

## **Student Guide – Useful Information for Undergraduate Open Days**

USE THE OPEN DAY PROGRAMME TO DIRECT VISITORS TO TALKS, TOURS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

Buses to Norwich throughout the day – 25 and 26. Parking is off-campus at Costessey Park and Ride. Visitors will be arriving from Costessey on a regular bus service which will stop at the Megabus stop.

Admissions Team are in LCR to answer questions about entry requirements etc

### **Key Facts / FAQ's**

#### **UEA**

**HUBS** – there are a number of hubs across campus where students hand in and receive work.

**Square and The Street** - (redesigned 2009), food outlets, the Street (including, Careercentral, bookshop, a bank and laundrette) and The Shop (including the Post Office).

**Student Union** - (refurbished summer 2015) clubs and societies; Concrete (award winning newspaper) one of the best live music venues with about 50 bands/yr. Waterfront city music venue... Gigs- Radio 1 Big Weekend 2015 Earlham Park, including Foo Fighters, Imagine Dragons, Muse, Taylor Swift, Clean Bandit, Jess Glynne, James Bay; LCR/Waterfront – Clean Bandit, Fratellis, Kasabian, Bastille, Years & Years, Lily Allen, Jess Glynne, SUM 41, Gabrielle Aplin, Public Image, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Motorhead...etc. LCR also has club nights.

**Sportspark** - one of the most successful community sport facilities in the UK, gym, climbing wall, Olympic-sized pool

**Library** - extended 2008; over 800,000 books, 24hr opening hours

**Campus** - Medical Centre, dentist, pharmacy, chemist, 24 hr launderettes, Multi Faith Centre, the Broad, the river and Earlham Park

**Dean of Students/Student Support Services** - offers information, advice, guidance and support for study skills, disabilities, finance, and mental health.

**CareerCentral** – helps students to find part-time jobs, work experience, paid internships, volunteer opportunities, interview and CV work-shops. Graduate paid internships

**Teaching Wall** - Denys Lasdun was the architect responsible for designing the Teaching Wall, the raised walkways, the central square and the Ziggurats (which are grade II listed buildings). His plan was that no building on campus should be more than a five minute walk away from any other.

**Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts** - designed by Norman Foster, a public art museum, exhibitions from around the world, artists such as Degas, Francis Bacon, Henry Moore

**Music centre** – on campus, open to anyone, practice and rehearsal spaces for hire, personal tuition or UEA Music Society offers mentoring, choir, and orchestra. Details can be found on UEA website. The Music Centre is closed for refurbishment this summer and will open again in September.

Founded in 1963; currently has over 14,000 students, over 300 courses, over 3000 staff

Consistently ranked within the top 10 for Student Experience (Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey), 1st in 2013.

Part of the Norwich Research Park, one of Europe's largest groupings for research and development in the areas of plants, microbes, food, health, information systems and the environment. Premier research and teaching institution and almost 90% of research of international standing (RAE). UEA is 10th in the UK for the quality of its research output and 21st overall amongst all mainstream British institutions in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

INTO provides dedicated state-of-the-art accommodation and teaching facilities for international students.

Investment in our campus continues – currently building new accommodation on the Blackdale site, 500 ensuite rooms, called Hickling and Barton

## **Norwich**

Culture – Norwich was voted UNESCO’s City of Literature in 2012, has The Forum public library. Also has two cathedrals and castle and over 1,500 historic buildings. Stephen Fry is from Norfolk.

Shopping – Norwich Lanes (set of independent shops, restaurants, bars) won national high street award 2014. Has one of largest UK open air market places. Norwich is in top 10 shopping destinations in Britain.

Nightlife – Music: As well as the LCR, UEA union runs the Waterfront – gigs, DJs, club nights. There’s also the Arts Centre for gigs, comedy nights etc. Clubbing: Riverside and Prince of Wales Road. Independent bars: Franks Bar, Bird Cage, Playhouse Bar etc. – local gigs, comedy nights etc. Theatres and cinemas: usual cinema chains and arthouse Cinema City, Theatre Royal, Playhouse and Elizabethan replica Maddermarket Theatre.

Sport – As well as the Sportspark, Norwich has plenty of swimming pools, gyms and parks (Eaton Park near UEA has sponsored runs, rugby groups, golf, football etc.) Norwich also has a dry ski slope. Home to Norwich City FC. Thetford Forrest (30 minute drive from Norwich) cycling, orienteering, walking.

Transport – Plenty of buses from campus to city centre take approx. 20 minutes and go to train station too. Trains to London (take under 2 hours), also to Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool. Norwich has an international airport about 15 minutes from city centre.

Norfolk – lots of beautiful beaches (within 30 miles of Norwich), Norfolk Broads, safest county (Home Office stats 2012)