

Student Newsletter

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Winter is coming...

But not before some very cosy nights in at UCEN!

We hope you all had a fantastic time at our spooky season events and are now looking forward to a well-deserved break! As we gear up for the final stretch of the year, we wanted to share some of the exciting things you can expect from your Students' Union. Whether it's our monthly swap shops, a cosy afternoon with festive treats, the incredible UCEN Manchester Choir, or other seasonal activities, there's plenty to get involved in as we see the year out in style! In this edition of the Student Newsletter, we'll guide you through all the upcoming events, opportunities to join societies and much more!

These initiatives are all part of the vibrant student life we work to create, and they wouldn't be possible without the energy and enthusiasm of students like you! So, a big thanks to you for helping us continually raise the bar for the UCEN Manchester community!

It's been great to see all of you around on campus and have so many of you coming to chat to us about your ideas. We always love hearing from you, so if you want to share anything for our next newsletter, please get in touch with us via email - SU@ucenmanchester.ac.uk. You can also scan the QR code on the last page to share your story directly!

SU team x

Autumn Roundup



We've had a great time exchanging pre-loved items at our Swap Shops. Don't worry if you missed out as we run them every month! Get involved in the next swap shop on the 4th of December by bringing any pre-loved items for something else in return! Clothes, jewellery, books, anything you can think of that still has a use. You can get in contact with the SU if you're not sure if you would be able to swap your item.

You've joined and set up many wonderful societies. From our impressive Open Mic Society and Christian Union Society, to our welcoming NEW Neurodivergent Society! So many students have found or created a space for people to come together and enjoy each other's company. If that doesn't get you in a festive mood, I don't know what will!



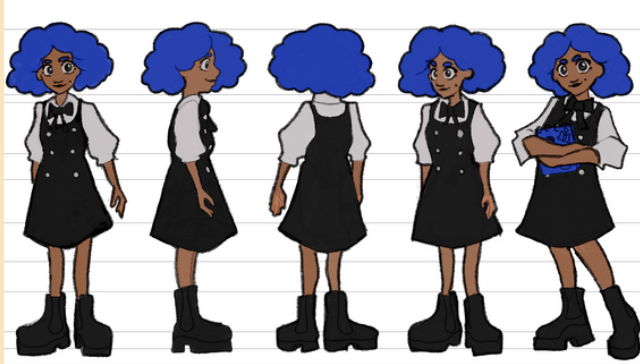
Our Halloween events were a great success! You painted some beautiful pumpkins, took part in our spooky open mic night, watched the Halloween classic Hocus Pocus with us, and some of you even won prizes at our Spooktacular Bingo!

November is Men's Health Awareness Month and has been the focal point for many of the activities you have seen (and will continue to) this month! You may have seen some moustaches around CCM and Openshaw's Cube...if you find one, take a photo with it in support of Movember and keep tagging us so we'll see! @ucen_tmc_su!



Student Showcase

Fabulous work created by some of our current amazing UCEN Manchester students!



Character design
by Lily Curbishley
@lilstika
HND The Animation Industry



'Galand, The Commandment of Truth'
by Richi Nti
@richi_n12
BA (Hons) 3D Games Art & VFX



'Prom Couture'
by Aimee Griffiths
@beauty_by_aims
BA (Hons) Make-up Artistry
Magazine featured
collaboration with designer
Chanel Joan Elkayam.



'Metamorphosis'
by Maisie Jones
@maisieartistry
BA (Hons) Make-up Artistry



'Majestic Leopard Goddess'
by Carman Ip
@workshop_de_carmanip
BA (Hons) Make-up Artistry
Makeup Artist of the Year
2024 - UK Hair & Beauty
Awards

SU FEATURE FRIDAYS - Every Friday on our SU Instagram we share the endeavours of UCEN students on our stories! Want your work or an event you're doing to be featured? Simply tag us [@ucen_tmc_su](https://www.instagram.com/ucen_tmc_su) in your posts so we will see them, we love sharing what you all get up to!

Societies Showcase!

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!

- **Christian Union**
- **Creative Collective**
- **Creative Jam Society**
- **Cosy Club**
- **D&D Society**
- **Film Club**
- **Men's Football**
- **Neurodivergent Society**
- **Open Mic Society**
- **Photography Society**
- **Square ball**
- **Ukulele Society**
- **Volleyball Team**



Please get in touch with the SU if you have any questions or if you'd like to set up your own society!
Email SU@ucenmanchester.ac.uk
or scan this QR!

Society Callouts!

D&D Society

Are you interested in Tabletop RPGs, or do you just like rolling dice? Are you a fan of roleplay? Did you just really like Baldur's Gate 3?

If any of these are true, or if you're just otherwise curious about the game, then you're in luck! The D&D society is currently looking for members.

No experience is needed, we will help teach the game and run a session specifically focused on character creation. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along!

We will be running Curse of Strahd, a gothic horror expedition into the domain of a vampire lord.

For more details (and to be added to the Teams chat), please contact Joe Woodward via 1539510@stu.ucenmanchester.ac.uk, or reach out to the SU via SU@ucenmanchester.ac.uk.



Creative Collective

We are a society that aims to connect UCEN creative students together from across courses. We have an abundance of film makers, makeup artists, performers, designers and more all under one roof with great potential for collaboration!



Join our society to connect with other creatives! We will also be hosting a fair in the **Hive** **Wednesday 20th November** **11am-3pm** where you can network with others! Come along or actually be at a stall and share your work or any callouts.

For more information and to join the society, contact jengland@ucenmanchester.ac.uk

Library Lowdown

Our libraries stock the books and resources you'll need to help you through your studies with a range of flexible opening times.

They hold an expansive range of more than 100,000 physical titles across all of our subject areas and also have a large collection of online resources, including professional and academic journals, as well as specialist subject materials.

All their resources are easily found using the **Discover tool**, which offers a quick way to search for the item needed.

As well as reading materials, our libraries also offer access to an archive of more than 2 million TV and radio broadcasts.

You can access our online resources 24-hours-a-day and our dedicated library staff are available to assist you with any enquiries during the day. We also offer introductory workshop sessions to help you find your way around and another session focused specifically on the subject you're studying.



**Follow UCEN's
Library Instagram!
@ucenlibraries**



You can find more information on how to access the library's services by scanning the QR code above!

PAM Assist

Here at UCEN Manchester, we understand that the winter months can be more difficult so be sure to check out PAM Assist, our student support portal, which is available **365 days a year, 24-hours a day**.



The graphic features the PAM Wellbeing logo on the top left and the PAM Assist Wellbeing App logo on the top right. Below the PAM Wellbeing logo is a purple box with the text "PAM Assist Wellbeing App". To the right of this box is an illustration of a smartphone and a desktop monitor displaying the app's interface. Below the app name box is a paragraph: "Positively Influencing and empowering users to take responsibility for their physical and mental wellbeing through engaging features." Below this paragraph are six purple boxes with white text: "Your unique PAM Assist Score", "Stepping Stones", "Move Medicine", "Self-guided Interactive courses", "Hundreds of expert resources", and "Mind Matters". At the bottom of the graphic is a teal banner with a white box containing the text "Download and Register Today". Below this box is the text "Download the PAM Assist Wellbeing App for 24/7 employee support at pam-assist.co.uk". To the right of the banner is a QR code and two buttons: "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play".

You may have noticed the new PAM assist signs around your campus, they have been designed by the wonderful **Elle Landsborough**.

"Hi, I'm Elle, I'm a 3rd year Graphic Design and Branding student. I love advertising and branding, as well as UI design. After university, I hope to work in the beverages sector, designing and branding beer. My dream job would be to work for Guinness."



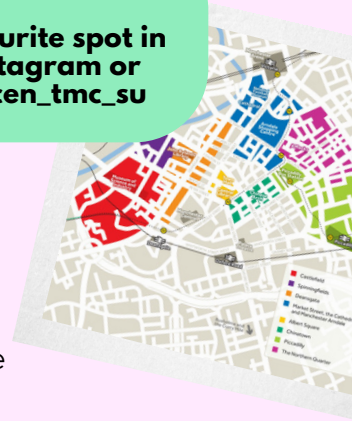
Upcoming Events!

NOVEMBER

- **WED 20/11: Creative Collective Fair (CCM Hive)** - Are you creative? Come along to our networking event **11am-3pm**, either to showcase work or meet other creatives!
- **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 a canvas with the SU from **12am-3pm**.
- **THUR 28/11: Wellbeing Painting again (Openshaw, Cube)** - Paint! It makes everyone happy, so come and paint a canvas with the SU from **12am-3pm**.

SU November Giveaway!

Take a photo of your favourite spot in Manchester! Tag our Instagram or message us a photo! @ucen_tmc_su



DECEMBER

- **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!
- **WED 11/12: Festive Film Night!** - Join us in the CCM library wellbeing space **4pm-6pm** for a film night with friends and popcorn! (Can come and go anytime!)
- **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!
- **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!



SU December Giveaway!

Show us your beautiful Xmas tree if you have one! Tag our Instagram or message us a photo! @ucen_tmc_su



Upcoming Events!

JANUARY

- **WED 15/01 (CCM), THUR 16/01 (OP): Post-ivity (Welcome back!)**
- Come and write a positive message on our post it notes to make someone's day!
- **WED 15/01: Film Night!** - Join us in the CCM library wellbeing space **4pm-6pm** for a film night with friends and popcorn! (Can come and go anytime!)
- **MON 20/01: Food4Thought (CCM)** - Come along and get some free food in exchange for giving us some feedback!
- **WED 22/01: Refresher's Fair** - Join us at CCM in the Hive to get a refresher on everything Students' Union, events, societies and get some freebies! **11am-2pm**
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- **TUES 28/01: 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 29/01: Lunar New Year Crafts** - Come along to the CCM Hive area and enjoy some fortune cookies while making some paper lanterns! **12pm-3pm**



SU Veganuary Giveaway!

Show us your favourite vegan recipe! Tag our Instagram or message us a photo! @ucen_tmc_su



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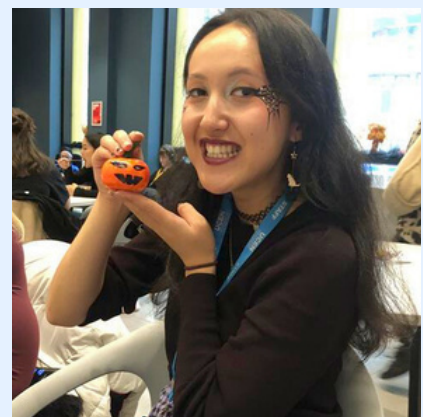


Let us know your thoughts!

Do you have any questions?

Is there anything you really want to tell us about for our next newsletter? 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!

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

*Students' Union &
Student Voice teams x*
