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| **Risk Assessment** |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of MidSoc** | **MidSoc (Air-Dry) Pottery Event***Venue: Veg Out, Building 42, University of Southampton* | **Date**27/04/23 | **Last review date**27/04/23 |
| **Unit/Faculty/Directorate** | **SUSU [MidSoc]** | **Assessor** | **Sam Perry** |
| **Line Manager/Supervisor** | ***President*** | **Signed off** |  |

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| **Meetings & Socials** |
| 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
* Floors to be kept clear and dry, and visual checks to be maintained throughout the event 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
* Observe proper moving & handling when moving any tables/chairs
 | **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
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| 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 committee 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
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| **Meetings & Socials** |
| 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
* 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
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| Activities involving air dry clay | Consumption, clay in eyes, slips on wet clay that has fallen on floor | Event organisers and attendees | **2** | **3** | **6** | * Ensure participants know to clean any spills ASAP
* Provide wet wipes/hand sanitiser for hand hygiene if nearby toilets not available
* Recommend washing hands before consuming any food/drink
* Provide only materials required for event, so significant excess clay unlikely to spill
 | **1** | **3** | **3** | * Liaise with SUSU if any clay in contact with eyes, ask for eye wash from first aid team
* Ensure toilet/wash facilities nearby
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| **Meetings & Socials** |
| Socials- alcohol consumption  | Participants may become at risk as a result of alcohol consumptionMembers 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
* For socials at bars/pubs etc bouncers will be present at most venues.
* Bar Security staff will need to be alerted and emergency services called as required.
* Where possible the consumption of alcohol will take place at licensed premises. The conditions on the license will be adhered to and alcohol will not be served to customers who have drunk to excess
* Committee to select ‘student friendly’ bars/clubs and contact them in advance to inform them of the event
* 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
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| **Meetings & Socials** |
| Socials/Meetings - Medical emergency  | Members may sustain injury or 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** | **15** | * Incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed.
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| **Meetings & Socials** |
| Insufficient Fire Safety awareness | 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).
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| **Fundraising Events & Cash Handling -** *For own society or Charity* |
| 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 teamCall for first aid/emergency services a required Report incidents via SUSU incident report procedure  |
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| **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 |
| Overcrowd-ing | * 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) 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)
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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** |
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| Responsible manager’s signature: | Responsible manager’s signature:  |
| Print name: Sam Perry | Date: 27/04/23 | Print name: Holly Berry | Date27/04/23 |

 **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 |
| 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.  |

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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 |