

## **Manchester SSAGO Club Report Autumn 2014**

Manchester SSAGO continues to exist and flourish; ever more certain to carry on its path to world domination. This year has seen an increase in membership, with about 15 new people joining us over the weeks since the start of term. This increase is believed to be due to the following factors:

- Co-operation between students at both the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University. For the first time, we are in the MMU students' union, and had a stall at their freshers fair. Around half of the society is made up of MMU students, and without them, the society would not be nearly as strong.
- An improved presence online, with the society joining Twitter prior to the start of term, and an improved page on the University of Manchester Students' Union website with more content compared to last year, which allows many more students to find us.
- The great efforts we went to over freshers week for both universities, featuring five days of fairs at the stalls in total, handing out over 150 leaflets.
- Getting a reputation and a snowball effect from our increased membership.
- Luck.

We continue to meet every Thursday, and so far a good time has been had every week, which will hopefully continue for the rest of term and into next year. Activities have ranged from a campfire, to going bowling, our traditional pub quiz and a night hike.

Freshers camp was a success, held at the nicest Scout hut any of us had ever seen in Urmston, which also has spacious grounds. During the weekend, a pioneering project was completed in which we made a highly successful and comfortable swing, and nobody was all that seriously hurt. We also furthered the art of campfire songs somewhat, so the weekend goes down as a success.

We are now planning our Christmas meal and further events into 2015, as well as looking forward to the delightful trip into the mind of Tom Chamberlain that will be Puzzle Rally.