SICSA Peer Support Group Volunteers

Name: Emily Rolley-Parnell (They/them)
Year of Study: 2nd Year
Research Field: Bioinspired Robotics
University of Study: Edinburgh
Short Biography: I love painting, playing and listening to folk music!

Name: Tolga Ünlü
Year of Study: 2nd Year
Research Field: Cyber Security
University of Study: Abertay University
Short Biography: I'm also working as a part-time software developer at a Startup

Name: Patrizia Di Campli San Vito
Year of Study: Completed
Research Field: Human Computer Interaction
University of Study: University of Glasgow
Short Biography: I moved to Scotland for my PhD, which I just finished. I'm a research assistant at the University of Glasgow now.

Name: Olivia Foulds
Year of Study: 3rd Year
Research Field: Human Computer Interactions
University of Study: University of Strathclyde
Short Biography: Having originally studied Psychology, I want to use my experience to help other PhD students feel like they are in a supportive environment during their studies.

Name: Tom Wallis
Year of Study: 4th Year
Research Field: Simulation & Modelling
University of Study: University of Glasgow
Short Biography: I'm a part-time PhD student who's just begun a lecturing position at the University of Glasgow. I think being in CS and being a researcher have something in common, which is that the people involved are the most interesting part! One day I hope to escape and do something creative.

Name: Noreen Grant
Year of Study: 3rd Year (Part Time)
Research Field: Digital health, mental health recovery, rural inequalities
University of Study: University of the Highlands & Islands
Short Biography: I'm 57 but a fairly new entrant to the academic world. I completed my honours degree (1st class) in combined Social Sciences in 2016 and began my PhD in 2017. I'm a single parent and have caring responsibilities for my young adult son and elderly parent with dementia. I'm also a recovering alcoholic and member of a 12 step recovery organisation. So far, I've come through a fair amount of challenges in trying to balance PhD life with my own and others' wellbeing and hope that I can offer a listening ear and perhaps support other people going through tough times.

Name: Iulia Paun
Year of Study: 4th Year
Research Field: Systems and Information Retrieval
University of Study: University of Glasgow
Short Biography: I am originally from Romania, but I have been living in Scotland for the past 9 years. Besides Computer Science, I like drawing, baking, and dancing.

Name: Charly Harbord
Year of Study: 4th Year
Research Field: Language acquisition & Games
University of Study: Abertay University
Short Biography: I work and study at Abertay University, in the games school in the division of games and arts research. I'm also the applied games designer for WIGJ and one of the WIGJ Esports and Twitch moderators. I also mod for She Plays Games.