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## WE ARE TEAM ABER

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# MEET YOUR OPPOR

## LOUISA: OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER

2018/2019

Louisa is the student voice for sports, societies and volunteering opportunities. Her role focuses on giving Aber students the best student journey possible and giving them more than just a degree.



### When you were three, what did you want to be?

A ballerina up until my costume rabbit ears fell off during a performance of Alice in Wonderland.

### If you were a biscuit, what would you be and why?

Chocolate hobnob because they're sweet and a bit nutty.

### What's your favourite thing about working at the SU?

No day is ever the same plus there's free tea and coffee in the staff room.

## GAV: STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES MANAGER

Gav's role is to support, enable and empower students to develop and access a rich and diverse range of extra-curricular opportunities which will add value to the student experience.

### When you were three, what did you want to be?

My dream was to be a professional footballer. I realised this dream when I played for Tranmere Rovers.

### Describe yourself using only one song title:

Dancing on the Ceiling. Watch the video, you'll understand.

### What's your favourite thing about working at the SU?

I like to see young people develop, mature and learn new skills during their time at Aber.



# TUNITIES TEAM!



## LUCIE: SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

Lucie promotes student participation in sporting activities, including local, regional and national competition. She is responsible for organising all BUCS fixtures and Union events through the year.

**When you were three, what did you want to be?**

I loved drawing my favourite cartoon characters and wanted to be an animator, just like Walt Disney!

**If you were a piece of sporting equipment, what would you be?**

My house is football mad, so it would have to be a football.

**What's your favourite thing about working at the SU?**

I like running the sports events and watching everyone else enjoying!

## BECCA: SOCIETIES CO-ORDINATOR

Becca promotes participation in societies, for the purposes of growing shared interest communities and providing extracurricular opportunities. She works with students help them set up and run all things society.



**When you were three, what did you want to be?**

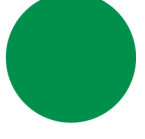
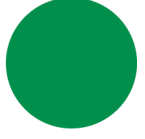
A vet...until I saw a lamb being born. With help.

**If you could set up any society, what would it be?**

The Harry Potter Enthusiasts Society. I'm a Hufflepuff and my patronus is a West Highland Terrier. I love Harry Potter!

**What's your favourite thing about working at the SU?**

Meeting lots of interesting people with great ideas.



# SOCIETY AND CLUB OF

## GEOGRAPHY: SOCIETY OF THE YEAR



**Important things first, if GeogSoc were a beverage, what would they be?**

Cambrian's GeogSoc cocktail because the tropical beverage is juicy and refreshing, and the perfect shade of green matches our polos.

**Describe GeogSoc in three words:**

Diverse, Family and Action-Packed.

**Can you tell us a bit about what you got up to last year?**

GeogSoc were busy last year as it was the Geography department's 100th year. Throughout the year, we organised the centenary 'Staff vs. Student' games, where we held bake sales, played football and organised quizzes. We had weekly socials and, participated in both the Men's and Women's Superteams and entered two teams in Rugby 7s. Many GeogSoc members also took part in Science Week and Welsh lessons. We ended the year on a high by receiving the Welsh language and Society of the Year awards. We then flew to Budapest to celebrate our success.

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

We are most looking forward to welcoming new freshers into our GeogSoc family. We will also continue the good work of the society, offering members a variety of events to take part in; But most of all we are looking forward to having fun and enjoying another year being part of GeogSoc.

# THE YEAR 2017/18

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY: CLUB OF THE YEAR



**Important things first, if Women's Hockey were a beverage, what would they be?**

75cl Bottle of QC Cream Sherry

**Describe Women's Hockey in three words:**

Fun, Inclusive and Family

**Can you tell us a bit about what you got up to last year?**

We smashed Bangor at Varsity! We had amazing socials each week as well as lots of team bonding time together! We also held very fun training sessions and enjoyed playing lots of matches each week.

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

We are looking forward to gaining lots of new members, playing and training as one big team and of course, staying victorious at Varsity!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!**

**GOOD LUCK FOR THE YEAR AHEAD!**

**BUCS**



British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is an organisation that runs Higher Education sport competition in the UK.

They deliver more than 50 sports through a busy league programme consisting of over 5800 teams and over 120 championships events every year.

30 teams from Aber SU compete in their relevant BUCS leagues every Wednesday. They compete against other universities in both home and away fixtures.

BUCS starts on 10th October 2018 and finishes on 27th March 2019.

You can see all of the upcoming BUCS fixtures on our website: [www.abersu.co.uk/teamaber/sports/bucs/fixtures/](http://www.abersu.co.uk/teamaber/sports/bucs/fixtures/)

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL CLUBS**

**FOR THE BUCS YEAR AHEAD #TEAMABER**



# RAG: RAISING AND GIVING

AberSU RAG (Raise and Give) is a single fund raised largely by Sports Clubs, Societies and Volunteering Groups but anyone can get involved! The fund allows Aberystwyth students to come together to fundraise and give their time to local and national causes.

AberSU RAG is split equally between three pots annually:

- **A UK Charity**: proposed and voted on by students at our Fresher's Fair in September each year.
- **A Welsh Charity**: decided by our Full-Time Officer Team in August each year.
- **The Community Fund**: distributed to local charities in Mid-Wales in the form of grants.

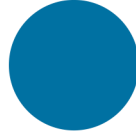
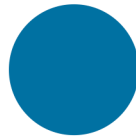
## RAG WEEKS 2018/19

For the first time this year, a new RAG structure will be in place. A week out of each month (October to March), will be highlighted as a RAG week, during which a selection of clubs and societies will run their fundraising events and giving activities.

Have a look at the list below to see which student groups are taking part in October 29th to November 4th RAG week:

**ABERCOUSTIC**  
**BASKETBALL WOMEN**  
**BIOCHEM**  
**BROADWAYS THEATRE AND FILM**  
**BSL**  
**CLAY PIGEON**  
**ABER DOGS**  
**GERMAN**  
**KAOTICA**  
**ABER MARINE**  
**MEN'S FOOTBALL**

**MOUNTAIN BIKING**  
**PRIDE**  
**REAL ALE**  
**ROBOTICS**  
**ROWING**  
**ULTIMATE FRISBEE**  
**UNDERWATER HOCKEY**  
**STREET DANCE**  
**VEGSOC**  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**WRESTLING**





## IN FOCUS:



Last year, Sea Rowing saw the recruitment of many keen and devoted individuals – no matter what previous experience they had! Our training sessions helped our members to gain great skills and perfect their rowing techniques. We proudly saw our members progress into strong, fit sportspeople and the Student Sea Rowers that we see before us today... those who will help lead and coach our new recruits in the coming year.

Not only do we love rowing along the beautiful Welsh Coast and up the lovely rivers of the Ystwyth and Rheidol, but when the weather conditions are unsuitable, the challenge of an ergo session faces the team! Our sessions allow

for both our more relaxed members and those who like to embrace their competitive side to do what they do best. We have a close relationship with the town's Sea Rowing Club members and engage in mixed town rowing sessions and training. Races throughout the year and the summer period are also a fun way to experience our sport in different locations across Wales.

Alongside the training sessions, our club began to build valued friendships. After a semester of getting to know one another, we decided to introduce some interesting, themed socials every Wednesday evening.



# SEA ROWING

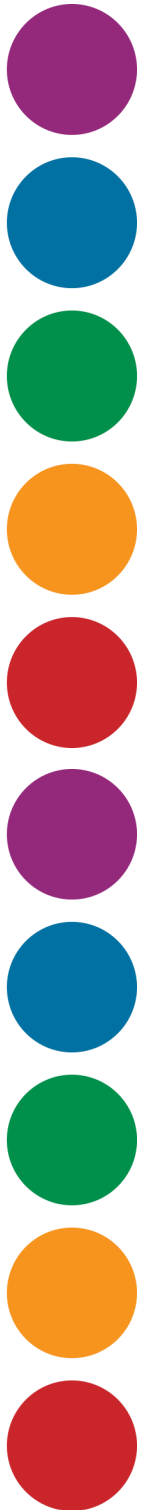


From mermaids and sea creatures to Easter bunnies; every Wednesday brought new experiences. Our Christmas and End of Year meals are always a classy and enjoyable way to end a semester and reflect upon the busy time and memories we have had together.

This academic year, we face new challenges. Our aim is to extend our team, recruit some budding, new, eager novices, and train them to become a part of our truly amazing club. Fitness will be a key part of this year with the hope of claiming victory at Varsity! Aberystwyth Student Sea Rowing Club would like to become a renowned club, with our

hardworking committee and friendly rowers welcoming our new members. Feeling a part of the team is important to us, so lots of team bonding and development activities are planned for the upcoming year. We also plan to engage in many creative and fun events in order to help support charities- both local and well known. We are very excited for the year ahead and cannot wait to see our new rowers develop and grow throughout their time at Aberystwyth University.

Email Sea Rowing: [aberstudentsearowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:aberstudentsearowingclub@gmail.com)





Broad Way's Theatre and Film Society has always been a little bit punk. Even when the society was formed – around a decade ago – its founders had a strict DIY philosophy in mind. Everything the society produces is student-written, student-filmed and student-performed; as a result Broad Way's has become something of its own art community, filled with collaborating actors, writers, filmmakers and various other creative types. Broad Way's has become in recent years a paradoxical, chaotic, thriving eco-system of people who are determined to do things their own way but love to work together. Last semester, this

culminated in the annual Broad Way's Film Festival – where a carefully selected collection of DIY student-created, written and performed short films were given the platform of the big screen in a free showing at the Aberystwyth Arts Centre cinema. Eager to keep the party going, the society has already announced plans for the return of the ever-popular One Acts Festival: where the creations of the society's most talented scriptwriters will be performed on stage – and they need the writers, directors, actors and stagehands to help make it happen.

# BROAD WAY'S



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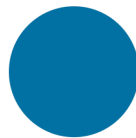


FAMILY

Once fiercely independent, Broad Way's is now very much emerging at the centre of the flourishing Aberystwyth amateur dramatics scene. Recent years have seen the society forming closer ties to Aberystwyth University's other acting societies – including their former rivals the Nomadic Theatre & Players Society - who allow students to direct and star in their favourite published plays, last year's performance of *The Accidental Death of an Anarchist* for example. In fact, students can now join both societies at once for a discounted rate of just £8 as part of the 'Bromads' membership deal via the Student Union website.

The future is bright. The future is punk. And Broad Way's needs the university's boldest, most creative and most 'out there' people to help ensure that the 2018-19 academic year is its best one yet. Just about everyone in Broad Way's started out as a nervous kid sitting at an audition afraid to talk to anyone – but it proves every year that every student has a voice, and you can find yours by joining the Broad Way's.

The society can be found on the SU website or contacted directly at [scty10@aber.ac.uk](mailto:scty10@aber.ac.uk)





# OH! WHAT'S



**SPORTS AND SOCIETIES ZONE**

**4TH October**

Contribute to Union planning, including: grants, funding, coaching and representation, facilities, Varsity, Superteams, awards, fundraising and volunteering.



**'GIVE IT A GO'**

**22<sup>ND</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER**

A week of open sessions run by your clubs and societies! Try out as many as you like at NO cost and NO commitment to join!

# OCCURRING?



## **NOL I ABER HOMECOMING**

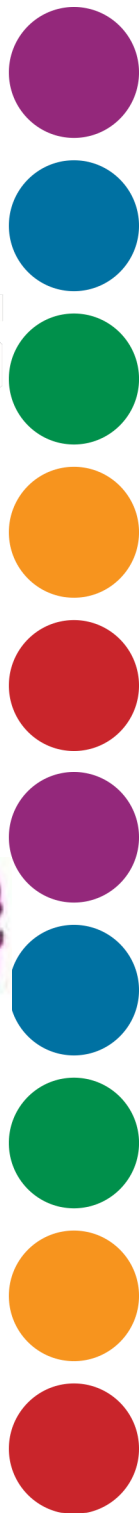
**27TH October 2018**

This tournament sees hundreds of students from over 30 sports teams and societies compete for the Team Aber Vs Aber Alumni Trophy.

# RAG RAG RAG RAG RAG

**29TH October—4TH November**


See What your Clubs and Societies are doing to raise money for great causes!



# USEFUL DATES



**8TH NOVEMBER: Sports and Societies Zone**



**3RD DECEMBER: Aber 7's Registration Opens**



**1ST JANUARY: Standing Opens (Officer Elections)**

**25TH JANUARY: Superteams Registration Opens**



**10TH FEBRUARY: Sports and Societies Zone**

**22ND-24TH FEBRUARY: Women's Superteams**



**26TH FEBRUARY: Standing Closes (Officer Elections)**

**15T-3RD MARCH: Men's Superteams**



**7TH MARCH: Sports and Societies Zone**

**11TH-15TH MARCH: Voting (Officer Elections)**



**25TH MARCH: Standing Opens (Clubs and Socs By-Elections)**

**30TH MARCH: Varsity**



**3RD APRIL: Sports Awards**

**5TH APRIL: Societies Awards**



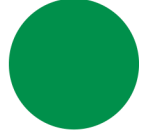
**7TH APRIL: Standing Closes (Clubs and Socs By-Elections)**

**29TH APRIL-3RD MAY: Voting (Clubs and Socs By-Elections)**



**4TH-5TH MAY: Aber 7's**







## YOUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

Does your club or society have something interesting planned this month? Completed in a brilliant BUCS Fixture? Think your society or club should be next month's In Focus? Have something you want to share?

If so, please get in touch with Becca, [rlb12@aber.ac.uk](mailto:rlb12@aber.ac.uk)

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**SPORTS CENTRE:** 01970 622280

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