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| **Risk Assessment** | | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of**  required | Malayali Society- Christmas meal  (External venue – Portswood church)  Food cooked internally by committee) | | **Date and time** | 10/12/2022  6pm – 10pm | |
|  | **Name** | **Role** | | | **Experience/Qualification** |
| **Club or Society Representative**  required | Sona Suresh | President | | | N/A |
| **Qualified/Experienced Individual\***  required | *Albeena Alex* | *Vice President* | | | *N/A* |

\* This can be a representative of an NGB, Partner Organisation or individual with relevant experience/qualification. Where an external individual is not available/appropriate a second sign-off within the Club or Society is acceptable where experience can be referenced.

| **Hazard** | **Consequence/action** | **Who might be harmed**  **(user; those nearby; those in the vicinity; members of the public)** | **Inherent** | | |  | **Residual** | | | **Further controls (use the risk hierarchy)** |
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| **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** | **Control measures (use the risk hierarchy)** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** |
| Covid-19 | Hand washing | * Clubs/Soc Members * Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant members, those with existing underlying health conditions * Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your activity | **1** | **5** | **5** | * Providing hand sanitizer around the environment, in addition to washrooms * Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, especially equipment in-between use by different people * Enhancing cleaning for busy areas * Setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets * Providing hand drying facilities – either paper towels or electrical dryers | **1** | **3** | **3** |  |
| Covid-19 | Protecting people who are at higher risk You should think about | * Club/Socs Members * Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant members, those with existing underlying health conditions * Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your activity | **4** | **5** | **20** | * Ask members to clarify if they have any specific health conditions which may put them in the ‘at risk’ category * Planning for people who are unable to engage in person * Provide meaningful alternative activity for those who are shielding * Helping members at increased risk to engage from home, either in their current role or an alternative role * Planning for members who need to self-isolate. | **2** | **5** | **10** |  |
| Covid-19 | Symptoms of Covid-19 | * Club/Soc Members * Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant members, those with existing underlying health conditions * Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your activity | **4** | **5** | **20** | * If member becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or s high temperature they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. * Committee Members will maintain regular contact with members during this time.      * If advised that a member has developed Covid-19 and that they were recently in contact with member, the Club/Socs committee will contact SUSU Activities Team and will encourage the person to contact Public Health England to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken. <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/> | **3** | **5** | **15** | * Planning for people who are unable to engage in person * Provide meaningful alternative activity for those who have someone shielding in their household * Helping members at increased risk to engage from home, either in their current role or an alternative role * Offering people the safest available roles in an activity * Planning for members who need to self-isolate. |
| Covid-19 | Mental Health | * Club/Soc Members * Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant members, those with existing underlying health conditions * Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your activity | **3** | **5** | **15** | * Committee members will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to members during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support through training such as WIDE * Committee to share relevant support services to members i.e. Student Services, Security, Enabling Team, Advice Centre, Emergency Services | **2** | **4** | **8** | * Regular communication of mental health information and SUSU policies for those who need additional support. |
| 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 venue staff on site * 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. | * Event organisers * Attendees | **1** | **2** | **2** | * 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 * People to sit down and view projector but also eat food and play games   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 * 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) |
| Activities involving electrical equipment e.g. laptops/ computers | Risk of eye strain, injury, electric shock | * Members | 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 |
| 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 * Only proceed with event if adequate venue is found |
| Socials/Meetings- Medical emergency. | Members may sustain injury /become unwell  pre-existing medical conditions  Sickness  Distress | * Those present at the event. | **1** | **2** | **2** | * 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 * Bring Mask and there will be hand gel provided; also wipes to wipe down seat after use * Contact emergency services as required 111/999 | **1** | 2 | 2 | * 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) |
| Socials: Costumes/Fancy Dress | Props/costumes causing injury or offence | Participants   * Members of the public | **2** | **2** | **4** | * Ask members to only bring small items and use sensibly. Members of the society are responsible for their own possessions and the use of them. * Choose a theme unlikely to cause offence. Any participant wearing items deemed offensive asked to remove these. * 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** | **2** | **2** | * SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf) to be followed   Committee WIDE training |
| 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** | **10** | **5** | * 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). |
| Events involving Food | 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 |
| 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 |

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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 | If anyone shows any symptoms of coronavirus, they must notify one of the committee members. | By all attending Members.  Checked on day of event. | 9/12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
| 2 | Food may be hot so ensure that food is served appropriately. Any health and safety issues regarding food and drinks will be addressed promptly. | Checked by committee members prior to the event and continuously during the event. | 9/12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
| 3 | Food allergies- Committee will check with each attending member if they have any allergies prior to food being served. Any allergies will be noted and food items containing allergic content will not be served to them. | By committee prior to the event | 9/12/23 | 16/10/23 |  | |
| 4 | No contamination of food and always ensure food hygiene by supplying food wearing gloves and hair caps and with appropriate cutlery | By committee | 9/12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
| 5 | Avoid trip hazards by making sure all walking areas are kept clear of clutter and the flooring is not wet and slippery. This includes when playing games. | Checked by committee members prior to the event. | 9/12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
| 6 | When carrying heavy items, ensure multiple people carry the equipment to reduce strain on individuals. | By committee | 9/12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
| 7 | Putting up decorations safely using safe equipment, being careful with step ladders and making sure there are multiple people supervising each other | By committee prior to the event | 9//12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
| 8 | Ensure first aid kit is always ready in the case of any minor injury and that there are adequately skilled individuals present at all times, also includes the rare event of choking. Will ensure that there are trained individuals to deliver first aid | By committee | 9/12/23 | 16/12/23 |  | |
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| Responsible Committee members signature: | | | | Responsible Assessor signature: | | |
| Print name:  Sona Suresh  Albeena Alex | | | Date:  29/11/23 | Print name: | | Date |

**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 |
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| **IMPACT** | | | | |

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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 |

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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| 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. |