

Freshers Fair Briefing 2026

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FRESHERS FAIR: STAFF SUPPORT



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FRESHERS FAIR: STAFF SUPPORT

Anyone in a yellow
Welcome T-Shirt!



FAIR LOCATION



This years Fair will take place in and around The Students' Union Buildings.

Stalls will be located:

- Outside in the plaza area
- Inside the SU Bar
- In Meeting Room 1 (Union 1)
- In Union 1 Reception Area & advice centre
- In the Upper Engagement Space

There will NOT be a one way system this year. You will receive a stamp on entry, and if you leave the fair you can reenter at one of the allocated re-entry points.

INCLUSIVITY, CREATIVENESS & STANDING OUT

INCLUSIVITY



Remember that
anyone &
everyone can
join your activity.

No matter who
they are, what
they look like, or
what their
capabilities are.

We can provide
additional
support if
required.

Welcome
everyone with
a smile 😊



DIVERSITY & EQUALITY: CORE VALUES

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Safe Space

Diversity:

“Enjoying, celebrating and encouraging the difference in all of us.”

Respect:

“Respecting all people and ideas, listening and putting people at the centre.”

BE CREATIVE: WHAT MAKES YOUR CLUB OR SOCIETY DIFFERENT?



**LIVE
DEMONSTRATIONS**



GOODIE BAGS



SWEET TREATS



**STANDOUT
VISUALS**

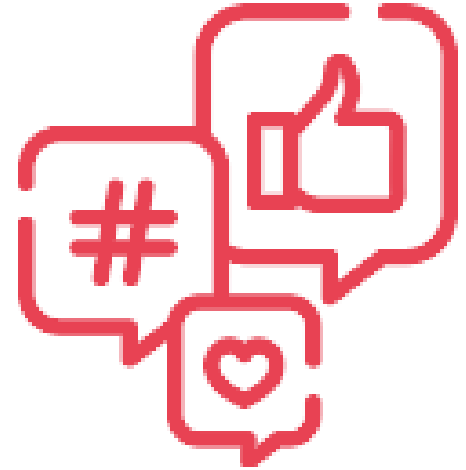
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BE CREATIVE: USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

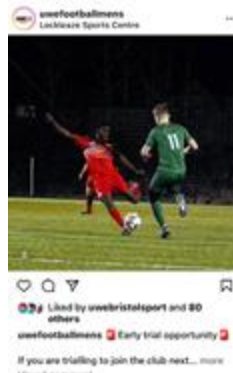
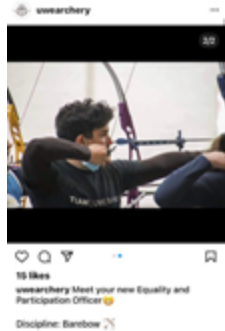
Social media can be a great way to attract potential new members, when used appropriately.

Use QR codes to direct students to your social media accounts!



BE CREATIVE: USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media posts like this look great!



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BE CREATIVE: USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Images like this...
Not so much!



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EQUIPMENT AND SET UP

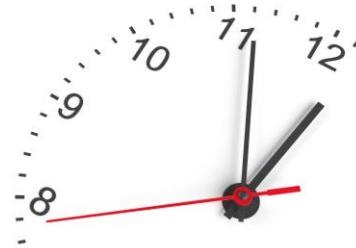
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ALL Sports & Societies will set up their stall **ON THE DAY OF THEIR FAIR DATE**. No stalls can be set up the day/evening prior.

Only large/bulky items that have been given prior approval and risk assessed will be permitted on site. If you have not been in touch with us about this, they will not be allowed!



- You can arrive between 8:00-09:00 on the day of your fair to set up your stall.
- A **group photo for Clubs and Societies** will take place in the arena at 09:30 each day - please make your way to the arena for this time.
- You must be set up and ready by **09:45 for inspection** to take place.
- The Fair will be opening for a **quiet hour at 10:00**
- The Fair will open to all at 11:00 and close at 16:00 on each day.
- Only pre-approved flyers/printed material is permitted on your stall. The deadline for sending approved flyers has now passed, if you have unapproved materials, these will be removed.

EQUIPMENT AND SET UP



Set up on the day of the fair only.



NO drop off will be permitted on the day before Freshers' Fair



NO student parking on site on the day of the fair.



Banners – Leave it to us!

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ON THE DAY



ON THE DAY

ONLY Committee members will be permitted on site between 08:00am-11:00am.

Stick to your area. Only 2 Committee members on your stall at any 1 time - wristbands will be provided (2 per stall)

Car Parking (No Parking on site for students)

Don't forget your music (at an appropriate volume), laptops & chargers

Velcro only on the backboards (NO Blutack, Sellotape or pins!!!)

DO NOT rely on Wifi on the day, have a plan B

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Example velcro that can be used on the boards



LARGE ITEMS: LOADING AND PARKING

- Entrance for stall holders with large/bulky items is via East Entrance ONLY.
- Unload and will be asked to park in Car Park 21, 22 or 23 (this will be signposted and marshalled).
- Where possible use your normal car park if you do need to drive onto Campus.

FRESHERS' FAIR ARRIVAL ROUTE & PARKING

Arrival (08:00 - 09:00):

- Vehicles requiring unloading – Enter via East Entrance. Follow guidance from marshals and signage through campus to the Freshers' Fair loading bay (red arrow route on map).
- Please unload quickly and then move your vehicle to Car Park 21-23 as directed by marshals and signage, to **park before returning to set up your stall**.
- Vehicles not requiring unloading – enter via North Entrance and proceed directly to Car Park 21-23.

Car parking:

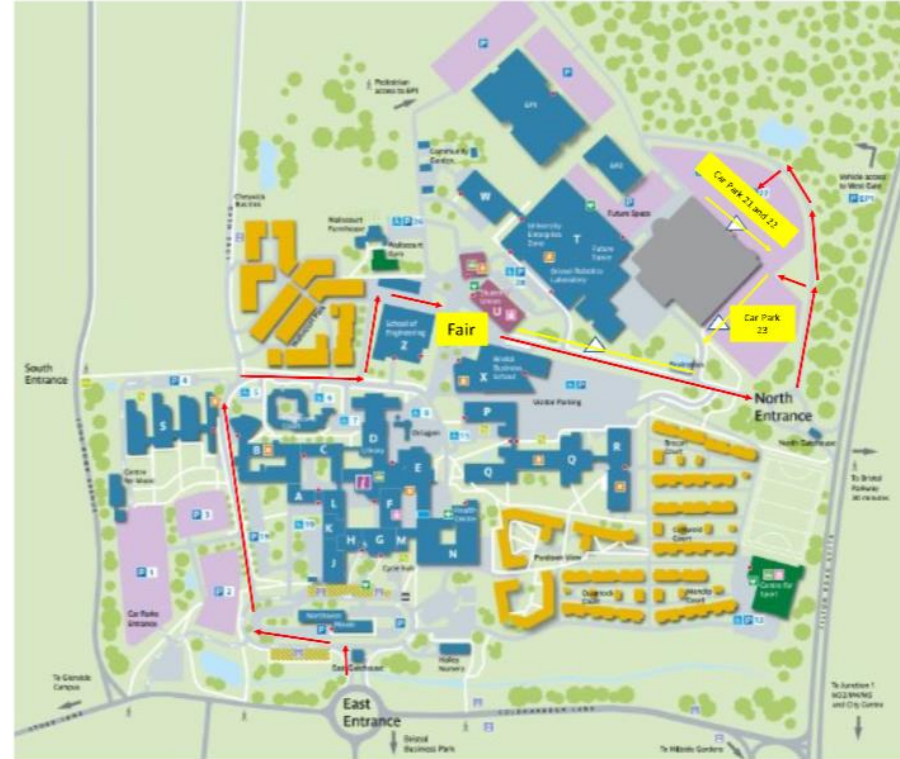
- Car Park 21-23 does not have reserved spaces. There is a limit of one space per booking, on a first come, first served basis.
- There is a short walking route back to the Fair (yellow arrows) which will be signposted.

Loading Bay:

- The loading bay will be closed to vehicles at 9:00.
- Staff will be on hand to assist with vehicle unloading, it is essential that vehicles are moved to the car park as soon as possible to enable all stallholders to unload in time
- **Please do not leave vehicles unattended in the loading bay.**

Packing down:

- The Fair closes at 16:00. Stalls must be packed up by 17:30.
- The loading bay and access road will not open until footfall has reduced and the road may be safely opened. **This will not be before 16:30, and is at the discretion of the Event Management**
- Please follow the reverse route when loading and leave campus via East Entrance.
- If not loading, you can leave via North Entrance.



ON THE DAY: SIGN UPS



Paper... Hmm no thanks!



Use a laptop or iPad if you can
- Excel, Google Sheets,
Google Forms, QR codes!

ON THE DAY: FIRE SAFETY & FIRST AID



NO smoking in the event area (Including E-cigarettes/vapes)



Exit signs are displayed and **MUST** be always kept clear



Freshers' team will lead in case of evacuation which should be to the nearest car park.



First Aid points will be operational

ON THE DAY: HEALTH & SAFETY



PAT Testing will be carried out by trained staff, but it is permissible to plug equipment in straight away.



No naked flames, smoke producing items, or compressed air are permitted on site.



No glass bottles/containers permitted on site.



NO alcohol to be bought onto site or consumed at your stall during Freshers' Fair.

Anyone believed to be intoxicated will be asked to leave.



If any drinks are being served, they must be in sealable cups/containers.



ON THE DAY: FOOD



DO NOT bring any home-made food or baked goods, **UNLESS** you already have approval – stall checks will take place.

Allergens & ingredients must be listed and available on the day for all foods (including pre-packaged purchased from shops)!

ON THE DAY: FLYERS



ONLY pre approved flyers are permitted to be present on stalls (deadline for this was 14 September)

If you are asked to put flyers from a third party on your stall, do not accept (unless in a signed off sponsorship agreement). By doing this they are avoiding costs to be at the fair and taking advantage of your group.

SUSTAINABILITY

- Choose to entertain students with an experience, rather than offer a giveaway where possible
- Avoid any unnecessary single-use plastic products in general (for example, no balloons or helium balloons)
- If a giveaway is agreed with us, ensure giveaways are ethical and eco-friendly (e.g. vegan snacks, eliminate packaging, meaningful and useful giveaway items)
- Source items through ethical supply chains (for workers' rights, modern slavery etc.)

SUSTAINABILITY

- When packaging is inevitable, prefer recyclable/reusable options and ask us for the required bins to be located nearby (if physically on site)
- For any vouchers or discounts, prefer a digital rather than physical version
- Minimise the amount of paper / flyers being handed out to reduce waste and consider recyclable materials.
- Consider if members could choose sustainable transport options if travelling to our campuses (walking, active travel e.g. cycling, public transport and finally car sharing). We can provide you with information on public transport and cycling facilities if needed.

ON THE DAY: LOOK AFTER YOURSELF



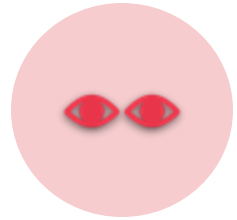
STAY HYDRATED &
DRINK PLENTY OF
WATER.



WEAR APPROPRIATE
CLOTHING, IT GETS
HOT INSIDE & COULD
BE WET & WINDY
OUTSIDE !



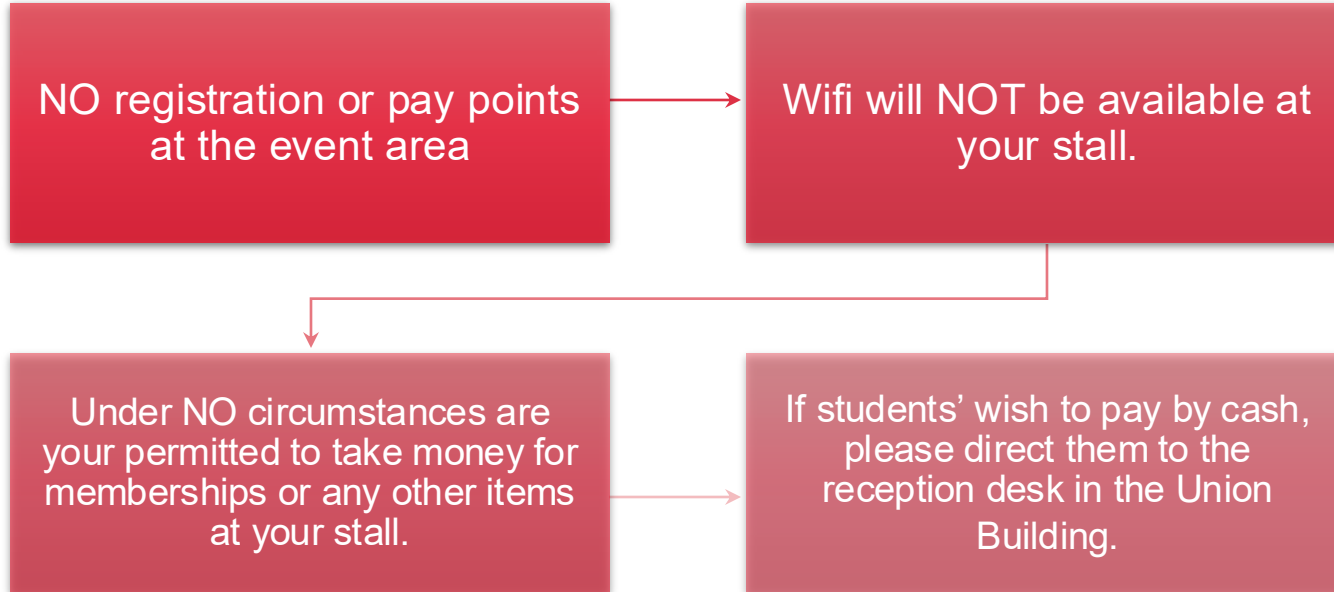
TAKE REGULAR
BREAKS TO HAVE A
SIT DOWN AND SOME
FOOD.



LOOK OUT FOR
ONE ANOTHER.

MEMBERSHIP & PAYMENT

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REMINDERS

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RELEVANT POLICIES REMINDER



Sports Clubs Trial Guidelines

- Any club that has a representative team will require trials/team selection

NEW Alcohol & Initiations

- Must be approved by VP Sports or SU Opps Team
- Remember they are NOT compulsory

Swim Tests

- All students **MUST** take a swim test before they can begin water based training/activities.

First Aid

- A number of First Aid Courses have been booked in. You can sign up [here](#). All trips must have at least 2 First Aiders attending.

GDPR

Collecting Data:

Make students aware what you are collecting (Student Number, Name, Etc) Make students aware how long you will have that information.



Photography:

Let students know if you are taking a picture with them that you may use for the society.



Emails:

Always BCC contacts if sending a mass email, and never share the information you collect.

DO YOUR BIT



Feedback Forms:



These will be sent to you— please take time to complete them and return them.

DO YOUR BIT



Clean Up



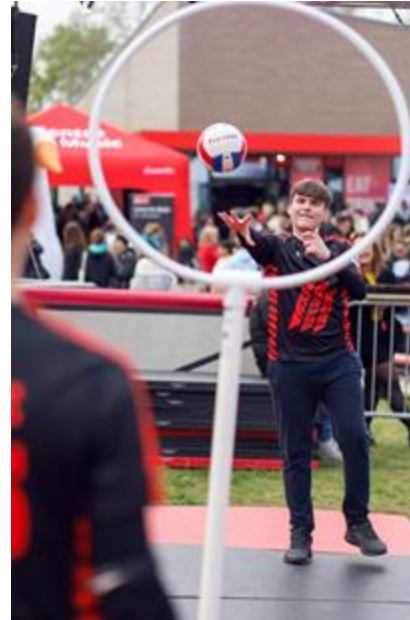
Please help us by ensuring your stall area is left tidy at the end of the fair [Refuse sacks provided and recycling provisions available].



It is your responsibility to ensure everything from your stall is returned to the Union building [with the exception of banners].



Any items [apart from banners] left in the event space after the fair will be thrown away. Your club or society will be fined, if your area is left in a mess!



STALL ALLOCATIONS - WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

SPORTS CLUBS

- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics & Cross Country
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- BJJ & MMA
- Cheerleading
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Dance
- Equestrian
- Football Men
- Football Women
- Futsal
- Gliding
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Handball
- Hiking
- Hockey
- Jiu Jitsu
- Kickboxing & Muay Thai
- Lacrosse
- Lifting
- Motorsports
- Netball
- Paddleboarding
- Polo
- Rowing
- Rugby Union Men

- Rugby Union Women
- Sailing
- Snowsports
- Squash
- Surf
- Swimming & Water Polo
- Tennis
- Trampolining
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

SOCIETIES

- Arab Society
- Bangladeshi Society
- Christian Union
- Filipino Society
- Indian Society
- Islamic Society
- Jewish Society
- LGBTQ+ Society
- Malaysian Society
- Myanmar Society
- Neurodiversity Society
- Pakistan Society
- Sri Lankan Society
- Sudanese Society
- Ukrainian Society
- Welsh Society

STALL ALLOCATIONS - THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

SOCIETIES

- Aero
- AI
- Airsoft
- Angling
- Anime
- Bar School
- Board Games
- Built Environment
- Calisthenics
- Chess
- Computer Science
- CTF Falcons
- Darts
- Debate
- Degree Apprentice
- Drama
- Economics
- Esports
- Events
- Film
- First Aid
- Formula Student
- Friends of Palestine
- Geography & Environment
- HUB Radio
- K-Pop Dance
- Law
- Robotics
- Nature
- Nursing
- Photography
- Physiotherapy
- Pole Fitness
- Propulsion
- Psychology
- Rock & Metal
- Rollercoaster
- Scouts & Guides
- Social Pool
- Society of Applied Sciences
- Vegan
- Videogaming
- Vlog
- Wargames, Roleplay & TCGs
- WEST

OUTDOOR ARENA SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY 24TH



<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
12:20 - 12:35	15 MINUTES	CYCLING
12:40 - 12:55	15 MINUTES	BADMINTON
13:00 - 13:20	20 MINUTES	BOXING
13:25 - 13:40	15 MINUTES	DANCE
13:45 - 14:00	15 MINUTES	GYMNASTICS
14:05-14:20	15 MINUTES	BREAK
14:25 - 14:40	15 MINUTES	JIU JITSU
14:45 - 15:00	15 MINUTES	KBMT
15:05 - 15:20	15 MINUTES	VOLLEYBALL
15:25 - 15:45	20 MINUTES	INDIAN SOCIETY

OUTDOOR ARENA SCHEDULE - THURSDAY 25TH



<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOCIETY</u>
12:40 - 12:55	15 MINUTES	
13:00 - 13:30	30 MINUTES	DRAMA
13:35 - 14:05	30 MINUTES	POLE FITNESS
14:10 - 14:25	15 MINUTES	K-POP
14:30 - 14:45	15 MINUTES	
14:50 - 15:05	15 MINUTES	

KEY DATES

WEDNESDAY 23RD & THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER - FRESHERS FAIR
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER – STUDENT COUNCIL NOMINATIONS OPEN
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER - BOWER WELCOME FAIR
WEDNESDAY 7ST/14TH OCTOBER - START OF BUCS FIXTURES
MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER - BY-ELECTIONS VOTING OPENS
MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER - SOCIETIES CONFERENCE 1
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER - SPORTS CONFERENCE 1



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In 2025/2026, Student Council achieved:

- Shaped Pick 'n' Play for January starters
- Secured Environmental and Mental Health messages to the UWE AI working group
- Expanded Wednesday afternoon sports livestreaming
- Prompted Diversity Week to include non-nationality identities (e.g. LGBT+)
- Secured more focus on Glenside and Bower Ashton campus societies



NOMINATIONS

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Societies Conference | Monday 12 October 17:00

Sports Conference | Thursday 15 October 17:00

Student Rep Conference | Monday 26 October 17:00

Nominations open | 22 September 12:00

Nominations due | 2hrs before Conferences begin

Voting open | for 24 hours only when conference ends



NOMINATIONS

KEY DATES - FIRST AID COURSES

Only £12 for sports and society members!

Upon completion of a The Students' Union at UWE First Aid Course, you will receive a nationally-recognised Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification (including a certificate), which lasts for three years.

Wednesday 30th September

Saturday 3rd October

Sunday 4th October

Wednesday 14th October

Saturday 7th November

Sunday 8th November

Saturday 28th November

Sunday 29th November

Saturday 6th February

Sunday 7th February

Saturday 20th February

Sunday 21st February

Saturday 13th March

Sunday 14th March

Wednesday 21st April

Wednesday 28th April



<https://www.thestudentsunion.co.uk/dosomething/committeehub/traininganddevelopment/firstaid/>

KEY DATES - WELLBEING SKILLS FOR STUDENT LEADERS

Free workshop for sport and society members!

The workshops aim to:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of what mental health is, the difficulties faced and the support available.
- Increase the skills required to support a society/ club member who is experiencing difficulties.
- Increase confidence around establishing a culture that promotes positive mental health.

Please contact

alice.willumsen@uwe.ac.uk if you
Club would like to book a session.



**student
minds**

KEY DATES - ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Free workshop for sport and society members!

This workshop looks at preconceptions around University drinking, drinking attitudes & behaviours, alcohol units and the impacts of alcohol consumption.

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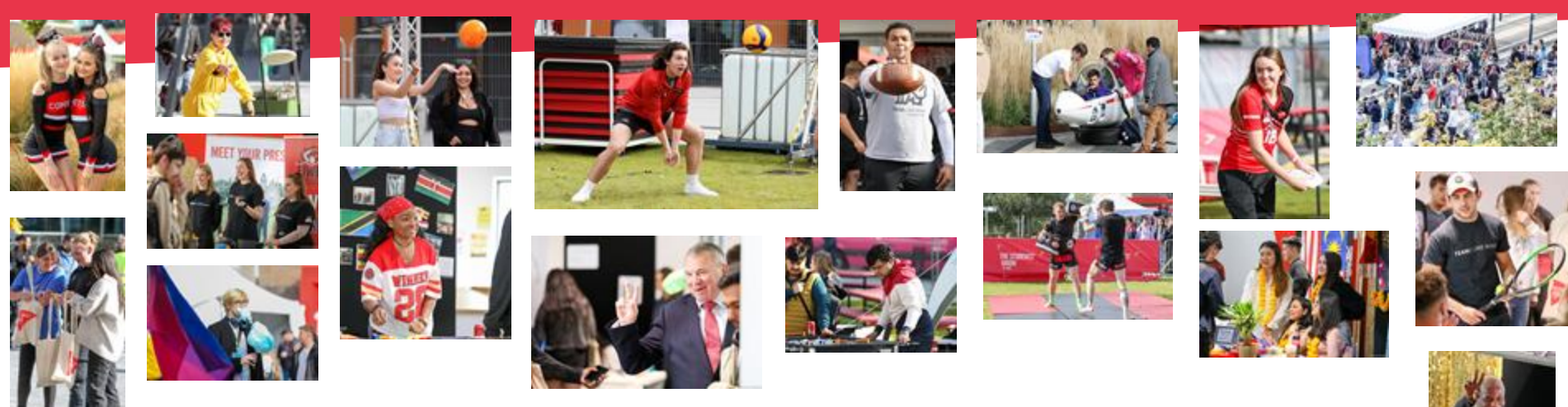


ONE FINAL THING...

If for whatever reason your sports club or society can no longer attend the fair, you **MUST** let us know ASAP!

We have **A LOT** of clubs/societies on a reserve list!





Thank you – and have fun!



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