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# Postgraduate and Mature Students Association



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Hello and welcome to the University of Birmingham. I'm Emily, the Postgraduate and Mature Students' Officer at the Guild of Students – your students' union. I am also a PhD student, so my position is a voluntary role (there will be elections in October to elect a new officer). When studying at Birmingham, you automatically become a member of the Guild of Students, including its Postgraduate and Mature Students Association (PGMSA), which I co-chair. The Guild represents the interests of all students, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, to the University. As the Postgraduate and Mature Students' Officer, I sit on the highest management board of the University and work closely with the University Graduate School, supporting events run by the University such as the 'Cafe PhD' series.

The Guild also provide an array of services such as the Advice and Representation Centre, our dedicated students' letting company (SHAC), and the Job Zone, where you can find out about part-time jobs in and around Birmingham. The Guild have a vast array of societies to join as well as many volunteering opportunities, and the PGMSA hopes to run events throughout the year specifically for postgraduates and mature students. We look forward to seeing you in September!





The Postgraduate and Mature Students Association (PGMSA) is the representative body for postgraduates (both taught and research) and mature students at the University. Its three priorities are representation, campaigns and socials. Last year, the PGMSA, along with the Guild, was able to successfully obtain Council Tax exemption for University of Birmingham PhD students entering 'writing-up' status. Other examples of our activities include organising a speed dating event in collaboration with the International Students Association (ISA) and hosting a screening of the *Piled High and Deeper* comic's 'PhD movie' to over 300 postgraduates. We hope to see you at our upcoming events and if you are interested in the representation/campaigns side of things or in organising socials, please come along to our Wednesday committee meetings.

#### Learn more

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Some of the events in the timetable require online registration. These are marked REGISTER. For information and links join the Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/PGMSWelcomeWeek2012/](https://facebook.com/groups/PGMSWelcomeWeek2012/) or go to [guildofstudents.com/postgraduatewelcomeweek2012](http://guildofstudents.com/postgraduatewelcomeweek2012)

Date	Time	Event
Sat 15	10.30am –2.30pm	<b>Staying Local Hub: iLounge (Main Library)</b> For local or commuting students. Talk to previous years' students and meet others in the same position from across the University. REGISTER
Sun 16	10.30am –12.30pm	<b>Students With Children Event: iLounge (Main Library)</b> There will be activities to entertain your children so that you can get to know other students in the same position from across the University. REGISTER
Mon 17	10.30am –12.30pm	<b>Graduate School Coffee Morning (PG Research): Arts Lecture Room 5</b> An opportunity for you to meet your peers in an informal and friendly setting. Cake and coffee will also be provided! REGISTER
	11.00am –4.00pm	<b>(Not Just for) Freshers Fair: Guild of Students</b> This is your opportunity to meet local and national companies, check out the latest offers and pick up some vouchers (and, most importantly, freebies!)
	7.00am –9.00pm	<b>PGMSA Welcome Evening: Arts Lecture Room 4</b> A chance to informally network with other students and meet the PGMSA committee. Free food and drink available! REGISTER
Tues 18	10.30am –12.30pm	<b>Graduate School Coffee Morning (PG Research): Arts Lecture Room 5</b> For those PGRs who missed Monday's Coffee Morning. REGISTER
	11.00am –4.00pm	<b>(Not Just for) Freshers Fair: Guild of Students</b> Another chance to check out the latest offers and pick up a few freebies.
	3.00pm –5.00pm	<b>ISAS Cream Tea Event – Lower Rio's (Shackleton)</b> (Tuesday to Saturday) This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other new students in an informal environment whilst enjoying the English cultural tradition of a cream tea. Cream teas can be purchased for £3.50 REGISTER
	7.00pm –10.00pm	<b>PGMSA Free Film Night – Education Building</b> Kick back, relax and join us for a free screening of the latest DVD release <i>The Avengers Assemble</i> . REGISTER

Wed 19	12.00noon –5.00pm	<b>Sports Fair: Munrow Sports Centre</b> Including everything from sports clubs to fitness classes and gym membership to volunteering, this is the ultimate introduction to UBsport.
	7.00pm –11.00pm	<b>PGMSA Pub Quiz: Bristol Pear</b> Put your knowledge to the test and meet other postgrad and mature students. £1 pp entry. If you come alone, we'll find you a team! REGISTER
Thu 20	10.30am –12.30pm	<b>Graduate School Coffee Morning (PG Taught): Arts Lecture Room 5</b> An opportunity for PGTs to meet peers in an informal and friendly setting. Cake and coffee will also be provided! REGISTER
	11.00am –4.00pm	<b>Societies Fair: Guild of Students (Underground Lawn)</b> Day one of the Societies Fair where you'll get the chance to join any number of the Guild's 200+ student societies. Whatever your interests, there's sure to be something here to tempt you! FACEBOOK EVENT
	7.00pm –9.30pm	<b>Postgrads on the Vale, Lower Rio's (Shackleton)</b> Come along to meet other postgraduate students who are living on the Vale.
Fri 21	10.30am –12.30pm	<b>Graduate School Coffee Morning (PG Taught): Arts Lecture Room 5</b> For those PGTs who missed the last Coffee Morning. REGISTER
	11.00am –4.00pm	<b>Societies Fair: Guild of Students (Underground Lawn)</b> See the rest of the student groups on offer on day two of the Societies Fair.
	7.30pm	<b>PGMSA Comedy Night @ Highlights Comedy Club Birmingham</b> Get your weekly fix of mirth and merriment at one of Birmingham's finest comedy clubs. Tickets cost £2. PURCHASE TICKET
Sat 22	9.00am –5.00pm	<b>Emily's Big Day Out</b> For only £2, Emily Halford takes you on a big day out to Stratford-upon-Avon. Buses leave the Guild at 9.00am and there will be ample time to explore Stratford-upon-Avon before we leave for home at 5.00pm. PURCHASE TICKET
	8.00pm –Late	<b>PGMSA's Big Night Out: All Bar One</b> Meet at All Bar One in Brindley Place where we have a reserved area. We will move onto Snobs night club to finish the night. REGISTER



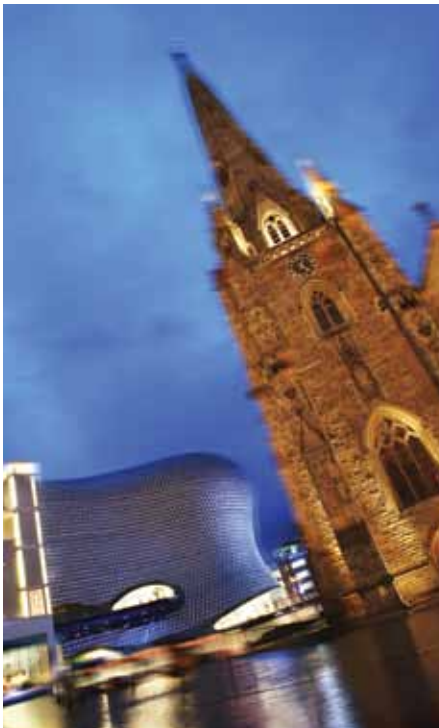
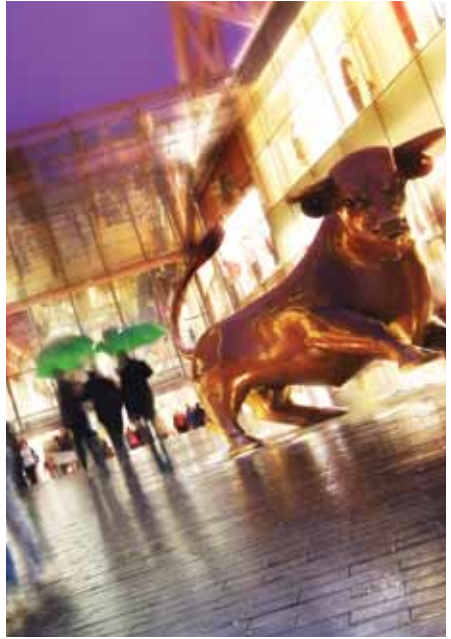
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