



## 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.

Name: Fatma Elsafoury

Year of Study: 2nd Year

Research Field: Natural Language Processing

University of Study: the University of the West of Scotland

Short Biography: I'm from Egypt and moved to Scotland in 2014. I'm currently a knowledge transfer partnership research associate and a Ph.D. student at the University of the West of Scotland. I work on using natural language processing and machine learning to better the detection and understanding of cyberbullying from social media.

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Name: Ethel Tshukudu  
Year of Study: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
Research Field: Computer Science Education  
University of Study: University of Glasgow  
Short Biography: Besides my Phd, I am also working as a part-time researcher in computer science education at Sagefox. I also love baking cakes.

Name: Uneneibotejit Otokwala  
Year of Study: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Research Field: PhD. Computer Science (Cyber Security)  
University of Study: Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen  
Short Biography: An ardent listener and a respecter of the rights of every individual be it a child or an adult.

Name: Joshua Teddy Ibibo  
Year of Study: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Research Field: Biometric Authentication, Blockchain, & Cybersecurity  
University of Study: Edinburgh Napier University  
Short Biography: Joshua is currently a PhD Researcher in Biometric Authentication, IoT, Blockchain, Trust, and Privacy in the School of Computing at Edinburgh Napier University. Joshua is a member of the Blockpass Identity Lab. He is involved in assisting lectures around cybersecurity and incident response and malware analysis. His research interests include Biometric Authentication, Information Security, IoT devices, Trust, Privacy, and cybersecurity.

Name: Yaxiong Lei  
Year of Study: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Research Field: Computer vision, gaze-based interaction  
University of Study: University of St Andrews  
Short Biography: I have a Psychology BSc degree and have some experience about peer support. I will try my best to listen and understand you.

Name: Oluwaseun Bamgboye  
Year of Study: 4<sup>th</sup> Year  
Research Field: IoT, Semantic web, Smart things  
University of Study: Edinburgh Napier University

Name: Michael McKay  
Year of Study: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
Research Field: Algorithms and complexity  
University of Study: University of Glasgow