

From the **Whitworth Park Residents' Association (WPRA)**

Hi,

Firstly I would like to welcome you to Whitworth Park. I'm sure you will have a really great time here. Moving away from your family home can be quite daunting at first, but also very exciting!

Whitworth Park is the largest hall at The University of Manchester with a capacity of well over 1000, so we get many different types of people living here, meaning you really shouldn't have any difficulty finding a group of friends, especially if you try to get involved with everything that goes on here.

We have a very active Residents' Association at Whitworth Park, and we will try our hardest to make sure that we put on events and activities to cater to absolutely everyone. In Welcome Week alone we have organised everything from a beach themed party, to stand-up comedy and even a karaoke night with a live band! We also have 2 trips planned out of halls in the first week: paintballing and a day out at the Trafford Centre.

Obviously we don't blow our entire budget in Welcome Week, like I'm sure at least one resident will do! We have regular activities on at the in-hall bar, The Grove, including pool/poker tournaments, comedy nights, pub quiz and film nights. They will also show any sport that is on TV in there, and possibly even popular TV shows. Last year we had weekly viewings of Game of Thrones, and had a Breaking Bad marathon for the finale!

As well as all this stuff, we also put on trips to places like Stratford-upon-Avon (birthplace of Shakespeare) and Alton Towers.

On top of all of that, we supply and maintain Whitworth Park's very own gym, which we are able to provide to you for only £5 for the year, as well as funding Whitworth Park's sports teams that any member can be a part of and play regular matches against other halls and societies.

Finally I would like to mention that in October, elections will be held for a new committee for the Residents Association. So if you would like to be on the committee that controls a large amount of funding to provide entertainment and parties for your fellow residents, I would definitely recommend getting your applications in as soon as the elections are formally announced. There are a number of different positions to be filled, and involvement can look great on your CV.

If you would like any more information, want to suggest some other ideas for things you think we should be doing, or just want to say "Hi!", come and visit us on the Residents Association table when you collect your keys! Or for questions that just can't wait that long, feel free to email me on [adrian.bradfield@student.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:adrian.bradfield@student.manchester.ac.uk) and I will try to answer them as soon as possible. Finally don't forget our Facebook group, the only official group for Whitworth Park, which is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wp14.15/> ("Whitworth Park 2014/2015").

I look forward to meeting you all.

Regards,

Adrian Bradfield,

Chair, WPRA