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| **Risk Assessment** | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of** | **MedSoc Take Me Out** – the Cube, 22/02/2025, 7-9pm. Max. capacity 250 people. | | **Date** | **30/01/25** |
| **Unit/Faculty/Directorate** | **MedSoc** | **Assessor** | **Yasmine Hulf** | |
| **Line Manager/Supervisor** | **Mithu Sumeshkumar** | **Signed off** |  | |

| ***PART A*** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **(1) Risk identification** | | | **(2) Risk assessment** | | | | **(3) Risk management** | | | |
| **Hazard** | **Potential Consequences** | **Who might be harmed**  **(user; those nearby; those in the vicinity; members of the public)** | **Inherent** | | |  | **Residual** | | | **Further controls (use the risk hierarchy)** |
| **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** | **Control measures (use the risk hierarchy)** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** |
| Slips, trips and falls | Physical injury | Organisers and guests | **2** | **4** | **8** | * All boxes and equipment to be stored away from main meeting area, e.g. stored under tables * Any cables to be organised as best as possible * Cable ties or tape to be used if necessary * Floors to be kept clear and dry, and visual checks to be maintained throughout the meeting by organizers. * Extra vigilance will be paid to make sure that any spilled food products/objects are cleaned up quickly and efficiently in the area. * Report any trip hazards to facilities teams/venue staff asap. If cannot be removed mark off with hazard signs | **1** | **4** | **4** | * Seek medical attention from SUSU Reception/venue staff if in need * Contact facilities team via SUSU reception/venue staff * Contact emergency services if needed * All incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) |
| Setting up of Equipment. E.g. podiums | Bruising or broken bones from tripping over table and chairs. | Yasmine Hulf, MedSoc committee, charities subcommittee | 2 | 3 | 6 | * Have a committee + subcommittee meeting before setting up to make everyone aware of the potential risks, and to ensure manual handling guidelines are followed * Setting up podiums will be done by organisers. * Work in teams when handling other large and bulky items. * Request tools to support with move of heavy objects- SUSU Facilities/venue. E.g. hand truck, dolly, skates * Make sure anyone with any pre-existing conditions isn’t doing any unnecessary lifting and they are comfortable | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Seek assistance if in need of extra help from facilities staff/venue staff if needed * Seek medical attention from SUSU Reception if in need * Contact emergency services if needed * All incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) |
| Inadequate meeting space leading to overcrowding, not inclusive to all members | Physical injury, distress, exclusion | All participants | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Committee check on room pre-booking, checks on space, lighting, access, tech available * Ensure space meets needs of members e.g. tickets correspond to available seats * Committee to consult members on needs and make reasonable adjustments where possible | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Seek medical attention if problem arises * Liaise with SUSU reception/activities team on available spaces for meetings * Postpone meetings where space cannot be found * Look at remote meeting options for members * Committee WIDE training |
| Activities involving electrical equipment e.g. laptops/ computers | Risk of eye strain, injury, electric shock | Event organisers and SUSU staff | 2 | 4 | 8 | * Ensure regular breaks (ideally every 20mins) when using screens * Ensure screen is set up to avoid glare, is at eye height where possible * Ensure no liquids are placed near electrical equipment * Ensure all leads are secured with cable ties/mats etc | 1 | 4 | 4 | * Request support and advice from SUSU IT/Tech teams e.g. via activities team * For external venues pre-check equipment and last PAT testing dates * Seek medical attention as required |
| Socials- alcohol consumption | Participants may become at risk as a result of alcohol consumption  Members of the public may act violently towards participants. | Event organisers, event attendees | **2** | **5** | **10** | * Members are responsible for their individual safety though and are expected to act sensibly * Initiation behaviour not to be tolerated and drinking games to be discouraged * Security will be present at the Cube. * Bar Security staff will need to be alerted and emergency services called as required. * The consumption of alcohol will take place at licensed premises - SUSU. The conditions on the license will be adhered to and alcohol will not be served to customers who have drunk to excess * A notice will be put out that anyone found bringing their own drinks into the premises will be asked to leave * Society to follow and share with members Code of conduct/SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf) | **1** | **3** | **5** | * Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) * Call emergency services as required 111/999 * Committee WIDE training |
| Socials/Meetings- Medical emergency | Members may sustain injury /become unwell  pre-existing medical conditions  Sickness  Distress | All | **3** | **5** | **15** | * Advise participants; to bring their personal medication * Members/Committee to carry out first aid if necessary and only if qualified and confident to do so * Contact emergency services as required 111/999 * Contact SUSU Reception/Venue staff for first aid support | **2** | **5** | **15** | * Incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. * Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) |
| Insufficient Fire Safety awareness | If a fire alarm is triggered, people may not know where to go-  Crushing, falls, burns and smoke inhalation arising from induced panic, reduced space in buildings and external walkways, obstructed fire exits, build-up of flammable materials i.e. waste cardboard/boxes. | All | **2** | **10** | **5** | * ensure that members know where the nearest fire exist are and the meeting place is outside, should it be needed (by mentioning this on stage before the event begins) * Build-up of rubbish is to be kept to a minimum – ask audience to take their rubbish with them at the interval. Excess build up is to be removed promptly and deposited in the designated areas. | **1** | **5** | **5** | * All incidents are to be reported as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. * Call emergency services and University Security: * Emergency contact number for Campus Security: * Tel: +44 (0)23 8059 3311 (Ext:3311). |
| Handling & Storing Money- Charity fundraiser | * Theft * Individuals being mugged/robbed * Loss/misplacement leading to financial loss | Members, Participants, Charity | 3 | 4 | 12 | Southampton RAG procedures will be followed:   * Charity Event form completed, and RAG approval will be given * event risk assessment to be approved by activities team * All money handling to go through SUSU box office and SUSU RAG cardreader, no cash will be taken * Collectors will prioritise own safety, advised to not confront any potential thief. * Those who are collecting money are liable to ensure donations are taken from spectators willingly and checking the donor is not intoxicated beyond a fit state. | 2 | 3 | 6 | In the event of theft committee members will:   * Highlight the incident to any community police officers in the area/report to 111 * Report to SUSU Duty manager and [Complete a SUSU incident report](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) * If donors are suspected to be intoxicated no donations should be taken. |
| Overcrowding | * Physical injury | Event organisers and attendees | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Do not push/shove * Security will be present at the Cube * If large crowds form, barriers can be requested by SUSU facilities team (if available on the day) to assist with crowd management. * Only sell appropriate number of tickets for venue capacity (210) | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Seek medical attention if problem arises * With support from a SUSU Activities coordinator Inform UoS security team of the event (– on campus 3311, off campus 02380 593311. [unisecurity@soton.ac.uk](mailto:unisecurity@soton.ac.uk)) and liaise with them on need for security teams on the day * Security team may inform police of the event if required (e.g. marches) |
| Falling Objects e.g. banners | Injury, Bruising, Damage to equipment | All participants | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Only low-risk items will be placed above head height e.g., balloons * Set up team will secure all decorations to the best of their ability * Podiums and lamp fixtures will be appropriately fastened to floor | 1 | 1 | 1 | * Seek medical attention if problem arises * With support from a SUSU Activities coordinator Inform UoS security team of the event (– on campus 3311, off campus 02380 593311. [unisecurity@soton.ac.uk](mailto:unisecurity@soton.ac.uk)) and liaise with them on need for security teams on the day |

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| ***PART B – Action Plan*** | | | | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment Action Plan** | | | | | | | |
| **Part no.** | **Action to be taken, incl. Cost** | **By whom** | **Target date** | | **Review date** | **Outcome at review date** | |
| 1 | Set up team to read risk assessment before event | Subcommittee and committee | 22/2/25 | | 22/2/25 |  | |
| 2 | Committee to read and share SUSU Expect Respect Policy | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | 22/2/25 | | 22/2/25 |  | |
| 3 | The event will be run by the event hosts and MedSoc Committee and any changes to the format of the show cannot be made without approval from them. | Committee to ensure the event runs as planned. | 22/2/25 | | 22/2/25 |  | |
| Responsible manager’s signature: | | | | | Responsible manager’s signature: | | |
| Print name: Yasmine Hulf | | | | Date: 30/01/25 | Print name: Mithu Sumeshkumar | | Date: 30/01/25 |

**Assessment Guidance**

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| 1. Eliminate | Remove the hazard wherever possible which negates the need for further controls | If this is not possible then explain why |  |
| 1. Substitute | Replace the hazard with one less hazardous | If not possible then explain why |
| 1. Physical controls | Examples: enclosure, fume cupboard, glove box | Likely to still require admin controls as well |
| 1. Admin controls | Examples: training, supervision, signage |  |
| 1. Personal protection | Examples: respirators, safety specs, gloves | Last resort as it only protects the individual |

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| **LIKELIHOOD** | 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
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| **IMPACT** | | | | |

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| Impact | | Health & Safety |
| 1 | Trivial - insignificant | Very minor injuries e.g. slight bruising |
| 2 | Minor | Injuries or illness e.g. small cut or abrasion which require basic first aid treatment even in self-administered. |
| 3 | Moderate | Injuries or illness e.g. strain or sprain requiring first aid or medical support. |
| 4 | Major | Injuries or illness e.g. broken bone requiring medical support >24 hours and time off work >4 weeks. |
| 5 | Severe – extremely significant | Fatality or multiple serious injuries or illness requiring hospital admission or significant time off work. |

Risk process

1. Identify the impact and likelihood using the tables above.
2. Identify the risk rating by multiplying the Impact by the likelihood using the coloured matrix.
3. If the risk is amber or red – identify control measures to reduce the risk to as low as is reasonably practicable.
4. If the residual risk is green, additional controls are not necessary.
5. If the residual risk is amber the activity can continue but you must identify and implement further controls to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable.
6. If the residual risk is red do not continue with the activity until additional controls have been implemented and the risk is reduced.
7. Control measures should follow the risk hierarchy, where appropriate as per the pyramid above.
8. The cost of implementing control measures can be taken into account but should be proportional to the risk i.e. a control to reduce low risk may not need to be carried out if the cost is high but a control to manage high risk means that even at high cost the control would be necessary.

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| Likelihood | |
| 1 | Rare e.g. 1 in 100,000 chance or higher |
| 2 | Unlikely e.g. 1 in 10,000 chance or higher |
| 3 | Possible e.g. 1 in 1,000 chance or higher |
| 4 | Likely e.g. 1 in 100 chance or higher |
| 5 | Very Likely e.g. 1 in 10 chance or higher |