

# Student Newsletter

Brought to you by  
the Students' Union  
& Student Voice

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## In this newsletter you can expect:

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Hi everyone, and welcome (back) to UCEN Manchester! We hope you're settling in well.

Freshers Week has come and gone, but what a success it was! We hope it gave our new students the perfect opportunity to get to know the campus, meet the amazing staff and make some new friends along the way. It's such an exciting time as you dive into your courses and start exploring everything that life at UCEN Manchester has to offer!

This is the first of five student newsletters, and it's packed with all kinds of fun and useful information. Whether you're looking for upcoming events, want to join a society or are eager to discover some fantastic volunteering opportunities, there's something for everyone.

And the best part? You can get involved too! If you would like to write for our newsletter, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in contact with the Students' Union by sending an email to [SBrouwer@ucenmanchester.ac.uk](mailto:SBrouwer@ucenmanchester.ac.uk).

*SU team x*

# Freshers' roundup

Freshers' week was packed with fun-filled activities, enjoyed by **YOU**, our new and returning students!

After a busy induction, on **Monday** we had Future U workshops, Ed Darling's communication class and a breath workshop. Then a lot of you joined us in the Hive to paint some beautiful pots!



**Tuesday** was packed with fun activities, like the morning treasure hunt, rock climbing taster, afternoon tea and the CCM Freshers' Fair!



**Wednesday** we all had an amazing time at Lane 7! We bowled, sang, played pool and enjoyed getting to know more of **YOU**! Our team lost many games but still had a great time!



On **Thursday** we had our freebie-filled Freshers' Fair and tasty barbecue at Openshaw!



Finally, on **Friday** everyone was summoned for Gabby's mixology masterclass, then SU bingo, and great quizzes with fantastic prizes (the baked beans was definitely a top tier win).





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# Introducing your Student Engagement & Participation Team!



In this role, Hollie will be working closely with not only our team but the wider UCEN Manchester community to ensure all students have the best possible experience through Access and Participation initiatives, the Personal Tutorial Model, and the Student Status Policy and Procedure.

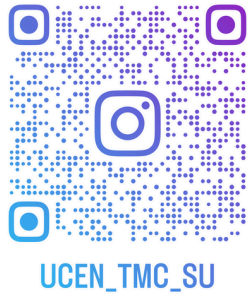
Her focus throughout the year will be on supporting students who may become academically at-risk, ensuring they receive the guidance and resources needed to achieve their best possible grades.

Hollie is dedicated to helping every student succeed and is eager to contribute to the success of our student community.



**Hollie Crankshaw**  
Student Engagement &  
Participation Manager

# The Students' Union



The Students' Union is here to support YOU, the student! It's entirely ran by students and our goal is to make your university experience the best it can be. We run events, assist societies, and represent you in important board meetings. You are always welcome to come chat with us and about ideas or issues you may have! Follow our Instagram to keep up to date with upcoming events!



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## Meet the Team!



**Jasmine England**  
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**Khadega Al-shair,**  
**Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer**



**YOU!**  
**communications & Campaigns officer?**

You can also contact us by emailing  
**su@ucenmanchester.ac.uk**

We are looking for a compensated volunteer that would like to join our team as our main person for all things marketing and promotional content!

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# We're Hiring!



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## Communications and Campaigns Officer

### About the role:

- The Communications & Campaigns Officer plays a crucial role in sharing information and raising awareness about the campaigns, events, and activities organised by the Students' Union. They ensure that everyone is informed and engaged, making sure the right messages reach the right people clearly and effectively.

### Responsibilities:

- Creating content for internal screens and SU social pages
- Feature Friday
- Contribution to the termly SU Newsletter
- Increasing SU visibility online and on campus.

### Experience and Skills:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
  - Excellent organisation skills
  - Proficiency in using digital tools like social media, design software and email platforms
  - Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively
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# Student Voice

The student voice team is here to ensure your voice is heard loud and clear!

We encourage and support feedback, collaboration and help shape your experience here at UCEN Manchester. Your input isn't just valued – it's essential for the growth and improvement of this university.

## Meet the Team!



**Gabby Abbas**  
Full-time Student Voice  
Co-ordinator  
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**Jenny Roberts**  
Part-time Student Voice  
Co-ordinator  
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## Here's how you can get involved:

- Take on formal roles like Student Reps, or SU Officers.
- Participate in surveys to provide feedback on your experience.
- Share your stories and insights through our student newsletter, website, or the SU team's Instagram.
- Join focus groups and student consultations to have a direct impact on policies and initiatives.

At UCEN Manchester, your voice matters. So, let's work together to make your university experience the best it can be!

You can also contact us by emailing **[svc@ucenmanchester.ac.uk](mailto:svc@ucenmanchester.ac.uk)**

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# Study Skills Support

Receive one-to-one study skills support from our **Student Engagement Officer, Georgia!**

**She can help you in the following areas:**

- **Time Management**
- **Confidence & Motivation**
- **Assignment Planning**
- **Presentation Skills**
- **Note-taking**



**Georgia Lawrie**  
Student Engagement  
Officer

One-to-one sessions are available either in person or online.  
To book a session email [studyskills@ucenmanchester.ac.uk](mailto:studyskills@ucenmanchester.ac.uk)

Georgia also runs **Cosy Club** along with the library for any UCEN students needing academic support...with tea and biscuits!

**September:**  
Tuesday 24th

**October:**  
Tuesday 1st Tuesday  
29th

**November:**  
Tuesday 5th and  
Tuesday 26th

**December:**  
Tuesday 3rd

**January:**  
Tuesday 28th

**February:**  
Tuesday 4th and  
Tuesday 25th

**March:**  
Tuesday 4th and  
Tuesday 25th

**April:**  
Tuesday 1st and  
Tuesday 29th

**May:**  
Tuesday 6th

## COSY CLUB

**Receive academic support in a friendly and relaxed environment**

CCM HE Library - Wellbeing area  
4:30pm - 5:30pm



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MANCHESTER  
FIND YOUR FUTURE

# Societies!

Societies are a fantastic way to meet other students with similar interests. Anything can be a society, from a napping club to a football team, or even a crocheting society!

Below are our established societies and developing ones! Please get in touch with the SU if you have any questions or if you'd like to set up your own society!

[SU@ucenmanchester.ac.uk](mailto:SU@ucenmanchester.ac.uk)



- Anime Society **(New!)**
- Arts & Crafts Club **(New!)**
- Board Games Club **(New!)**
- Christian Union
- Cosy Club
- Creative Collective
- Creative Jam Society
- D&D Society **(New!)**
- Film Club **(New!)**
- Harry Potter Society **(New!)**
- LGBTQIA+ Society **(New!)**
- Men's Football Team
- Neurodiversity Society **(New!)**
- Open Mic Society
- Photography Society **(New!)**
- Sports Society **(New!)**
- Ukulele Society
- Volleyball team **(New!)**

**Want to join a  
society?  
Scan this QR!**





# Upcoming Events!

- **TUES 01/10: Cosy Club (CCM Library)** - Join Georgia in the library 4:30pm-5:30pm to catch up on your coursework, get any help with study skills and have some tea and biscuits.
- **WED 02/10: Swap shop (CCM Canteen area) and THUR 03/10 (OP Cube)** - Got any clothes/books or other items you don't need anymore? Here is your chance to trade them in for something else! 12pm-3pm monthly at both sites!
- **WED 09/10: Societies fair (CCM Hive) and THUR 10/10 (OP Cube)** - Societies are a fantastic way to get to know people you otherwise never may have run into! Join us to find out more about what's on offer or how to set up your own! 12pm-2pm
- **WED 09/10: Film Night! (Black History Month theme)** - Join us in the CCM library cosy space 3:30pm-6pm for a fun film night with friends and popcorn! (Can come and go anytime!)
- **WED 16/10: Post-ivity (CCM Hive/OP Cube)** - Come and write an uplifting message on our post it notes to make someone's day!
- **TUES 29/10: Cosy Club (CCM Library)** - Join Georgia in the library to catch up on your coursework, get any help with study skills and have some tea and biscuits. 4:30pm-5:30pm
- **WED 30/10: Paint a Pumpkin (CCM Hive)** - Paint a pot with us over lunchtime! There's a scary twist to this pot, it's secretly a pumpkin! 11:30am-2pm
- **WED 30/10: Halloween Horror Film Night** - Join us in the CCM library cosy space 3:30pm-6pm for a spooky film night with friends and popcorn!(Can come and go anytime!)
- **THU 31/10: Halloween festivities!** - Join the SU in the Hive for spooky face-painting throughout the day, then in the evening some terrifying open mic night with our quiz-master Sal to grant all our winners scary prizes! 4pm-7pm



**SU October Giveaway!**

Show us your best  
pumpkin carving by  
tagging our instagram or  
message us a photo!  
@ucen\_tmc\_su

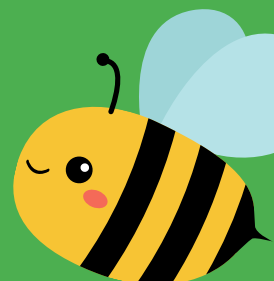
# Upcoming Events!

- **TUES 05/11: Cosy club (CCM Library)** - Join Georgia in the library to catch up on your coursework, get any help with study skills and have some tea and biscuits. 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- **WED 06/11: Swap shop (CCM Canteen area) and THUR 03/10 (OP Cube)** - Got any clothes/books or other items you don't need anymore? Here is your chance to trade them in for something else! 12pm-3pm monthly at both sites!
- **WED 13/11: Wellness walk (meet at CCM)** - Join the SU on a walk through Manchester! We'll take you to see many places as a way to take your mind off things. 1pm-3pm.
- **THUR 14/11: Creative Collective Fair (CCM Hive)** - Are you creative? Come along to our networking event 11am-3pm, either to showcase work or meet other creatives!
- **THUR 14/11: Film Night!** - Join us in the CCM library cosy space 3:30pm-6pm for a film night with friends and popcorn! (Can come and go anytime!)
- **WED 20/11: Movember face-painting (CCM Hive)** - November is Movember! Join us from 12pm-2pm to get a majestic moustache painted onto your face. If you already have one, enjoy some glitter!
- **THUR 21/11: Post-ivity (CCM/OP)** - Come and write an uplifting message on our post it notes to make someone's day!
- **TUES 26/11: Cosy club (CCM Library)** - Join Georgia in the library 4:30pm-5:30pm to catch up on your coursework, get any help with study skills and have some tea and biscuits.
- **WED 27/11: Wellbeing Painting (CCM Hive)** - Paint! It makes everyone happy, so come and paint with the SU from 11am-3pm.



## SU November Giveaway!

Take a photo of your favourite spot in Manchester! Tag our instagram or message us a photo!  
@ucen\_tmc\_su



# Upcoming Events!

- **TUES 03/12: Cosy club (CCM Library)** - Join Georgia in the library to catch up on your coursework, get any help with study skills and have some tea and biscuits.  
4:30pm-5:30pm
- **WED 04/12: Swap shop (CCM Canteen area) and THUR 03/10 (OP Cube)** - Got any clothes/books or other items you don't need anymore? Here is your chance to trade them in for something else! 12pm-3pm monthly at both sites!
- **THU 05/12: Post-ivity (CCM/OP)** - Come and write a festive message on our post it notes to make someone's day!
- **THU 12/12: Christmas Jumper Day and festive face-painting (CCM Hive)** - Christmas jumper day is a great day to get comfy, also get your face painted and donate to charity!
- **THUR 12/12: Festive Film Night!** - Join us in the CCM library cosy space 3:30pm-6pm for a film night with friends and popcorn! (Can come and go anytime!)
- **WED 18/12: Christmas Festivities! (CCM Hive)** - Join us throughout the day for our incredible UCEN choir, hot chocolate, mince pies, and our Christmas quiz! All your Christmas needs in one place!



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**SU december  
Giveaway!**

Show us your  
beautiful Xmas  
tree if you have one!  
Tag our instagram  
or message us a  
photo!  
@ucen\_tmc\_su



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# Let us know your thoughts!

Do you have any questions?

Is there anything you really want to tell us about? Or do you have an amazing campaign idea you'd love for us to run?

Scan the QR code and fill out the form!



**Don't forget to follow our instagrams!**

**@ucen\_tmc\_su**  
**@futureuucenmanchester**

Thank you for reading our newsletter,  
we'll be back soon with our winter issue!

*Students' Union &  
Student Voice teams x*

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