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University of East London's Alumni Network Newsletter

May 2020 Edition

Welcome to the May 2020 edition of the University of East London's Alumni Network e-newsletter.

We have some great news stories for you, including our top story about how the University of East London's Rix Centre has secured NHS backing to provide social support for vulnerable people isolated by COVID-19.

Our noticeboard section has some interesting updates for you. Find out about how you can take part in the University of East London annual alumni survey to make sure your voice is heard and more.

You can also read about our latest Alumni of the Month, and how you can apply to become the next.

Our events section has a variety of webinars and roundtables for you to get involved in, so why not take a look.

This month's careers development section has information on the how the Centre for Student Success can help graduates with their career coaching and academic tutoring teams, and as always we have picked

out lots of great job opportunities for you to consider both at the University and further afield.

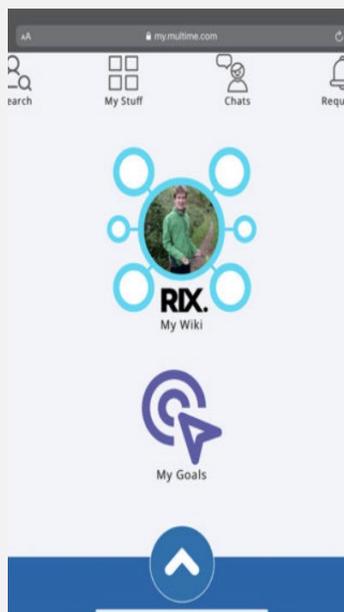
We hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of the e-newsletter. If you have any feedback or would like to contribute to a future edition, please get in touch at alumni@uel.ac.uk or +44(0)20 8223 2222 (please note we are not in the office currently due to the situation with COVID-19, therefore we are unable to answer any phone calls).

Best wishes

The University of East London Alumni team

UEL NEWS

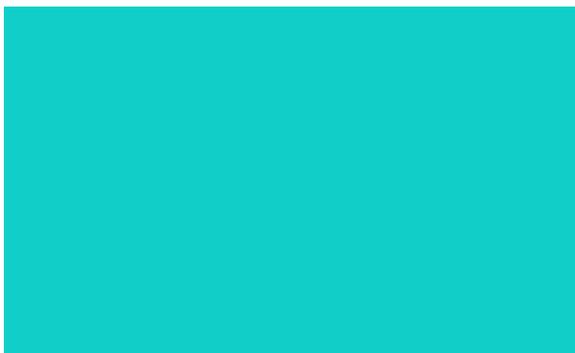
We have picked out a few of UEL's top stories, make sure you click through to read the full story and don't forget to visit [our website](#) to read lots of other great stories.



Rix Centre secures NHS backing to provide social support for vulnerable people isolated by COVID-19

The RIX Centre at the University of East London has secured funding to provide a suite of digital apps which can help people with learning disabilities face the challenges of isolation as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown.

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the sonnet response series

viral times + viral creative response]

UEL student creates global Shakespeare project in response to Coronavirus

University of East London student, Shea Donovan, has created a virtual ensemble by bringing together 154 artists from around the world together to perform Shakespeare's 154 Sonnets – a creative response to the coronavirus pandemic.

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University of East London is leading the advance towards United Nations' equality targets

In rankings released by Times Higher Education, the University was second in a field of 760 worldwide in its drive to reduce inequality – ranking top in the UK. It was also second in the UK in two other categories entered.

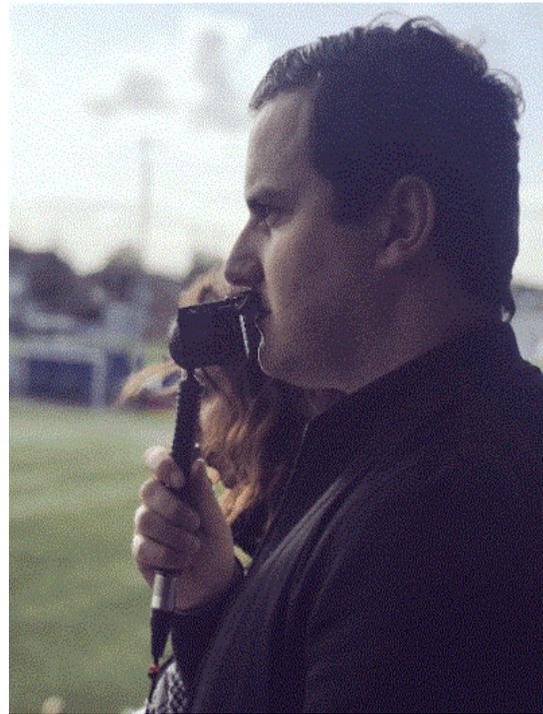
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ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

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](#).

Robert Wheeler, BA Sports Journalism, 2018

We are pleased to introduce our third alumni of the month! Meet Robert Wheeler who completed his BA in Sports Journalism in 2018. Robert is currently a freelance sports journalist mostly covering football, including Premier League, Football League and Women's Super League. You can read more about Robert by clicking the read more button.



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NOTICEBOARD

Has lockdown got you thinking about starting your own business?

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START-UP
Summer Workshop Series

  
UEL Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

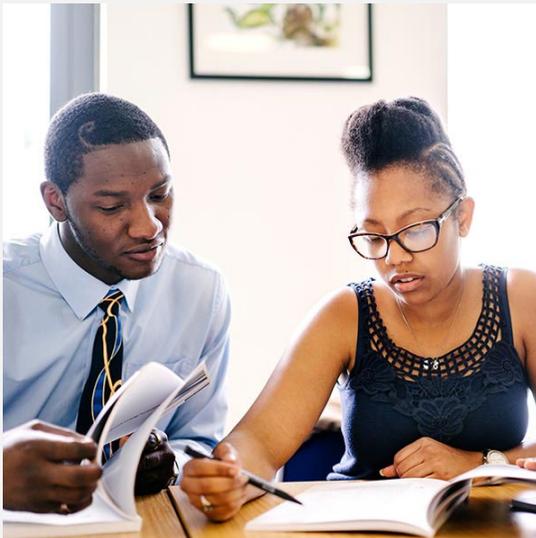
Attend our series of free 'Start Up' workshops hosted by our in-house Enterprise & Entrepreneurship team which take you through the fundamentals of starting your own business. These will be interactive and delivered online via Teams with the opportunity to meet other likeminded entrepreneurs.

Paper Publication by Dr Milda Perminiene, Senior Lecturer in Occupational and Business Psychology

A paper titled "Embracing imperfection: contemporary fashion communication and consumer well-being" has been published in the Journal of Fashion Marketing and Management, written by Dr Milda Perminiene, Senior Lecturer in Occupational and Business Psychology.

The paper talks about how fashion marketing is changing their focus and tackling "anonymity", which is challenging excessive self-focus, "rawness", which is about authenticity and uniqueness, "banality", rejecting materialism and promoting the beauty of the boring day, "ugliness", which advocates for removal of the single standards and celebrate individual differences, and "spontaneity", which is interchangeable for humanity, freedom, and acceptance of self.

To access please [click here](#).



25% discount on office space and co-working

Due to Covid-19 Knowledge Dock is currently closed and will reopen once it is safe to do so.

If you have any questions about Knowledge Dock in the meantime please [contact Duncan Boak](#).

Alumni Business Directory

Many alumni are offering exclusive incentives & discounts to their fellow alumni members. [Click here](#) to take a look and support your alumni community.

Research Grants in the School of Psychology

Below is a list of recent grant successes in the School of Psychology. It is great to see projects from a number of School Research Groups. Many congratulations to Lucia, Lisa, Emma, Rachel, Tim and Matteo!

Dr Lucia Berdondini (PI)

Title: The Role of Higher Education on Mental Health in Afghanistan: developing an interdisciplinary network to support the well-being of students
Funder: The Academy of Medical Sciences

Dr Lisa Fellin (CI)

Title: Developing the evidence base for social care responses to children/families affected by domestic abuse
Funder: ESRC

Dr Emma Howarth (PI)

Title: Family Recovery after Domestic Abuse (FReDA): A feasibility trial and nested process evaluation of a group based psychoeducational intervention for children exposed to domestic violence and abuse
Funder: NIHR

Prof. Rachel Tribe (PI)

Title: A Peace and Reconciliation Fellowship (work in Sri Lanka)
Funder: Association of Commonwealth Universities

Dr Tim Lomas (PI)

Title: The Development of the Cross-Cultural Lexicography.
Funder: Lifull Foundation

Dr Matteo Martini (PI)

Title: A special touch to decrease pain: exploring subjective and brain

responses to 'affective touch' in a model of chronic pain

Funder: BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant.

Looking to develop and grow your existing business?

A blue banner with a red horizontal stripe. The text 'BYOB' is in large white letters on the left. To the right, 'Bring Your Own Business' is written in white. In the top right corner, the UEL Research & Enterprise logo is present. In the bottom left, it says 'Growth funding for UEL students and alumni running their own businesses'. In the bottom right, it says 'in partnership with' followed by the Haberdashers' Livery Company logo.

BYOB

Research & Enterprise

Bring Your Own Business

Growth funding for UEL students and alumni running their own businesses

in partnership with Haberdashers' Livery Company

The Haberdashers' & the University of East London will be hosting a limited series of Business Growth Development Workshops over the coming week aimed at addresses how business owners can use this time to review their businesses and consider pivoting and expanding into new markets and opportunities.

These are exclusively available to UEL Entrepreneurs and can only be accessed via the private Eventbrite listings below;

Understanding Investors – Their Mindset and Their Needs

11th June 2020, 9:30am – 11:30

Opening the Door to Access New Markets

17th June 2020, 9:30am - 11:30

Keys to Strengthen Your Team

25th June 2020, 9:30 – 11:30

Annual Alumni Survey

UEL's Alumni team would love to hear your feedback on our current alumni activities, including our communication channels, events and benefits & discounts. We also welcome suggestions on what you would like to see us offer in the future. Please take 15 minutes of your day to [complete our survey](#). Your response will help us shape future activities for yourself and other University of East London graduates.

Institute for Health and Human Development webinar

The IHHD seminar is back this month and moving online. We will be exploring the challenges of COVID19 for community development and the potentials of online community development strategies. Our keynote speaker will be Andrew Rogers (Gwenallt Consulting) who will be joined during the panel discussion by Professor Gail Findlay (UEL IHHD) and Isabel Young (The Young Foundation).

To register please [click here](#) (the link will be sent out two days before the seminar to those who signed up).

WHAT'S COMING UP

Life after UEL- Degree + Volunteering for our Personal and Professional Development

This webinar "Degree +" is designed to highlight the steps you need to take to make the most out of the wide range of experiences you've had as a student. It's designed to help you identify the ways that volunteering will have helped you become a more attractive employee or business owner. If you've not yet had the benefit of volunteering, we will also discuss ways that volunteering can be used to move you onto the career path of your choice.

Tuesday 26th May 2020, 18:30-19:30, Online

Book Now

Life after UEL- Virtual events: The New Norm webinar

Join this webinar for hints and tips on how to make your small and large scale events virtual. Nothing is unachievable , with just a touch of imagination and creativity (plus the right platform) the virtual world is at your feet, with audiences a plenty. Carley has worked within the events industry for 10 years and is getting to grips with the virtual events world in her roles as Event Project Manager for Pride in London and Events Manager at the University of East London.

Tuesday 2nd June 2020 - 18:30 – 19:30, Online

Book Now

How do we use what we have learnt from Covid-19 to our advantage in the workplace of the future?

This event is part of the Alumni roundtable series. The roundtables are designed to be intimate events with very limited spaces, intended to foster conversation and learning. Use the button below to register your interest.

Monday 8th June 2020, 09:00 - 10:00, Online

Register Here

How important is emotional intelligence to becoming a leader in your field?

This event is part of the Alumni roundtable series. The roundtables are designed to be intimate events with very limited spaces, intended to foster conversation and learning. Use the button below to register your interest.

Tuesday 9th June 2020, 12:30 - 13:30, Online

[Register Here](#)

What does it really mean to be an entrepreneur?

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Wednesday 10th June 2020, 13:00 - 14:00, Online

[Register Here](#)

How can we advance knowledge and innovation to help people and the planet

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Thursday 11th June 2020, 16:00 - 17:00, Online

[Register Here](#)

Life after UEL- Centre for student success can help you succeed

The Centre for Student Success is not just for students, they are here to support graduates as well. Check out this webinar to find out about the services they offer and how they can support you for life.

Thursday 11th June 2020, 18:30-19:30, Online

[Register Here](#)

Book Now

Building industry relationships, what are the benefits

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Friday 12th June 2020, 09:00 - 10:00, Online

Register Here

Life after UEL- Mindfulness Research and Practice

Dr Rona Hart, Senior Lecturer in Applied Positive Psychology and Mindfulness Trainer, School of Psychology UEL Mindfulness is one of the fastest growing topics of research and practice, which has been recently endorsed by the NHS as the preferred treatment for a variety of conditions, ranging from stress and depression to pain, blood pressure, and even skin disorders. This session aims to provide an introduction to the concept of mindfulness and an overview of the research around it while addressing some of its common misconceptions.

Monday 29th June 2020, 18:30-19:30, Online

Book Now

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The University of East London's Career Coaching team supports students and graduates in gaining the skills and confidence to achieve their career goals. We provide careers information, advice and guidance through workshops, drop-

ins, one-to-one coaching appointments, employability talks and events. Additionally, students and graduates can receive 24/7 online careers support and resources.

Career coaching advice is delivered around career development, CV/application review, interview skills and the development of employability skills. You can get in touch by [emailing our Career Coaching team](#).

UEL JOBS

Assessment Manager

Salary: £40,608 pa

The role involves the planning and delivery of the university's assessment boards, the management of the student result and award records and staff management.

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School Marketing Executive

Salary: £34,636 pa

As School Marketing Executive you will lead the development and implementation of strategic marketing plans and integrated, multi-channel marketing activities for your allocated school.

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Student Conduct Officer

Salary: £30,409 pa

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Student Conduct Officer to join our dedicated team.



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EXTERNAL JOBS

SAP Finance Technical Analyst, City, University of London, London

Salary: £38,017 - £44,045 pa

Key duties will involve working in partnership with colleagues in Finance to ensure that their processes and procedures are understood in order to quickly and effectively provide the team with support.

[Apply Now](#)

Multi Skilled Studio Operator - Playout Autocue Graphics, Alaraby Television Network, London

Salary: £25,000 – £32,000 pa

The multi-skilled operator is a person with ability to work in different positions in gallery, studio and in location.

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User Support Manager, The Guardian, London

Salary: £42,400 pa

As a User Support Manager, you will have a good understanding of the impact and potential applications of user feedback.

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