

# Police ask charity for help to trace missing student



Police carrying out enquiries in relation to the missing Russian student Yulia Solodyankina have approached the charity Missing People in order to publicise her disappearance on their website. The website provides a confidential way of passing on information or sightings of missing people.

Yulia, who is 22-years-old and has been studying Physics at Edinburgh University, was last seen at the Wee Red Bar in Lady Lawson Street on June 6. She was first reported missing last Wednesday (June 12).

She speaks fluent English with a strong Russian accent, and is described as being of medium build, with long dark brown hair. She is about 5ft 6ins tall, and has a small mole on her left cheek. Her ears are pierced and she wears a number of rings on her fingers, in particular a distinctive thumb ring, which is shaped like a small spoon.

When last seen Yulia she was wearing a dark jacket, dark trousers, white trainers and carrying a large dark coloured rucksack which appeared to be full.

Chief Inspector Mark Patterson, of Police Scotland Edinburgh Division, said: "The last confirmed sighting of Yulia was over two weeks ago, and we still have no information as to her current whereabouts.

"We have approached the charity Missing People to publicise her disappearance on their website, through which people can report information or sightings confidentially.

"We continue to be heartened by the level of interest in her

disappearance, helped by her friends organising appeals through social media, and we remain hopeful of receiving information that can allow us to trace her whereabouts.

“I would urge anyone who has seen or heard from Yulia since she went missing, or who has any other information that can help us, to contact Police Scotland on 101, or the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Alternatively, information can be reported through the charity Missing People.”

\*Missing People is an independent charity that provides a confidential way to pass on information or a sighting that can help to find a vulnerable missing person. If you think you can help the search, or if you are missing, please call, email or text 116 000. It's free, 24 hour and confidential.