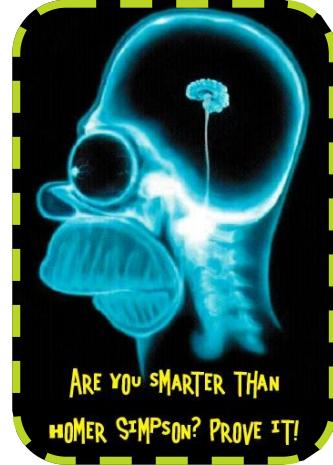
Mondays

Film Night

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Lower Rio's, Shackleton

Info: Each week recently released films will be played in Lower Rio's. Film selections will be circulated via email and posted on the noticeboards in your accommodation block (all UoB students can attend)



Fridays



Bar One Twenty*

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Bar One, Shackleton

Info: This is the main student night out at the vale and runs every Friday night till late.

*This is for over 18's only and requires students to provide Student ID at the door (all UoB students can attend)

Sundays

Quiz Night

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Fusion, Shackleton

Info: Every Sunday a general knowledge quiz is hosted in Fusion for all students to take part in, the topics of the night may differ each week. (all UoB students can attend)

Fortnightly Events at the Vale!



Wednesdays

Comedy Night

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Lower Rio's, Shackleton

Info: Every other week up and coming comedians from all over the country come to perform at the Vale. Comedians details will be circulated via email and posted on the noticeboard in your accommodation block.

Tickets can be purchased at Bar One (all UoB students can attend)



Get Cooking!

Developed following student feedback, this website currently features a small collection of recipes, budgeting tips and links to useful websites provided by current 1st and 2nd year students, staff and alumni. Students are being encouraged, via social media campaigns, to help the site grow by submitting their own recipes, tips and photos of flat 'Come Dine with Me' nights or reviews of their favourite cooking blogs and recipe books. If you would like to get involved please click on the heading above.

Let's get
Cooking

ISAS Events & News

ISAS have a monthly newsletter which can be found at the below link. This is packed with useful information for all international students on such things as; immigration issues, housing, careers, and visas. It also includes details of events on campus and day trips around the UK.

[January ISAS Newsletter 2013](#)



Student Services



Student Services provide advice and support in specialist areas such as Counselling and Guidance, Disability and Learning Support, Student Funding, International Student Advisory Service, Customer Services, Equality and Diversity, Welcome and the student experience and Chaplaincy support.

[For more information click here](#)

Careers Network



Did you know that you can register to receive a regular newsletter from Careers Network, full of the latest information about fairs, opportunities, employer presentations etc? Sign up via the Careers Network website

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/careers/index.aspx>

Then click on 'Get our newsletter' button on the right hand side

You can also follow them on Facebook [/careersbham](#) or Twitter [@careersbham International Newsletter](#)

Applying for jobs?

Need further help? Take a look at the full range of workshops:
www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers/events

Stay informed during the Easter vacation...

Join the International Students LinkedIn Group:
http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Careers-Networking-UoB-International-Students-4515645?gid=4515645&trk=hb_side_g

Want 1-1 careers advice?

Follow this link for more information: www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers

For more information on Spring Term events please click on this link - [Careers Network Events](#)

University Events

March 2013

Free Event



End the term on a high and head down to the Bournbrook pitches on Friday, March 22 (ko 7pm) for International Rules Match 2013. Watch UBSport's Gaelic Football and Aussie Rules teams battle it out in an exciting and fast paced spectacle like nothing you have seen before!

A hybrid game, International Rules combines the round-ball, square pitch and goal scoring of Gaelic Football with the crunching tackles and mark taking of Aussie Rules. The result: a fast, free flowing and highly physical encounter perhaps best described as a combination of football, rugby and wrestling. Last year the two clubs proudly hosted the first ever International Rules match between two UK sides and whatever this year brings, it promises to be quite a spectacle.

The evening will also boast a pitch-side Raising the Bar, an Aussie style BBQ, half time entertainment and prize give-aways. Don't miss out on an opportunity to see these two incredible sports showcased.

Come down and make an allegiance;

Aussie Rules or Gaelic Football... WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Starts: 22 March 2013

Start Time: 7pm

Across Campus

Arts
AND
SCIENCE
FESTIVAL

University Arts and
Science Festival

18-24 March 2013

The University will host its first Arts & Science Festival this spring to showcase the wealth of ideas, research and collaboration across campus . For more information [click here](#)

March 2013

EISU Trips

Coach &
Admission
fee
included



Hampton Court

Saturday 23rd March

Hampton Court Palace is situated on the river Thames near London and dates from 1514. It is associated with many Kings and Queens of England. You will see: the magnificent state apartments built for King Henry VIII, and King William III and his wife Queen Mary; You will also find fine paintings in the Renaissance Picture Gallery. Tickets cost £22.00 (£12.00 for BFA Students only)



EISU Daytrips

Coming Soon...

- Sunday 11th May: Chatsworth House
- Saturday 18th May: Stonehenge
- Sunday 2nd June: Longleat House
- Saturday 15th June: York



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Coming Soon...

[Join the Vale Facebook Group](#)

The following events are coming soon, there will be more information circulated on them nearer the time:

Raymond Priestly Centre Trip

Update:

Kit List and requests for evening activities coming soon...



Get some vouchers and discounts

Everyone loves a voucher... Get your vouchers for free entry to popular destinations, football games, free tea and coffee with a meal or cake at Cafe Ort plus many more...

Follow [this link](#) for more vouchers and ideas

STUDENT DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Vale Festival

Vale Festival is the **LARGEST STUDENT-RUN** Music and Arts festival in the UK. It has a history and reputation dating back more than 7 years, and has raised just over £130,000 since its birth.

Vale Festival promotes an ethical outlook and relationship with the environment, raises money for the two charities focussing on the yearly chosen cause.

It hosts an impressive main stage; 4 big marquees for dance, acoustic music and for workshops, as well as dozens of student groups showcased on the day!

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