Student Volunteering Stories

TEC PA & Lighting at UoN Graduation Ball 2018

Volunteers begin preparation on the Monday afternoon, with an early start on Tuesday to load the kit to go to the venue. Tuesday and Wednesday members are on site all day setting up the main venue in the marquee, including the stage, all the lighting and all speakers and sound equipment. The main venue alone requires 2 large generators with TEC is responsible for and thus the power distribution. On Thursday, we have access to the other venue where graduates have their meal, of which there are live performances, and as such another PA system and lighting rig is set up, with power from another generator. TEC provide power to all the other stalls across the site, requiring cables to be run outside as well as lighting up the hotel building. Members mix the bands live and control lighting shows throughout the evening in both venues.

Once people have left, the break down starts. This requires that all equipment in both venues is back in to the artic lorry as soon as possible. Last year, we had left site by 9am on the Friday following break down immediately after the event finished.

"We give up a week of our time because we simply enjoy the fun we have during set up and the event itself and it is rewarding to see our hard work payoff once the event is completed"
"I love helping with Grad Ball and that's why I book a week off work and come up to help as alumni"
"As a newer member, there is loads to get involved with simple or more complicated and has helped me gain confidence to help with more events"
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