**University of Aberdeen**

**Hall of Residence Facebook Group Terms of Use**

Each year, the University of Aberdeen (the “**University**”) creates, monitors and maintains OFFICIAL “Halls of Residence” Facebook Groups which are open only to residents of the following University halls of residence and approved University partner accommodation (the “**Hall(s**)”):

University Halls of Residence

Grant Court, New Carnegie Court, South House, Elphinstone Road, Keith House, North Court, Adam Smith, Fyfe House, Hector Boece Court, Wavell House, King’s Hall

The University has set up Facebook Group pages to provide a private space for Hall residents to connect and interact with fellow residents, to create a sense of community, and to share information about the accommodation and activities in the Halls’ community (the “**Hall Facebook Group pages**”).

**Disclaimer**

The opinions expressed in the Hall Facebook Group pages reflect the views and opinions of the individual users of such Hall Facebook Group pages, and not the views of the University. Formal communications about the Halls from Hall management are provided through a separate University Facebook page. Each user shall be liable for any content he/she posts on the Hall Facebook Group pages, including any content that is alleged to infringe any third-party copyright or other intellectual property rights, or otherwise breaches any term or condition of use set out in this document. The University shall not be liable for the postings, content, actions, information, materials, photographs, video images or other data published by any users on the Hall Facebook Group pages, and each user releases and discharges the University from and indemnifies the University against any loss costs, expenses, damage and liability arising out such user’s use and access to any Halls Facebook Group page(s).

The University will use its reasonable endeavours to procure that the Halls Facebook Group pages are bug-free, safe and available for use at all times, but gives no warranties, representations or guarantees for such. The Halls Facebook Group pages are provided “as is” and use the Halls Facebook Group page is at the users’ own risk and cost. All warranties express or implied (including without limit any implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement are expressly excluded to the fullest extent permitted at law.

**University Policies**

By joining and using any Hall Facebook Group page, users agree to abide by (a) the terms and conditions set out below, (b) the University’s Condition of Use of IT Facilities available at: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/policy-zone-information-policies/DIT\_cond-IT.pdf;and (c) any policies maintained and modified by the University from time to time during the Term regarding the following, copies of which can be found at http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/governance/policies-proceedures-plans-and-guidlines-399.php: or the relevant hyperlinkset out below:

* Social Networking;
* Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying;
* Equality and Diversity**;**
* Religion and Beliefs**;**
* Copyright and Plagiarism (available at: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/policy-zone-information-policies/DIT_e-copyright.pdf> and <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/governance/publication-scheme-1919.php>) ;
* Data Protection (available at: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/policy-zone-governance-and-compliance/data_protection_policy_April_215.pdf>) ;
* Protection of Vulnerable Groups (available at: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/policy-zone-employment/PVG_Policy_Feb_2011.pdf>); and,
* Information Security**.**

**Terms and Conditions**

Access to any Hall Facebook Group page is subject to the University verifying the user’s residence in a Hall; however once verified, residents of one Hall may join the Hall Facebook Group page of other Halls.

The rights to access and use the Hall Facebook Group pages are personal to the user, and may not be transferred or assigned to any third party, including other student residents of the Hall.

The University expects users to only post content and comments that are relevant to and respectful of the Hall Facebook Group page users, and the Halls’ community as a whole. A user should not publish any content on the Hall Facebook Group pages if he/she is uncertain whether such content violates any University policy referred to above, or any term or condition of use set out herein, including any text, images. Video (or similar moving images), photographs or other content that (in the reasonable opinion of the University):

* Is abusive, harassing (including sexually harassing), bullying, stalking, threatening, racist, sexist, homophobic, a personal assault or attacking of any person;
* Is likely to provoke, attack or offend others;
* Describe, depict, suggest, incite or encourage terrorist activities and/or violence against any person, or potentially endanger the health, safety and/or well-being of another person;
* Is defamatory, offensive, obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit, vulgar, contains nudity, is graphic or otherwise objectionable;
* Is hateful or inflammatory of, or constitutes a slur against, another person’s race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, political belief, individuality, profession or similar;
* Represent radicalised or extremist views, opinions, pictures, image and/or posts;
* Is fraudulent, deceptive, malicious, discriminatory or misleading;
* Constitutes an infringement, unauthorised use or passing off of any third party copyright or other intellectual property rights, or is likely to constitute an infringement, unauthorised use or passing off of such;
* Contains profanity, swear words or other language likely to offend;
* Could damage the reputation and good will of the University, or otherwise bring the University into disrepute;
* Is unlawful, illegal, criminal, published in contempt of court, violates any applicable law, regulation or directive, or condones or encourages another party to do so;
* Constitutes hacking, unauthorised collection of other user’s data, content or information, access any Hall Facebook Group page using automated means (such as bots, robots, spiders or scrapers);
* Seeks to disable, harm, overburden or disrupt the availability or functionality of the Hall Facebook Group pages and/or other online sites or services (including any deliberate uploading of viruses, denial of service attack or other malicious code);
* Impersonates or attempts to impersonate another person, is uploaded via use of another user’s account, or is posted anonymously without revealing the identity of the user;
* Violates another person’s privacy or is another person’s personal, sensitive or financial data;
* Encourage conduct or behaviour unacceptable to the University;
* Concerns alcohol-related, dating or other mature content;
* Is spam or unauthorised advertising or direct marketing;
* Relates to any pyramid scheme, multi-level marketing, the commercial exploitation or promotion of commercial material; or any type of commercial solicitation.

The University monitors the Hall Facebook Group pages regularly, and reserves its right to:

* take down and remove any material or content that does not comply with these Terms of Use (including any relevant policies referred to herein);
* disable the account of any user who publishes material or content in breach of these Terms of Use (including any relevant policies referred to herein) or in any manner that exposes the University to any potential risk or liability;
* investigate the actions of the relevant user under its disciplinary procedure; and,
* work with law enforcement officers where it believes (acting reasonably) there is a genuine risk of physical harm or direct threats to public safety.

**Facebook Policies and Terms of Service**

In addition to the above, use of each Hall Facebook Group page is subject to Facebook’s own Data Policy, Community Standards and Terms of Service for Facebook Groups, including its Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, copies of which are available at https://www.facebook.com/legal/terms.

**Amendments to these Terms of Use**

The University reserves its right to change these Terms of Use from time to time. Notice of any such changes will be posted on the Hall Facebook Group page as soon as practicable following amendments. Users will be responsible for reviewing any such changes to these Terms of Use from time to time.

**Law**

These Terms of Use are governed by the laws of Scotland and by participating in any Hall Facebook Group page users agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish courts in connection with any dispute arising out of or in connection with these Terms of Use.