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| **Risk Assessment** | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of** | **Hookers, Knitters and Stitchers Society x UoS MENA – Palestine Awareness Week**  *Fundraising* | | **Date**  22/11/2023  For the 27/11/2023 | **Last review date**  22/11/2023 |
| **Unit/Faculty/Directorate** | **SUSU Hookers, Knitters and Stitchers Society** | **Assessor** | Media and Events Officer HKS: Emily Darlington | |
| **Line Manager/Supervisor** | Media and Events Officer HKS: Emily Darlington | **Signed off** | Media and Events Officer HKS: Emily Darlington | |

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| ***PART A*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **(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** | |  | | | | |
| **During the session** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slips, trips and falls | | | Physical injury | Event organisers and attendees | | | **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/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. Table and chairs | | | Bruising or broken bones from tripping over table and chairs. | Meeting organisers and attendees | | | 2 | 3 | 6 | * Make stall operators aware of the potential risks, follow manual handling guidelines * Ensure that at least 2 people carry tables. * Setting up tables 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- overcrowding, not inclusive to all members | | | Physical injury, distress, exclusion | Event organisers and attendees | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Committee check on room pre-booking, checks on space, lighting, access, tech available * Ensure space meets needs of members e.g. considering location & accessibility of space * 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 attendees | | | 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/Meetings- Medical emergency | | | Members may sustain injury /become unwell  pre-existing medical conditions  Sickness  Distress | Members | | | **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** | **10** | | * 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. | Members | | | **2** | **5** | **10** | * ensure that members know where the nearest fire exist are and the meeting place is outside, should it be needed * Build-up of rubbish is to be kept to a minimum. 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). | | | | |
| **Fundraising Events -** *For UoS MENA and HKS raising money for “Medical Aid for Palastines”* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Money- Charity fundraiser | | | * Financial misconduct | Members, Participants, Charity | | | 3 | 4 | 12 | Southampton RAG procedures will be followed:   * Charity Event form completed, and RAG approval will be given * All food hygiene certificates and event risk assessment to be approved by activities team * Sealed collection buckets with charity banner to be requested and collected from SUSU activities/RAG office at an agreed time (office hours, Mon-Fri 9-5) * Agree time for return of card reader and make payment to the charity. * Collectors will prioritise own safety, advised to not confront any potential thief. If confronted will give up the funds. | | | | 2 | 3 | 6 | | * Report to SUSU Duty manager and [Complete a SUSU incident report](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) * Track donations made | | | | |
| Events involving Food (This particular event doesn’t have any food but just in case) | | | * Allergies * Food poisoning * Choking | All | | | 3 | 5 | 15 | * Individual event risk assessment to be carried out for events involving members making/serving food. * Homemade items to be avoided by those with allergies and should be made by those with appropriate food hygiene training (Level 2 +) * Only order/buy food at establishments with appropriate food hygiene rating * Food to only be provided/eaten when other activities are stopped * Follow good food hygiene practices- no handling food when ill, tie back hair, wash hands and equipment regularly using warm water and cleaning products, refrigerate necessary products | | | | 1 | 5 | 5 | | SUSU food hygiene level 2 course available for completion- requests made to activities team  Call for first aid/emergency services a required  Report incidents via SUSU incident report procedure | | | | |
| **Demonstration/Strike/ Awareness Raising Activity** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adverse Weather | | | * Injury * Illness * Slipping * Burns | All who attend | | | **4** | **3** | **12** | * Lead organiser to check the weather are suitable for activities on the day * SUSU/UoS Facilities team checks of buildings and spaces prior to the event * Warn those attending to prepare by wearing appropriate clothing and footwear e.g. via social media posts, email invites * In the case of hot weather organisers to advice participants to bring/wear appropriate level sunscreen, hydrate | | | | **4** | **1** | **4** | | If adverse weather is too extreme to be controlled, the event should ultimately be cancelled or postponed to a different date | | | | |
| Overcrowding | | | * Physical injury | Event organisers and attendees | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Do not push/shove * If large crowds form, barriers can be requested by SUSU facilities team (if available on the day) to assist with crowd management. * Book during quieter times when less activities taking place on Redbrick/book all available space * Inform other bookings on the Redbrick/in the area of the event | | | | 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) | | | | |
| Disturbance to public, students and staff | | | * Conflict, noise, crowds | Event organisers and attendees, general public | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | * Events planned for redbrick avoiding residential areas * UoS Security Teams informed of the event * Everybody will be encouraged to stay together as a group * shouting, chants, whistles etc. will be kept to a minimum around busy university buildings and residential areas * If applicable book space during quieter times when less activities taking place in local lecture theatres (lunch, Wednesday afternoons) | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | | * With support from a SUSU Activities coordinator Inform UoS security team of the event -University Security 24 hours – on campus 3311, off campus 02380 593311. [unisecurity@soton.ac.uk](mailto:unisecurity@soton.ac.uk) * Inform UoS/SUSU communications team of the event- can brief others via SUSSSED | | | | |
| Counter protest, discrimination against the demonstration/Campaign | | | * Assault, Violence or threatening/ Aggressive Behaviour | Event organisers and attendees | | | **2** | **4** | **8** | * Event planned for Highfield campus- a route well signposted and known for students * Leaders to advise all participants to not engage/respond to any protests, aggressive behaviour- if safe to do so will encourage group to move on and remove themselves from situation- The event will be ended and students advised to return to campus if this continues * Prior information about event and what to expect given out so participants know what to expect via Facebook/social media posts * Participants made aware they could join and leave the event at any time. * Ensure that people are aware that this is an open space for discussion to discourage protest. | | | | **1** | **4** | **4** | | * Event organisers to call University Security if necessary. * Emergency contact number for Campus Security: Tel: +44 (0)23 8059 3311 * (Ext: 3311) * Building 32, University Road Highfield Campus. * Any incidents will be reported via UoS reporting tools * Contact emergency services if needed * Organisers will, following the event, share relevant information on support/signpost via social media channels etc. | | | | |
| Talks/debates  - subjects that could be sensitive or personal to some members (The war in Palestine) | | | The audience feels negative emotions around the topic or becomes distressed by images or events shown/discussed. | Members | | | **2** | **3** | **6** | * Prior information about event and what to expect given out so participants know what to expect. * Members made aware they could leave the event at any time. * Members referred to enabling/signpost to support organisations (e.g. via presentation slide, or by speakers/committee members) * SUSU reporting tool available | | | | **1** | **3** | **3** | | * Organisers will, following the event, share relevant information on support/signpost- Facebook/email/newsletter * Committee Wide Training * Seek guidance from activities/SUSU advice centre/UoS enabling team as required * committee WIDE training | | | | |
| **Awareness/Promotional Stand e.g. Bunfight**  \*excluding items covered above | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment Action Plan** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Part no.** | **Action to be taken, incl. Cost** | | | | **By whom** | **Target date** | | | | | **Review date** | | **Outcome at review date** | | | | | | |
| 1 | Individual risk assessments for individual events with higher risk levels and anything not covered by generic assessment. This includes:   * Trips and Tours * Fundraising events e.g. Bake Sales * External Speaker Events | | | | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | 2-3 weeks before event | | | | |  | |  | | | | | | |
| 2 | Committee to read and share SUSU Expect Respect Policy | | | | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | 02/10/23 | | | | |  | |  | | | | | | |
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| Responsible manager’s signature: | | | | | | | | | | | Responsible manager’s signature: | | | | | | | | |
| Print name: EMILY DARLINGTON | | | | | | | Date: 22/11/23 | | | | Print name: Sophie Butel | | | | | | | | Date: 22/11/23 |

Signature 1: EMILY DARLINGTON (Media and Events)

Signature 2: Sophie Butel (Secretary)

Assessment Guidance

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| * Eliminate | | | | | Remove the hazard wherever possible which negates the need for further controls | | | | If this is not possible then explain why |  |
| * Substitute | | | | | Replace the hazard with one less hazardous | | | | If not possible then explain why |
| * Physical controls | | | | | Examples: enclosure, fume cupboard, glove box | | | | Likely to still require admin controls as well |
| * Admin controls | | | | | Examples: training, supervision, signage | | | |  |
| * Personal protection | | | | | Examples: respirators, safety specs, gloves | | | | Last resort as it only protects the individual |
| **LIKELIHOOD** | 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | | 16 | 20 |
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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. |

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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 |