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University of East London's Alumni Network Newsletter

September 2020 Edition

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

We have some great news stories for you, including the University of East London's first virtual graduation for the class of 2020, and inspirational stories from our graduates on pursuing dreams and the power of student peer leaders.

Our noticeboard section has some interesting updates for you. Find out about the launch of the new alumni discount card 'TOTUM Pro' and how you can purchase one as a University of East London graduate.

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 webinars for you to get involved in, from celebrating Black History month with a virtual cooking class, how things need to change in life and work following on from the Black Lives Matter movement, and a Black British History virtual lecture.

This month's careers development section has information on how the Centre for Student Success 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 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.



University of East London class of 2020 gets a virtual round of applause

Dizee Rascal, whom UEL made an honorary Doctor of Arts in 2013, told students, "I would like to send my congratulations to University of East London graduates. I hope you enjoy yourself, celebrate this moment and, as you go on, if it ever gets tough, remember why you're doing it."



UEL graduate exemplifies the power of student peer leaders

Sotiris (Sid) Panayi, 23, who secured a first-class honours degree in the BSc in Applied Sport and Exercise Science said volunteering and mentorships matter now more than ever, encouraging others to achieve their goals and dreams.

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UEL graduate: It's never too late to pursue a dream

The Tijde Visser from South Africa initially went to university to play rugby in one of the top tournaments in the country, but a serious injury made him realise the importance of having a degree. "It took a serious shoulder injury to make me realise the importance of having a degree".

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UEL moves forward with Sir John Cass name change

The name sparked concern and dismay in light of global unrest that followed the death of US citizen George Floyd at the hands of police in May and during subsequent protests by the Black Lives Matter movement. A statue of Sir John Cass was immediately removed from the Education and Communities building.

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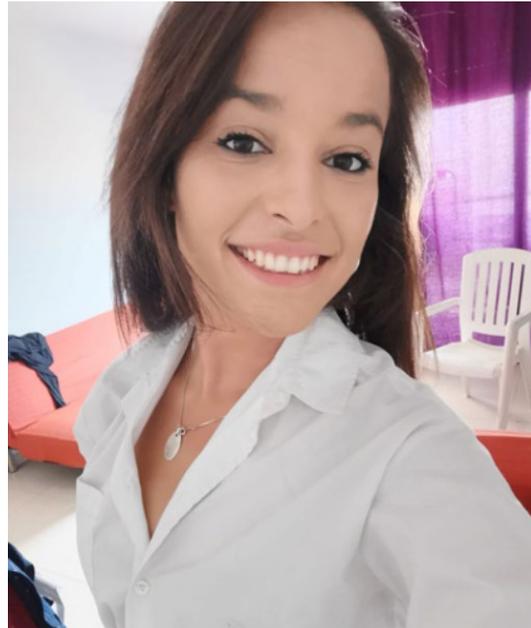
ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

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](#).

Celia Gueto Melo: BA Economics 2016

We are pleased to introduce our seventh alumni of the month! Meet Celia Gueto Melo who studied BA Economics and graduated in 2016. Celia is a Project Officer at Chitkara University, managing EU funds in order to boost the academic and civic relationship between India and the European continent. Celia's most special memory at UEL was being awarded a civic citizen bursary.



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NOTICEBOARD

TOTUM pro is here for University of East London graduates!

As a UEL alumni you can enjoy exclusive access to TOTUM Pro, a benefits and discounts service designed especially for graduates and professional learners. TOTUM Pro is brought to you by the team behind TOTUM, formerly NUS Extra, and offers graduates and professional learners discounts across the high street and online, including discounts at 200+ UK brands!

Currently TOTUM Pro is running a promotion whereby UEL graduates can buy a two-year membership card and TOTUM will chuck in an extra year FOR FREE. That means that you can buy a TOTUM Pro 3-year membership for just £24.99, that's a saving of a tenner over RRP. This promotion will run to the

end of OCTOBER. There are no voucher codes involved, simply sign-in as usual and the new price is reflected on the website.

The small print: the discount is not available on the PASS-accredited proof of age ID bundle, ISIC is not available to TOTUM Pro.

How to purchase your TOTUM Pro card:

- Email alumni@uel.ac.uk for your unique verification code. When getting in touch please provide your full name, student number if you still know it or your course and the year you graduated
- Go to cards.totum.com/join
- Create your account
- Click 'I have a voucher code' and enter your unique verification code
- Select your TOTUM Pro product and complete your purchase!



Class of 2020 HQ

2020 is a scary time to finish university or enter the job market. That's why we would like to introduce you to Classof2020, who have asked businesses across the UK to share their in-house training on their digital platform.

Develop real world skills in a sector of your choice, through self-directed upskilling which will make you shine. Seek out material that's suited to your career of choice or pick a course and see where it leads you. Class of 2020 aims to connect graduates, students and businesses through industry-approved programs, learning materials, training sessions and a whole lot more.

This platform is a one-stop-shop for every tool required from business start-ups, skills enhancement, confidence building, academic services and high-quality content, all free of charge! Classof2020 also offers a safe space for like-minded individuals to network, grow in knowledge and make their voices heard. We invite you to join and utilise this amazing platform to build on your

rewarding and shining careers.

Website: <http://classof2020.org.uk>

Facebook: [Class of 2020 HQ](#)

Twitter: [@classof2020hq](#)

Instagram: [@classof2020hq](#)

Postgraduate Open Evening

Academic Postgraduate Open Evening is happening on Wednesday November 4 and will be an online virtual event. It's a great way to find out whether postgraduate study is right for you. You need to know if our courses give you the skills you need; whether continuing in education is an affordable investment; if you will be able to study while you work; and how you can gain access to education if you haven't studied for a while.

On the night you will be able to watch live subject webinars and speak directly to our academics about your course of interest, and also chat live with support staff and current students about life as a postgraduate student. Find out information about fees, entry requirements, student life and everything else you need to know.

As an incentive, if you graduated from UEL you may be eligible for a postgraduate course discount. If you progress directly with no gap year, you may receive a 15% discount, alternatively, you will receive a 10% discount. More and more people choose to study postgraduate courses thanks to better financial support, improved job prospects and more specialist course options. Join us at our virtual open evening to find out exactly how postgraduate study will work for you.

To book your place [click here](#).

To watch on-demand postgraduate course related webinars and masterclasses, [click here](#).

Please note: the live webinar schedule will be released closer to the date.

University of East London seeking volunteers for web development

UEL is looking for volunteers for help and feedback on the development of our new website. We are in the middle of an exciting phase in our new website development and need your help! We are particularly want to hear from Alumni that are up to 6 months after graduation and would be inviting you to have a short Teams interview to show you our newest prototype and get your feedback and ideas. Please contact Elaine via email: e.burke@uel.ac.uk for more details.

National Wedding Show discount for University of East London Alumni

Try, buy, book and hire everything you need for your special day at The National Wedding Show. It's the ultimate destination for wedding planning, with hundreds of wedding specialists from bridal boutiques and florists to jewellers and wedding venues, as well as stunning catwalk shows, expert advice and wedding inspiration at every turn!

Want to make the day extra special? Then why not treat yourself and your bridal party to a VIP ticket. With an exclusive goodie bag, a glass of bubbly on arrival and reserved seating to watch the LIVE Catwalk show, the VIP ticket will make it a day out to remember!

Exclusive offer for the London ExCeL Show- [click here](#) to get a standard ticket for £15 and VIP ticket for £25 when booking on our website with code:

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WHAT'S COMING UP

UEL Celebrates Black History Month- Virtual Cooking Class

Food is such a big part of black culture, which is why UEL Graduate Agnes, who has a successful catering company, will be hosting a cook-

along session for those that wish to learn how to make traditional Jollof Rice and stew. Attendees will receive full instructions and the recipe before the cooking session, but on the day Agnes will be teaching those that register how to make the dishes.

Friday 9th October 2020, 13:00 - 15:00, Online

Book Now

Let's Talk Mental Health

This 60 minute workshop is about centering wellness within the black community. Too often the black community have been expected to be strong and productive, without being given the appropriate tools for preserving their emotional wellbeing and navigating through intergenerational trauma.

Thursday 15th October 2020, 17:00 - 18:00, Online

Book Now

After Black Lives Matter - How things need to be different in life and work

The global response to George Floyd's death electrified the world for more than a moment, in ways that were visibly different from previous and comparable 'shockwaves'. The events brought a renewed focus on Black equality and anti-racism, asking people to broaden their field of view beyond the increasingly accepted doctrine of 'inclusion and diversity'.

Tuesday 20th October 2020, 18:30- 19:30, Online

Book Now

Black British History Lecture

This fascinating presentation by Black History Studies focuses on the hidden history of London and the contributions made by people of African and Caribbean descent to London in the areas of Literature, Politics, Music and Health & Welfare before 1948. Most people believe that Black people only came here in 1948.

Thursday 22nd October 2020, 18:00 - 20:00, Online

Book Now

Black Leaders Panel Discussion Event

The resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement generated a worldwide momentum and energy in a range of areas of life, not least in the corporate world. There was an unprecedented visibility to black voices in this realm speaking out, opening up a space for dialogue through which lasting change can be engineered.

Black Leaders is a movement arising out of that space, and is determined to capitalise on the opportunity for change, and seeks to harness the know-how and talent of black professionals in the corporate space for the development of upcoming talent, and to be a channel for the unique voice for black experience in corporate Britain

This webinar will feature some of the founders of Black Leaders and other individuals involved in shaping its vision and programme.

Monday 26th October 2020, 18:30 - 20:00, Online

Book Now

2020 Alumni Achievement Awards

Following on from the great success of last year's Alumni Achievement Awards, we are excited to announce that the University of East London's alumni team will be hosting the 2020 Alumni Achievement Awards on Thursday 29th October 2020.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of our alumni in a wide range of areas and come together to celebrate their success.

Nominations have now closed and those who have been nominated will be informed no later than Friday 18th September, with those who have been shortlisted being informed prior to the event and the winners finding out on the evening!

Thursday 29th October, 2020, 18:00 - 20:00, Online

Book Now

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New Career Zone now open!

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.uel.ac.uk 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 the 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.

Coming soon – your Careers Passport, allowing you to collect digital badges and awards to enhance your CV, LinkedIn and job applications – Stay tuned!

Centre for Student Success Careers Events

CAREERS EVENTS CALENDAR: OCTOBER

Date	Format & Topic	Location	Time
1/10/20	Skills Academy: Assessment Centres	MS Teams	10:30am
1/10/20	Black Women Entrepreneurship & How to Succeed	MS Teams	2:30pm
5/10/20	Interview Prep 101: the essentials.	MS Teams	10:30am
5/10/20	Career Centre: Open 24/7 for job-seeking help.	MS Teams	2:30pm
6/10/20	Career Planning	MS Teams	11:30am
6/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	1:30pm
6/10/20	Skills Academy: introduction to LinkedIn	MS Teams	2:30pm
7/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	11:00am
7/10/20	What can I do with my degree?	MS Teams	1:30pm
8/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	11:00am
8/10/20	The Top 10 Employability Skills: how to show you have them.	MS Teams	2:30pm
9/10/20	Your CV is You! How to make it inform and sell.	MS Teams	10:30am
9/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	2:00pm
12/10/20	Simple and effective: writing cover letters that shine.	MS Teams	11:30am
12/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	2:00pm
13/10/20	Skills Academy: Advanced LinkedIn	MS Teams	10:30am
13/10/20	Press the right buttons: systematic success with application forms.	MS Teams	11:30am
13/10/20	Find Your Career Path: job seeking with purpose and direction.	MS Teams	2:30pm
14/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	11:00am
14/10/20	Interview Prep 101: the essentials.	MS Teams	1:30pm
15/10/20	Skills Academy: Commercial Awareness (Part 1)	MS Teams	10:30am
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15/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	1:00pm
15/10/20	Networking in the digital age: how to get started and progress.	MS Teams	2:30pm
16/10/20	Self-assessments and personality tests	MS Teams	10:30am
16/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	2:00pm
19/10/20	An introduction to psychometric tests	MS Teams	10:00am
19/10/20	Turning your Passion into a Pay Check	MS Teams	11:00am
19/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	2:00pm
20/10/20	Skills Academy: Knowledge of New Social & Digital Media	MS Teams	10:30am
20/10/20	Starting a new job: tips to help you succeed in your new role.	MS Teams	1:30pm
20/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	3:00pm
21/10/20	What can I do with my degree?	MS Teams	10:30am
21/10/20	Career Centre: Open 24/7 for job-seeking help.	MS Teams	2:30pm
22/10/20	Career Zone Induction	MS Teams	11:00am
22/10/20	Career Planning	MS Teams	2:30pm

Want to become a Mentor?

The Professional Mentoring programme is a flexible and free programme for UEL alumni to take part in. Across the course of 8 weeks you will mentor a UEL student or recent graduate for a minimum of 4 hours. You will be provided with full online training before hand, and all sessions will be carried out online. To share your knowledge and give back to the UEL community, please [click](#)

[here](#) to complete an application form.

The closing date for application is the 16th of October 2020.

Want to join the Professional Mentoring programme?

The Professional Mentoring programme is a free and easy programme for you to take part in. Across the course of 8 weeks, you will be matched to a mentor who will provide you with 1:1 Mentoring support! Your mentor will help you develop the necessary employability skills to help you land your dream job. The programme is completely flexible and tailored to work around you as you can choose when to complete your online training and meet with your mentor. So to take up this great opportunity, please click on the following link to complete an application form by [clicking here](#).

The closing date for applications is the 16th of October 2020.

EXTERNAL JOBS

Global Healthcare Communications, Premier Resourcing, London

Salary: £45,000-£70,000 pa

New global healthcare communications role with a leading, integrated agency. We are seeking either an established SAM looking for the next step up or an AD/SAD ready to tackle their next challenge.

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Digital Preservation Manager, Science Museum Group, London

Salary: £36,000-£42,000 pa

As Digital Preservation Manager, you will be the lead for digital preservation for the Group's digital assets, including both Collections and Corporate records. You will work closely with colleagues across the Group to advocate for digital preservation, developing and implementing standards and procedures

for the preservation of born digital and digitised content.

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**Creative Director of Brand Communications and Campaigns,
Choose Love- Help Refugees, London**

Salary: £50,000-£60,000 pa

Choose Love seeks an entrepreneurial Creative Director of Brand Communications and Campaigns to lead and manage all elements of the communications strategy for the organisation

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Marketing Manager, London Craft Week, London

Salary: £35,000 - 40,000 pa

London Craft Week brings together established and emerging artist-makers, iconic, heritage, contemporary and luxury brands, studio groups, collectives and galleries, with a large discerning audience. We work closely with partners to shape persuasive activations, connecting them with new and existing customers.

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