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University of East London's Alumni Network Newsletter

February 2021 Edition

Hello `{{contact.py3ip_fnd_formattedfirstname}}`,

Welcome to the February 2021 edition of the University of East London's Alumni Network e-newsletter.

We have some great news stories for you, including Alumni Talal Rafi being appointed world bank ambassador for climate change, and the University of East London being ranked second in a national cloud computing competition.

Our noticeboard section has some interesting updates for you. Find out about the University of East London's new MSc Applied Sport and Exercise Physiology course, as well as a new resource for parents and carers providing inspiring content for children with enquiring minds, developed by alumni.

You can also find out more about our latest Alumni of the Month story, and how you can apply to become the next.

Our events section has a variety of virtual events for you to get involved in, from our alumni panel event in celebration of Women's History month, to our next alumni advisory board meeting.

This month's careers development section has information on how the Career Zone can help graduates with their career and employability needs, and as always we have picked out lots of great job opportunities for you to consider both at the University and further afield.

We hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of the e-newsletter. If you have any feedback or would like to contribute to a future edition, please get in touch at alumni@uel.ac.uk.

Best wishes

The University of East London Alumni team

UEL NEWS

We have picked out a few of UEL's top stories, make sure you click through to read the full story and don't forget to visit [our website](#) to read lots of other great stories.



Alumni Talal Rafi appointed world bank ambassador for



UEL ranked second in national cloud computing

climate change

Talal Rafi, who graduated with First Class honours in our Business Management (BA) course in 2013, has recently been appointed as the World Bank GYCN Climate Ambassador for his home country of Sri Lanka.

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competition

The AWS Educate Challenge is an inter-university challenge where students from universities across the UK and Ireland compete to win prizes by earning points for completing each of the AWS Educate pathways and badges.

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ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Each month we will feature our Alumni of the Month in our E-newsletter and on our website. Winners receive an exclusive gift and certificate as well as a guaranteed place at one of our exclusive networking events. Nominations for Alumni of the month close on the 3rd Monday of each month and will be featured in the following E-newsletter. If you would like to feature as our Alumni of the Month, please click here to complete our short [nomination form](#).

Our website is currently under going maintenance work, there fore Temitayo's full story is currently unavailable but will be uploaded as soon as the maintenance work is completed so watch this space.

Meanwhile, you can read more on our previous Alumni of the Month winners by [clicking here](#).

Temitayo Sodunke

Meet Temitayo Sodunke who graduated from a Masters in Public

health in 2019. Temitayo currently works as a Program Manager for a sustainable development company in Nigeria and has been given the opportunity to speak out about sustainable development goals. Temitayo's most special memory at UEL was having the opportunity to run for the Education officer position which was a time she discovered another side of herself she may have never discovered anywhere else.



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NOTICEBOARD

GenieBubble: A resource for parents & carers over half term and beyond



UEL Alumni Suzanne Hazelton a MA Applied Positive Psychology graduate from 2012 was awarded Innovate UK funding for **GenieBubble**. Which is designed to take the hassle away from finding great free stuff to do with kids aged 4-11 years old.

We asked Suzanne, where this idea come from? "I am a mum to a 6 year old. in the first lockdown last year – I was being sent lists of information. All good stuff – but as a working mum – I wanted some 'intelligence' behind it. I wanted 'trip advisor' style reviews and recommendations: 'your child liked this – they might also like this'. We're well on the way to making this a reality, thanks to some financial support from Innovate UK".

It's FREE. The content comes from Great British organisations (like The Science Museum, The Natural History Museum, art Galleries, and Nature charities). And there are ways to sort by Category (topic) / Activity type / Duration & Age. And when you find an activity you like – you will also see "more like this".

[Click here](#) to find out more and start using Genie Bubble today.

New MSc in Applied Sport and Exercise Physiology course



In Applied Sport and Exercise Sciences UEL provide scientific support for some really talented athletes. A key priority for us when doing so, is to enable our students to get involved in this too, providing the students with some fantastic hands on practical applied experience working with highly-trained athletes, learning skills which will benefit them when they graduate.

One example of this is our ongoing work with Lawrence Okolie. Lawrence was a former UEL student and boxer, who turned professional a few years back. We have been working with Lawrence for the past 4 years and providing physiological support to him in our human performance laboratory on the

Docklands campus. This support helps inform his training and helps him peak for competition. On 20th March Lawrence competes for the Cruiserweight World Title.

Alumni interested in the science of sport and working with athletes, can take a look at our new MSc course Applied Sport and Exercise Physiology at University of East London (UEL) by [clicking here](#).

UEL School of Education addresses the importance of LGBTQ in training



Schools play an important role in supporting children and tackling LGBTQ issues, particularly homophobia. It is becoming increasingly clear that support and training for teachers is crucial in not only creating awareness and understanding of LGBTQ realities but also working towards making life easier for LGBTQ pupils who are navigating the education system.

[Click here](#) to read more.

School of Psychology update

Dr Paul Penn's Psychology article on how to study voted as most popular in 2020!

'The Psychology of Effective Studying: How to Succeed in Your Degree' continues to gain publicity online. After publishing a piece in The Psychologist online ([click here](#) to read), Dr Penn also wrote an article in September 2020

for PsychReg, an award-winning platform, which subsequently gained over 25,000 views and has just been identified as the most popular article of 2020.

[Click here](#) for Dr Penn's video based advice.

Congratulations to Professor John Read, Dr Sam Wass and Dr Tim Lomas

Stanford University published a list of scientists who are in the world's top 2% in their respective fields; 8 from UEL with 3 from School of Psychology.

Wonderful news celebrating the work of colleagues in the School and across the University: congratulations to Professor John Read, Dr Sam Wass and Dr Tim Lomas.

[Click here](#) to read published list.

Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph promote Article Publication for Professor John Read

The role of Facebook groups in the management and raising of awareness of antidepressant withdrawal: Is social media filling the void left by health services? [Click here](#) to read the full article and [click here](#) to read the Daily Telegraph article.

Congratulations to Level 5 Psychology student and course rep

UEL student Kellie Golbourne has recently been featured in The Guardian on the removal of colonial statues. [Click here](#) to read more.

Preparing for a conference, doctoral or professional presentation publication

Dr Claire Marshall & Professor Rachel Tribe are pleased to share their recent publication: Preparing for a conference, doctoral or professional presentation - Tribe & Marshall (p.37 - in the [Counselling Psychology Review](#)).

[Click here](#) to read more on the publication.

UEL's Marie Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Dr Louise Goupil, UEL's Marie Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow, featured live on Times Radio on 9th February 2021 to discuss the press release of the **Nature Communications paper** released on 8th February 2021, recognising liars from the sound of their voice. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Follow on Twitter: [@UELPsychLondon](#); [@UEL_BabyDevLab](#);
[@ERC_Research](#)

Totum Pro Essentials in Lockdown

With the current pandemic lockdown 3 still in place, where people are being told to stay at home, TOTUM PRO are quickly responding to this change in circumstances and are onboarding new offers for products and services that use home delivery or the internet.

Welcome to the essentials category – whether that's stocking up on home delivered beer at Beer52 or Flavourly, getting the SMOL washing capsules delivered direct to the door free trial, Hello Fresh door delivery, Deliveroo home delivery, Graze home delivery 1st box free and heavily discounted with 20% for 3 months, 15% off Samsung tech or data and VPN for home working along with getting 10% discount on a Co-op essentials shopping trip.

There are still lots of great savings to be had with a TOTUM PRO membership. Please take a look. [Click here](#) for everything TOTUM Pro and ALL the latest offers.

Roadmaps for the Creative Industries

Artists, Designers, Film-makers, Illustrators, Photographers, Animators, Directors, Agencies, Networks and Organisations come to talk about Professional Practice and the varied routes from art school to professional success.

It's a time to celebrate some of our Alumni coming back and take a pause in teaching to be inspired by a week of talks, panels and workshops. 30+ events streamed over the week from your choice of choice.

Please Join us and watch the two 'TV style' streamed channels which will be

running Monday through to Friday. QR codes and links attached on the timetable. One link for each channel for the whole day 10.30am – 5pm.

Detour Ahead Channel 1

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MONDAY 22nd February 	AW Amelie Esterhazy - Berlin based Artist / Sculptor. https://tinyurl.com/chx6ysbc 10.30am – 11.30am	AW Dafna Talmor - Virtual Studio Tour & Artist Talk. https://tinyurl.com/chx6ysbc 12.00pm – 1pm	AW Phil Heywood - UX Design Expert - Redweb (Currently designing the new UEL website). https://tinyurl.com/chx6ysbc 2.30pm – 3.30pm	AW Vicky Wright - Leading Painter discusses her practice. https://tinyurl.com/chx6ysbc 4pm – 5pm	MONDAY 22nd February
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WHAT'S COMING UP

Alumni Panel Event in celebration of Women's History month

The 1st March marks the start of Women's History Month. Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. To celebrate this the alumni team have organised a panel event full of exciting and inspirational women, we hope you will be able to join us.

Tuesday 2nd March 2021, 18:00-20:00, Online

[**Book Now**](#)

Independent Inquiry to Child Sexual Abuse

The seminar will focus on providing some background information to the Inquiry and then focus in on the fields of health and social care to see what academics and practitioners can learn from listening to over 5,000 survivors of CSA.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021, 12:00-13:00, Online

[**Book Now**](#)

CMI Race: Better Culture

Microaggressions can affect people's mental health and obstruct any efforts to create inclusive work environments. In this special CMI Race webinar we will be looking ahead to International Women's Day, where the theme is #ChooseToChallenge. We will discuss why poor workplace culture might lead to too many women and people from diverse ethnic groups leaving organisations, rather than progressing into deserved senior management and leadership roles.

Thursday 4th March 2021, 12:30-13:30, Online

[**Book Now**](#)

Book Now

#IamRemarkable Workshop- Empowering women and those from other underrepresented groups

In this workshop you will learn about research regarding self-promotion and unconscious bias, participate in group discussions and exercises, and develop the confidence and skills to promote yourself effectively.

Monday 8th March 2021, 10:00am-11:30am, Online

Book Now

Alumni Advisory Board meeting

The board exists to advise on university wide projects and initiatives and represents the alumni body in relations with the University and its Alumni Engagement team. The board has been a great success to date and has a wide range of activities to improve both the student and alumni experience planned for the near future.

For more information and to register your interest in attending the next Alumni Advisory Board please contact the Alumni Engagement team.

Tuesday 16th March 2021, 17:00-19:00, Online

Book Now

Life after UEL- Career advancement in the 'late COVID/post COVID' world

This webinar will explore career advancement in the 'late-COVID/post-COVID' world. It will focus on a combination of networking, portfolio ideas, career

selection and it will further spotlight on how you can promote yourself.

Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 18:30-19:30, Online

Book Now

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

As a valued member of our alumni community, you now have unlimited access to our brand-new Career Zone platform, formerly the Employment Hub.

Sign up today at [careerzone](#) for everything you need in your graduate jobs search or entrepreneurial journey, from networking events to seminars led by industry experts.

Many of you may be experiencing uncertainty in these unprecedented times having witnessed the effects of COVID-19 on graduate employment. However, once you've signed in and completed your profile, we are here to support you.

As part of your profile, you will be able to select a statement to help you understand where you are in terms of your career readiness. You will be able to access careers resources tailored to your needs, to help you move on to the next stage in your career journey.

Career Zone will give you access to our jobs board to help in your search, as well as volunteering opportunities with our community partners.

Career Zone features upcoming employability and industry events, which you can register for.

Follow our social media channels to hear about upcoming events and new initiatives:

Facebook: [UEL Career Zone](#)

Twitter: [@UEL_Careers](#)

Instagram: [@uelcareerzone](#)

Please note that if you are unable to access the UEL Career Zone and for any other questions, please email the Careers Team: careerzone@uel.ac.uk

CAREERS EVENTS CALENDAR: MARCH

Date	Format & Topic	Location	Time
02/03/2021	Skills Academy: How to network your way to a JOB	MS Teams	3:00-4:30pm
03/03/2021	Interview Prep 101: the essentials	MS Teams	2:00-3:00pm
04/03/2021	Skills Academy Team Dynamics and Communication Skills	MS Teams	4:30-6:30pm
09/03/2021	Skills Academy: Self-Management Workshop	MS Teams	11:00am-12:30pm
10/03/2021	Skills Academy: Assessment Centre – The Do's & Don't	Zoom	11:00am-1:30pm
10/03/2021	Systematic success with applications including personal statements and cover letters	MS Teams	2:00-3:00pm
16/03/2021	Your CV is You! How to make it inform and sell	MS Teams	10:00-11:00am
16/03/2021	Skills Academy: Knowledge of New and Digital Media	MS Teams	2:00-3:00pm
16/03/2021	Mature Student Webinar: How to Feel Empowered as a Mature Student and Advance Your Life - Part 2	MS Teams	3:00-4:00pm
17/03/2021	Growth Mindset	MS Teams	5:00-6:00pm
18/03/2021	Skills Academy: Introduction Presentation Skills	MS Teams	11:00am-12:30pm
23/03/2021	Skills Academy: Understanding the graduate job market and alternatives to your career	MS Teams	4:00-5:00pm
24/03/2021	Access to Work	MS Teams	5:00-6:30pm
25/03/2021	Find Your Career Path: job seeking with purpose and direction	MS Teams	11:00am-12:00pm
25/03/2021	Skills Academy: Commercial Awareness	MS Teams	4:30-6:30pm

Secure your place for all events & book an appointment with a Career Coach at: careerzone.uel.ac.uk

Careers resources are available at: uel.ac.uk/careerscentre

UEL JOBS

Student Wellbeing Manager

Salary: £46,487 pa

This is a full-time role for an experienced mental health professional to provide strategic leadership and operational management to the Student Wellbeing Service. The role will require the successful candidate to take the lead on the development of partnerships with key internal and external stakeholders to ensure the delivery of services which meet the needs of students and staff.

Apply Now

Lecturer in Counselling and Psychotherapy

Salary: £40,608 pa

An opportunity has arisen for a new colleague to join our PGDip/MA in Counselling and Psychotherapy in the Professional Psychology Department. You will make a substantial contribution to teaching, administrative and training activities on this Programme and take an active part in providing high quality training in counselling and psychotherapy.

[Apply Now](#)

EXTERNAL JOBS

Senior Cyber Security Analyst, House of Commons, London

Salary: £37,510 pa

You will be responsible for performing investigations into intrusion incidents and some police matters. You will need to be proficient in security and networking concepts, including cloud security principles and security monitoring.

[Apply Now](#)

Scheme Manager- Respite Services, Ambient Support, London

Salary: £30,000 pa

Our Learning Disability services can provide care and support for people with a range of complex and specialist needs. We provide person centred services using a range of support approaches such as Active Support and Positive Behaviour Support to help people gain skills and increase their independence.

[Apply Now](#)

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