

Guidance on Face to Face Student Activities for Liberation/Representation Groups

The Students' Association is getting ready for the start of a new academic year in 2020/21. Full Time Officers and Staff are working hard to give you the best possible experience this year. The health, safety and wellbeing of GCU students and staff will continue to be our highest priority during this Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and as rules around social distancing are eased.

Freshers Week 2020

Freshers Week will be online only this year, we are organising a Virtual Freshers Fair and we will be asking each liberation and representation group to organise their own virtual activity/stall to help welcome and socialise with new students. We will shortly be sending out the booking forms for you to book a virtual stall and to book your virtual event, which will be advertised in our Freshers Flyer. We will be sending our Student Handbook and Freshers Week Flyer to ever UK based new student through the post.

Face to Face Activities 2020-21

As you will be aware, Scotland is currently in phase 3 of the route map at the moment. Our approach is to have a phased return to face to face activities when it's safe to do so following government, insurance provider and university guidance. This is a fluid situation and we envisage that our approach will need to be flexible. Our insurance provides stipulates for online events that "no activities should take place which need close supervision to ensure the safety of members" and that "each individual should be aware that they are responsible for ensuring their home environment is suitable and safe for the activity they are engaging in". **For the avoidance of doubt there should be no face to face activities organised by liberation/representation groups until otherwise advised.**

Preparing to Return to Face to Face Activities

When face to face events are allowed to go ahead it is likely you will have to complete risk assessments that include COVID secure measures. Preventative measures may include pre-meeting sign up for track and trace and each group may be asked to have a COVID Coordinator. We strongly encourage all lib/rep officers to attend the online training session to learn about new procedures and systems, tasks and roles and what to expect in the year ahead.

Current Scottish Government Guidance

www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

www.gov.scot/publications/covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis-phase-3-update-30th-july-2020/pages/3/

Support and Help

If your lib/rep group have questions or you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any of the above please contact: Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader, at sara.maclean@gcu.ac.uk