

International Students Advisory Team

Spring Newsletter 2013



Parent and Children's Group meets

Every Tuesday Morning
10am to 12pm
In the Pavilion, Colney Lane.

Parents can:

- Chat over coffee and make new friends
- Get local information and support
- Get play ideas for their children
- Practice English with other families

While Children can:

- Meet other children from different countries
- Play with lots of toys in a safe and friendly environment

All Free of Charge!

If you are expecting a baby you are also welcome to attend.

For further details contact isat@uea.ac.uk

How to find the pavilion:

https://www.uea.ac.uk/polopoly_fs/1.145948!Parents%20Group%20Poster%20Tue%20only.pdf



Happy Easter from the ISA Team: Jane, Paul, Susan and Lisa

Easter Bank Holidays

In England most of the **shops will be shut on Good Friday 29th March, Easter Sunday 31st March and Easter Monday 1st April.** So make sure that you have been food shopping before then! **The University will be closed on Thursday 28th March and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd April.**

The UEA Library will be open 24/7 over Easter but self-service only.
The Sports Park is open as usual.



Graduation Photos and Other Information

Will you have returned home before the graduation ceremonies take place from July 21st to 25th 2013? If so you can arrange to have a graduation photo taken on Tuesday May 21st from 10am until 4pm, in Union House. There is no need to book just turn up and wait your turn. The photographers supply all the graduation gowns and hoods to be worn whilst you have your photo taken.

If you are returning to UEA for your graduation ceremony and require a visa, and want to know more about Congregation please visit these weblinks;

www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/international/information/Congregationvisas

www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/international/information/InvitingFamilyFriends



Travelling and Personal Safety

If you are travelling over the Easter vacation please take special care of your passport and visa. Keep them on your person at all times and don't leave them in a jacket or over the back of a chair or train seat. If you do lose or have your documents stolen, report it to the police in the country where it happened.

For a new passport you can contact your Embassy in that country:

<http://embassy.goabroad.com/>

For a new visa see our help sheet:

www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/international/information/LostPassportBRP

Invitation to all International Students leaving the UK in the Spring or Summer 2013

We would be delighted if you would join us for a "Reverse Culture" lunch on Friday 26 April 2013 from 1pm to 3pm. Over lunch you will hear from our guest speakers who will talk about what you might expect to experience when you return home after your studies. There will be a chance to ask questions and seek advice from members of the ISA Team.

To book your free ticket please contact Jane Amos at j.amos@uea.ac.uk.

More information will soon be available on the Go Global page of the ISAT website:
www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/international/goglobal

What to Do Over Easter



Useful links

Staying safe in Europe

For top tips on personal security please download this app <http://itravelsafe.com/>



Preparing to return home after your studies

You may find these help sheets useful if you are preparing to leave UEA after your studies. Please do come and talk to us if there is anything you wish to discuss.

www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/international/information/Returning+Home
www.sswstudentservices.com/
www.voovit.com

Little Vintage Lover Fair, Dragon Hall, Norwich

Saturday 23rd March 2013

This regular fair will feature around 25 quality stallholders selling the best in vintage clothing textiles and accessories. New for 2013 is a mini cinema area showing fashion footage from the 1940s onwards from the British Pathé archive. Great for inspiration on how to perfect the vintage look. DJ Jazzlord provides the music.

Admission £2, Concessions £1, under 16s free

www.dragonhall.org/events

J.S. Bach St John's Passion Concert, Norwich Cathedral

Saturday 23rd March 2013 7.30pm

The boys, girls and men of Norwich Cathedral Choir are joined by Norwich Baroque for a must-see performance of J.S. Bach's masterpiece, the St John's Passion.

Ashley Grote Conductor

William Blake Evangelist

Bradley Travis Christus

Tickets cost £8.00 - £16.00 and £5.00 for under 18s (side aisles). Call 01603 630000, or buy online at www.cathedral.org.uk/stjohnpassion or visit the Cathedral Gift Shop or Prelude Records

Sainsbury's Centre for Visual Arts, Craft Club, UEA,

Sunday 21st April 2013 and Sunday 19th May 2013

Drop in at the activity table and have fun learning new craft skills with our Craft Club volunteers. Activities change each month. Craft Club is part of a national initiative run by the Craft Council.

21st April, 19th May; 1pm to 4pm

Price: free, drop in anytime

To find out what's on visit their website www.scva.org.uk/whatson/

Norfolk & Norwich Festival 2013

10th to 26th May 2013

The Norfolk and Norwich Festival is the international arts festival for the East of England. Sixteen days of the very best in music, theatre, dance, circus and visual arts. You can get more involved in the Festival by volunteering. To find out more visit this website

www.nnfestival.org.uk

To keep up to date with what is happening over Easter please visit these web links:

www.ueastudent.com/ents

www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/things-to-do-norfolk/easter.aspx

Other News

Stranger's Hall, Norwich



Gentleman's Walk, Norwich



UKBA NEWS

From the 5th of April UKBA will be introducing some changes to the process of applying for a Tier 4 visa. If you need to apply for a new Tier 4 visa, please come and see the ISA Team in the Dean of Students' Office.

We can help support you through the process and can explain what you will need to do. You can make an appointment by dropping in to the Dean of Students' Office or telephoning 01603 592761

Social Programme

ISAT has planned 2 extra trips for Spring.

FELBRIGG HALL AND OXBURGH HALL DAY TRIP SUNDAY 21st APRIL, Tickets £5.00

These two beautiful historic houses are in locations hard to reach without a car. Both houses offer plenty to see inside so if the weather is awful we will not be bored! We plan to spend the morning at Felbrigg and the afternoon at Oxburgh, returning to UEA for about 6.00pm.

Felbrigg Hall is a fine country house, which is a mixture of luxury and homeliness. It also has extensive parklands with a lake and for the less adventurous, a famous walled kitchen garden. It has a tea room and a brassiere.

Oxburgh Hall is a 15th Century moated house, it also boasts formal and kitchen gardens and a beautiful church.



Oxburgh Hall

Inside the Hall the rooms are wonderful and include a large piece of needlework made by Mary Queen of Scots, which was made whilst she was kept a prisoner there. (She was later beheaded by her cousin, Queen Elizabeth 1). There is a tea room in the old kitchen and a second hand bookshop!

HISTORY TRIP OF NORWICH, SATURDAY 18th MAY, Tickets £5.00

You may have lived in Norwich for some time, but we guarantee you will find out many things you did not know about the city. We will take a coach into Norwich (at 10am) and take a guided walking tour of around 90 minutes, and then visit Strangers Hall, a hidden treasure. The Hall is a Tudor Merchant's house, packed with history, fine furniture and period rooms.

You can choose from one of three walking tours, there is a limit of 20 places on each:

1. The Cathedral Quarter
2. Norwich City of Centauries
3. "When George was King"

Tickets for both trips go on sale April 4th in the Dean of Students' Office. Hurry as places are limited!

ISAT Enhancement Programme update

Conversation Club



Conversation Club members enjoying a night out

Hi, I'm Andrew Frost, a 3rd year Mathematics student and I am currently the co-ordinator of The Conversation Club. I decided to get involved with the Conversation Club as I have always wanted to meet people from different backgrounds and cultures, as well as to share my own experiences as a British student. I've met incredible people, formed fantastic friendships whilst doing some really fun things!

The Conversation Club offers a relaxed and friendly environment in which international students can practise their conversational English, share each other's cultures and have fun.

Over the last year we have met weekly, in the evenings, on campus to talk with each other. We also plan other social activities together like bowling, badminton, trips to London and outings to Norwich during the week.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Student Volunteers Nick Wenden, Robert Norris, Madeline Hutt, Imrul Ahmed, Nicholas Bernard, Dina Yu and Maria Wang who have all contributed to making the Club as successful as it is now.

I can personally say that the experience has been very rewarding for me and I'm sure the other student volunteers would agree. I have learned so much about other cultures and customs, met many like-minded people and made many friends. Thank you to everyone who has made the Club so special.

I will be leaving UEA at the end of this academic year and so we are looking for a new coordinator to run the Club. If you are interested in getting involved with the Conversation Club, please contact Jane Amos in the Dean of Student's Office at j.amos@uea.ac.uk.

The ISA Team organises several volunteering programmes for UK and International Students. To find out how you can get involved like Andrew and his Conversation Club team please contact us at isat@uea.ac.uk. Thank you.

THANK YOU

A really big thank you from the ISA Team to all of those international and home students who have taken part in ISAT volunteering programmes.

As Conversation Club, Global Voices and UEA Friends volunteers you have made an incredible difference to students experience and we value your time, energy and commitment.

Please remember to complete your log books and to hand these in to the Dean of Students' Office. Any queries please come in to chat to us.

The International Students Advisory Team Quick Question Drop-in Sessions

No appointment is necessary and we will see you for a maximum of ten minutes in the Dean of Students' Office.

21st September to 30th May

Monday to Friday
9am to 10am & 1pm to 2pm

31st May to 30th August

Tuesday to Friday
9am to 11am



Paul Hartzler, Jane Amos, Lisa Hawkins-Weeks and Susan Peters Corbett.

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