

International Student Support Office

Appointments only:

Monday to Friday 10am–12 noon and 2pm–4pm

Drop in clinics: • Tuesday 10am–12 noon Guild Advice Unit
• Wednesday 2pm–4pm Guild Advice Unit
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• Friday 10am–12 noon St Luke's Students' Advice Room

Welcome!

It was really great to meet so many of you during Welcome Week. It is always nice to put a face to a name when we have been in contact with you by e-mail before your arrival!

If you didn't arrive during Welcome Week we hope you are settling in to life here at Exeter. The International Student Support Office can help you with your immigration queries and UK visa renewals, advice on questions you may have about living in Exeter and the UK and lots more. We will be sending you this newsletter regularly over the coming year to keep you up to date with everything international that is happening at the University so make sure you read it.

You will shortly be receiving an email from us regarding a survey conducted by the International Student Barometer. This is a survey of international students from 100 universities around the world. Please do take the time to fill it in and let us know about your experience at Exeter so far. Your input has a major influence on how we prepare and support international students here at Exeter.

Good luck with your studies and enjoy your time at Exeter.

Sue Lawrie
International Student
Support Officer
(pictured)

Amelia Mansfield
International Student Adviser

Vivien van den Berg
International Student Adviser,
Cornwall Campus



Forthcoming Festivals

OCTOBER	17	Diwali (Hindu)
	31	Hallowe'en
NOVEMBER	1	All Saints' Day (Christian)
	2	All Souls Day (Christian)
		Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
	5	Bonfire Night
		Kathina Day (Buddhist)
	8	Remembrance Sunday
	30	St Andrew's Day (Christian)

Extending your visa and police registration

If you need to extend your visa whilst you are at University please read our advice at: <http://as.exeter.ac.uk/support/international/immigration/visaextensions/>

You MUST attend a Visa Workshop. The form is long and complicated and we don't want you to get it wrong! You can then make a one-to-one appointment with Amelia or Sue. We will not be able to see you for an appointment if you have not attended the workshop. The office processes applications through the Student Batch scheme in conjunction with the Home Office in Durham. The Home Office has advised us that, due to the high volume of work and training that is currently going on, they will not be able to guarantee return of passports before Christmas and that students should not book travel until the return of their passports. The cost is £357 for a postal application.

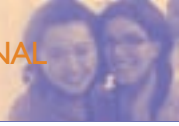
If you are studying at Tremough Campus please contact us at v.van-den-berg@exeter.ac.uk for advice.

Registering with the Police

If you are in the process of renewing your visa as a student you may be required to register with the police. Look in your passport at your new visa when it is returned to you – it will say if you need to register. If you are required to register you should go to the Police station on Heavitree Road. They are open Monday to Friday 8.30–18.00. You will need to take your passport, 2 passport-sized photographs and £34 cash exactly to cover the administration fee.



<http://as.exeter.ac.uk/support/international/lifeintheuk/police/registration/>



WORKING IN THE UK



If you need information on casual work whilst you are at Exeter don't forget to visit **The Works** near the Ram Bar in Devonshire House for information on

jobs, opportunities and training. For

more information visit: www.exeter.ac.uk/

[employability /students/theworks.shtml](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/employability/students/theworks.shtml)

If you are a Postgraduate student who is considering applying for a large company internship starting at your graduation then application deadlines start in November. Don't delay in making an appointment with the Careers and Employment Service at Reed Mews, Streatham Campus.

DANGERS of breaching work conditions

In 2007 the removal of 5 students from the UK was narrowly averted. These students had been working in excess of the 20 hours per week and were therefore in breach of their immigration conditions. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT WORK MORE THAN THE 20 HOURS PERMITTED TO YOU AS A STUDENT DURING TERM TIME, EVEN IF IT IS JUST AN HOUR OR SO MORE, OR BECAUSE YOU THINK 'EVERYONE DOES IT'.

Anyone found to be in breach of their immigration conditions can be subject to 'administrative removal'.

This means that there is no opportunity to appeal against the decision and you could be on a flight home within one day of being notified. BE WISE – DON'T DO IT



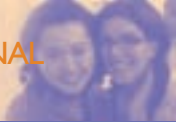
Student Ambassador Recruitment

Student ambassadors are being recruited from across all three campuses to join the Exeter Student Ambassador Scheme. Student ambassadors work on various outreach and recruitment events and have the opportunities to participate in activities including; tutoring in schools in Devon and Cornwall, giving tours of the campus, assisting with the delivery of workshops in schools and helping out with University Open Days. The scheme is open to students studying at both Exeter and Cornwall campuses. See <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/ambassadors/about.shtml>. Deadline for applications is 30 Oct.



The University of Exeter Students' Guild has launched a student lettings agency, ExeLets, to provide all students with access to quality, affordable privately-rented accommodation.

ExeLets is situated in Devonshire House, opposite the Student Shop. It is open Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm and on Saturdays between 9.30 and 12 noon. Students can also access ExeLets through its website www.exelets.co.uk or call 01392262430 to register.



virtual careers fair

Live Monday 12 October –
Friday 11 December 2009

A traditional careers fair in a virtual environment!

Get the latest information on graduate jobs, vacation
and training opportunities, from the comfort of your
computer.

New for 2009! Live web chat!

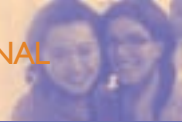
Pose your questions to our exhibiting employers.

Visit the fair at [www.exeter.ac.uk/employability/
virtualfair](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/employability/virtualfair)

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Visit the fair to be in
with a chance to win
an iPod shuffle!





Study and language support for international students and their families

'It was a big shock, the first few lectures! No visual aids, no notes ... I guess back at home in the local university they still spoon feed you!'

(quote from an international student in October 2004)



If you feel like this don't worry - you are not alone!

The first few weeks at a new university can be daunting for most students. You may have to get used to a whole new system very quickly and you may find you need support to cope with the demands of academic writing and presentations. Help is at hand!

To read information on the tutorials and workshops the Education Development Unit run see <http://www.services.ex.ac.uk/edu/student-learning-skills/index.shtml>

You may be interested in the **English Language Support** to improve your English. INTO University of Exeter run a number of free in-sessional (ie. during term time) classes, a lecture series and workshops.

The courses fill up fast so do not delay in looking at the programme and signing up!

The full programme and online registration can be seen at <http://centres.ex.ac.uk/into>

There is also **English language support available for family members** of Exeter students. Classes run weekly during term time. For more information contact Maria Koutsoumanis, m.koutsoumanis@exeter.ac.uk

Tandem Language Exchange (TLE) is a brand new scheme run by the Foreign Language Centre and provides an exciting way of meeting people at the University of Exeter and improving a language in a fun and relaxed way without tutors, pressure or exams!

Whether you are learning a language with the Foreign Language Centre or as your main degree, an international student keen to meet local students and improve your English, or you simply want to improve your foreign language skills, TLE is for you.

Tandem Language Exchange is free of charge and open to anyone at the University of Exeter – all we require is that you sign up using a valid University of Exeter email address. Details of how to post up your language exchange requests will be available soon – please check www.exeter.ac.uk/flc from the end of October.

NEW!

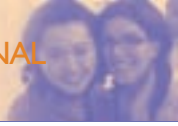
English Language Club

Are you looking for an opportunity to practice your conversational English in an informal setting? On the first Monday of the month, starting on Monday 2 November, we will be meeting in the Long Lounge, Devonshire House 6.00pm-8.00pm to sit in small groups and discuss a topic. We hope that you will join us.

Are you a new international research student?

As you would expect from one of the UK's research-intensive universities, The Graduate School at the University organises a generic skills training programme for all PhD students. With over 45 different sessions there is something for all research students. All sessions are FREE of charge.

Full details, including online booking, can be found at <http://as.exeter.ac.uk/support/development/researchstudents/erdp/>



The Shine Awards are different from any other student competition – they don't just focus on academic achievement, but celebrate the whole international student 'experience'. There are 36 individual cash prizes nationally. Exeter international students are amazing and it's about time one of our students won! All you have to do is enter: <http://www.educationuk.org/shine>



Caption: Robert Bradford Chef De Partie for Student Staff Catering receiving his certificate from Gary Wood Vice Principal, Academic Affairs at University College Birmingham.

Exeter Chef takes Eastern Challenge

Robert attended two of the three culinary workshops which are practically based and designed for professional chefs at all levels of competence. The workshops are an initiative of the TUCO (The University caterers Organisation) Learning and Development Group and each workshop lasts for three consecutive days. They were held in University College Birmingham's state of the art skills and competition kitchens and delivered by its experienced specialist lecturers.

Robert was introduced to the structure of each countries cuisine including Cultural, historic and religious influences for various countries including; China, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Korea and Burma. And the great news is that now you can enjoy his new found skills in the catering outlets on campus!



International Students with disabilities

The University's Disability Resource Centre is here to assess and arrange support for students with disabilities. Many students benefit from the support the Disability Resource Centre offers and find that the support enables them gain a better experience of studying at the University.

In order to access this kind of support, students must first tell the University about their particular needs and provide medical evidence so that we can fully understand the nature of the disability and put appropriate support in place.

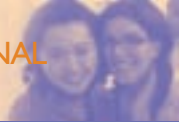
<http://www.admin.ex.ac.uk/academic/disability/>



University Multifaith Chaplaincy

Whatever your faith, there is someone to talk with.

<http://as.exeter.ac.uk/support/chaplaincy/aboutus/>



GLOBAL CHUMS



Opening Event

Thank you to Ross for organising such a great opening event for Global Chums and also a big thank you to everyone who brought food along to share. I know that I ate quite a lot of home made cakes and some very tasty Austrian bread and spread! Yum! Good luck to all you Chums for the rest of the programme. Don't forget to fill in the feedback sheets at the end.



enhancing your employability

The Exeter Award is an achievement award for undergraduate and taught postgraduate students. The Award is designed to **enhance the employability** of students by providing official recognition and evidence of extra-curricular activities and achievements. If you are a volunteer, or have undertaken paid work experience, The Exeter Award will help you **get ahead** of the **280,000 other graduates** entering the job market each year.

The Exeter Award is sponsored by  **ERNST & YOUNG**
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www.exeter.ac.uk/exeteraward



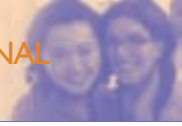
INTO[®] UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

A WARM WELCOME FROM INTO TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

We hope you all enjoyed Welcome Week and have settled into Exeter by now.

Social Programme (*open to all international students!*)
7 November Eden Project
28 November Cardiff

Contact Suzanne (s.aburagheb@exeter.ac.uk) in INTO, the Old Library for more details



INTRODUCTION TO **Environmental Sustainability at University of Exeter**

The University takes environmental sustainability very seriously and seeks to promote greater awareness of environmental sustainability issues to students. The University is working on numerous initiatives to improve its' environmental sustainability. Recent examples of this are the Student 'free stuff' event and the installation of new cycle parking facilities at St. Luke's campus.

The 'freestuff' event gave away several items to students. The items were donated by Exeter students. Similar events will be held in February and June. The University has recently installed several brand new cycle parking spaces on St Luke's campus. A launch event was held on 5th October where students were able to gather free advice on cycling and pick up a subsidised cycle locks (worth £35) for £5! To find out more about sustainability at Exeter visit <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/sustainability/>

We are a Christian organisation linking international students with local people and each other. We offer friendship and hospitality to students of all faiths and none.

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉS

Alternate Mondays 7:30 - 9:30pm at Belmont Chapel

DAY TRIPS

Explore Devon once a month on Saturdays
This term we are going to Dartmouth and Plymouth

DISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY

Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00pm at Belmont Chapel
Starts October 7th - everyone is welcome

HOSPITALITY SCHEME

Meet local people in their homes for a meal

Contact Jenny Hudson:
jenny.hudson@friendsinternational.org.uk

OPEN HOUSE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEN AND GLOBAL GATHERING FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN

Do you want to get in touch with other international students outside the University environment?

Open House for International Men (Thursdays 8-10pm) and Global Gathering for Women (Thursday 10am) meets in the home of Mike & Biddy Walton just a few minutes walk from the University.

Their programme of events includes lively talks about Britain and the British and activities. It doesn't cost anything and you don't need a special invitation to go.

<http://Globalgatheringexeter.blogspot.com>
or <http://openhouseexeter.blogspot.com>

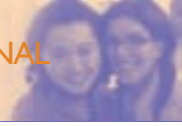
Funding available for you to stay with a family in another part of the UK



Most people who come here to pursue their studies are hoping for something more. Last year over 47 students signed up for HOST (Hosting for Overseas Students) visits, staying with a UK family for a weekend or longer. But we want many more students to take up this opportunity. Why don't you give it a try? If you want to visit a family for Christmas you should apply NOW! www.hostuk.org.uk.

Manase Mbasha who studied for an MSc Mining Geology at the Cornwall Campus spent the Christmas holiday with a host family.





Globe Café

A friendly place for international students to get to know both British students and each other.
Meet in Cornwall House - Thursdays 7:30pm - 9:30pm

October 15th - Games
October 29th - Puddings
November 5th - Bonfire Night
November 12th - Salsa
November 26th - Barn Dance
December 10th - Christmas Party

Christianity Explored

Every Thursday 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Starts October 15th with a taster session
Pippa Langston Room, Cornwall House
You don't need to know anything about the Bible.
You won't be asked to read aloud, sing or pray.
You can ask any question you want.
Everyone is welcome!

For more details, please contact Sarah Hall:
internationalsecretaryexeter@googlemail.com



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BRITISH CULTURE?

Why not join in our exciting new **INSIGHT** programme. A number of Exeter University staff have volunteered to invite you for a meal in their home! If you are interested in the scheme please contact s.lawrie@exeter.ac.uk for further details.

GLOBAL CENTRE

The Global Centre is based in Exeter Community Centre, on the Iron Bridge near to Exeter City Centre. This is a great place to meet other international families and share your experience in Exeter with them. <http://www.globalcentred Devon.org.uk/>



NEWS FROM

Cornwall Campus

A Big Welcome to all the new international students at the Cornwall Campus. So far 36 students have arrived on campus and there may be one or two more by the end of the week. Welcome Week was a very busy time for international students when they were able to attend a variety of sessions including Study Skills, a tour of the Library; a visit to Penryn; Living in the UK; Managing Your Money and a Tour of Falmouth.

At the Welcome Reception Atiqah Fariz from the International Society came along to the Welcome reception to meet some of the students. She said the Society will be putting on social events over the next term and will let everyone know when these have been finalised.

In the meantime if you have any concerns about visa applications, extending your stay or finding employment or getting help with your studies please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted at:

vivien.van-den-berg@exeter.ac.uk
Peter Lanyon Building
01326 25373 | Ext.2731

Hello from Ian Pogonowski, the UECC President

"Hello everybody. I welcome you to the University of Exeter Cornwall Campus on behalf of FXU (Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union). I am Ian Pogonowski, the Student President for Exeter Students. If you have any worries throughout the year, I will endeavour to help you with anything - Academic, Sports, Representation etc. Pop into the FXU Office and let me know. There will be a monthly Presidents Question time happening every last Wednesday per month in Lecture Theatre 3 Peter Lanyon Building. This will be a platform for myself to let you know what I've been doing for Exeter Students, and then open the floor for Exeter students to let me know what their issues are. Come along! If you haven't collected a Freshers Bags with dates/free items - come to the FXU office as soon as you can to collect this.

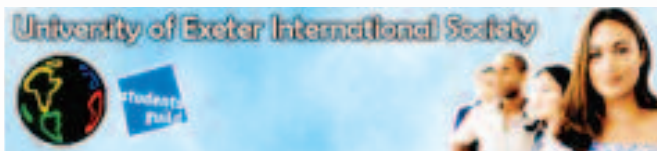
A must see event:

Saturday October 17th: LadySmith Black Mambazo is performing at the Hall For Cornwall in Truro. If you want to see this - pop into the FXU office, or e-mail: presidentuecc@fxu.org.uk. Travel will be provided for! I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

All the best, Ian Pogonowski."



SOCIETY NEWS



African and Caribbean Society

<http://societies.exeter.ac.uk/africanandcaribbean/index2>

Arabic Society

Rock the Kasbah held in the Postgrad Centre, Friday nights. World music at it's best! <http://siimoon.50webs.com>

Catholic Society

Contact Sean Wright: sw291@exeter.ac.uk

Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)

Hello to everyone that came to our opening party!

Contact President, Ren Li: r1273@exeter.ac.uk

Social Secretary, Tim Wood: tjdw201@exeter.ac.uk

Erasmus Student Network

Language Tandem Nights: Tuesday 13th September for French and Italian, and Thursday the 15th for German and Spanish. Students can pair up, play some board games help themselves to soft drinks and biscuits while practising their language skills.

UK students practise their foreign language with a native, and German, Italian, Spanish and French students can practise their English.

Edinburgh Trip from 23/10 to 25/10, costing £128 and includes transport, two nights stay in the best hostel in Edinburgh including breakfast and a two day pass of all of Edinburgh's Top attractions.

Cardiff Trip from the 20th to 22nd of November costing £85 and includes transport, two nights stay entry to the Big Pitt attractions and promotions to some of the best clubs in both Swansea and Cardiff.

On the 5/11/09, we have buses arranged for the fireworks display, carnival atmosphere and the famous tar barrels at Ottery St Mary Return Transport £6

Further information on the above events plus lots more can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=99682173563&ref=ts>



Exeter University Model United Nations Society:

Come along to our weekly meeting **7 till 9** in **Queens Building lecture theatre 4.1** on Wednesday! We will be having weekly debates on topical issues alongside training and workshops with the aim to send delegations to a number of conferences this year.



Exeter Music

Welcome to Exeter Music!

There is no music degree at Exeter but there are no barriers to getting involved with extra-curricular music, whatever your previous experience or degree subject!

The musical and social hub of the Director of Music's Office is Knightley, Streatham Drive. For access to practice rooms, please contact the Assistant to the Director of Music ... music@ex.ac.uk

Sign up to the Music Office's Mailing List ("On Your Doorstep") for regular updates about all the concerts, gigs, lectures, workshops and other musical opportunities not to be missed in and around campus!

E-mail music@ex.ac.uk to sign up, putting "On your Doorstep" in the subject line.

If you are looking to continue or start instrumental / vocal / composition lessons, we can help find you a teacher!

Contact the Assistant to the Director of Music for further details.

University instruments are available to be borrowed free of charge by students. Contact the Assistant to the Director of Music for further details.

Exeter University Symphony Orchestra is looking for new string players. We rehearse Tuesday nights in the Great Hall between 7 and 9.30. If potential players could email me (jmr207@ex.ac.uk), that would be fantastic. Please pop in to Knightley during the week to find out what other musical opportunities are on offer – and to sign to free classes and opportunities for the following (amongst many others): Conducting; Show Voices; Jazz; African Drumming; Piano Ensemble; Recorder Consort

Extunes support and represent all of the music based societies on campus.

www.exeter.ac.uk/music Email: jmr207@ex.ac.uk

Exeter University Theatre Company (EUTCo)

Be a part of the theatre scene in Exeter and you don't even have to act!
www.eutco.co.uk

French Society

<http://www.exeterguild.org/french>

Friends of Palestine

<http://www.exeterguild.org/fop>

German Society

<http://www.exeterguild.org/germansoc>

International Students Council

Welcome to Exeter! We hope you're having a wonderful time and are getting involved in all the great things Exeter has to offer. However, sometimes you may need some help or support – and this is what the ISC (International Students' Council) is here for. We're from the Students' Guild (students' union) and we're here to support and represent YOU. The ISC is run by students, for students. Please get in contact with us. We're here to help make your time at Exeter as trouble-free as possible!

FREE Coffee Morning and AGM

29 October 2009 @ Coffee Express 10am – 11am

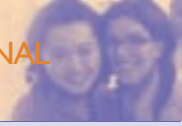
Our office hours:

12-2 pm - Monday to Friday The GI Hub (behind the Long Lounge)

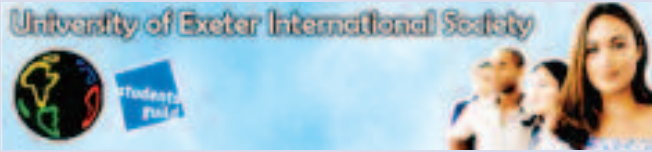
Devonshire House Email: iscexeter@gmail.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=44373816625>

<http://www.exeterguild.org/content/78775/representation/isc/>



SOCIETY NEWS



International Society

<http://www.exeterguild.org/intsoc>

Islamic Society

<http://societies.ex.ac.uk/islamic>

Italian Society

Contact: ah326@exeter.ac.uk

Japanese Society

Meet other Japanese students and student interested in Japan. We organize language exchange, entertainment and weekly meetings in Clydesdale House 6.00pm on Thursdays.

Contact: japanesesociety@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: Exeter University Japanese Society

Jewish Society www.exeterguild.org/jewishsoc

Literary Society

Lit Soc is the university's literary society. If you have an interest in literature we invite you to join us for literary discussion groups, pub quizzes, theatre trips and lots of socials throughout the year. Membership for the year is £4, so if you are interested please contact the Lit Soc president Claire Begley, ceb215@exeter.ac.uk.

Meditation and Buddhist Society

www.exeterguild.org/buddhistsoc

Methodist and Anglican Society

www.exeterguild.org/methang

The Out of Doors Society

We run walks around the south west every week. A great chance to see the beautiful countryside surrounding exeter, meet new people and get a bit of exercise!!

<http://societies.ex.ac.uk/oods/>

Post Graduate Union (PGU)

<http://PGU.ex.ac.uk/>

Russian Society

Facebook: Exeter Russian society 09-10

Vkontakte page: <http://vkontakte.ru/club4927300>

Email: exeterrussiansociety@hotmail.co.uk

Skydiving Society

Contact: www.skydive-exeter-uni.com (Broken -

<http://www.exeterguild.org/euss>)

Email: mrn201@exeter.ac.uk

Turkish Society

21 October, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies 6.00pm

Lecture and Concert by Latif Bolat (from the UKA) about Turkish Sufi philosophy and music.

The best trip ever!

Turkish Soc takes you to Istanbul while the city is the European Capital of Culture in September 2010. Check www.forum-bosporus.de (Borken – can't locate) for more information and timetable. Contact us if you're interested! Email us for information about our weekly football evenings, and any proposals, critique!"

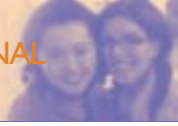
Contact: go217@exeter.ac.uk www.forum-bosporus.de

World Music Choir

The World Music Choir is a fun, friendly, non-auditioned choir, who sing songs from different cultures all around the world. We rehearse every Thursday from 4:30-6 in the M&D Room in Devonshire House.

Membership costs £15 a year and then we pay £2 for every session. For more information contact worldmusicchoir@yahoo.com





Remember Welcome Week 2009?



We realise it may seem like a long time ago now... but here are a few photos to remind you of that hectic week! And thanks again to our great team of 'blue shirter's'. My favourite event would, of course, be the English Country Dancing! If you have any favourite memories or photographs of the week please send them to s.lawrie@ex.ac.uk

