

Industry Weekly Digest

School of Hospitality & Tourism Management



Lets go bowling!

Here at the University of Surrey, we pride ourselves in providing an all-round education that is inclusive and fun. Studying is not only about what happens in the classroom, it also includes social activities. Therefore, during this semester, we arranged a team building ten pin bowling evening for the students on the **BSc (Hons) International Hospitality Management** programme, and it was a great success.

In this digest, **Karen Kelly** explains the rationale behind this approach.

Have a great Weekend!



University is Fun – It’s not all about the classes!

Karen Kelly

On Thursday 27th October we held a ten pin bowling event at the **Spectrum** Leisure Complex in Guildford. The key rationale for doing this was to help with team building, for the students to get to know others in the cohort, and most importantly have fun!

In the weeks before the bowling event, the level four hospitality students were asked to book their place for the evening. On the night there was a mixed party of 30 students and staff who went to the Spectrum in Guildford for two games of bowling. It was lovely to see students and staff getting together outside of the classroom and that created a great atmosphere.

Sandra Vodarici was crowned the winner with the highest score as well as some of the **Lakeside** Chefs coming a very close second!



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From the feedback collected after the event (see word cloud) everyone said that it was great fun and very interactive. Collectively students enjoyed socialising with others outside of the **Lakeside Restaurant** work environment as it allowed people to make meaningful connections with others that they saw in a different setting. Some of the students said that they found it a good distraction from their studies, that enabled them to do something different to working on their assessments.

Students were also asked about other social activities that they would like to do. Suggestions included trampolining, Ice skating, hiking around the Surrey hills, barbeques, and picnics by the **Lake** and plenty of calls for food and drink tastings – well we are hospitality people, so this is expected and perhaps something students may also choose to study in **Gastronomy** at Level five!

During the past couple of academic years, we have organised many out of classroom activities for our students in **SHTM**. These include visits to Winter Wonderland, Thorpe Park, end of semester Christmas get togethers over a glass of mulled wine and even a sports afternoon that included an egg and spoon race. We look forward to hosting many more enhancements for our students!