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University of East London's Alumni Network Newsletter

June 2020 Edition

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

We have some great news stories for you, including how the University of East London Black Academy event 'a place to breathe' supported staff, students and alumni in having a space to discuss their own experiences of racism, and how UEL is instigating a University-wide review of all historic sources of funding and development of new institutional naming policy reflecting the University values.

Our noticeboard section has some interesting updates for you. Find out about how we can help you advertise your business with our Alumni directory, and how the UK has been revealed as a world leader in safety tech. You will also find information on our next virtual postgraduate open evening.

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

Our events section has a variety of webinars for you to get involved in,

from start up summer business webinars to help you on your entrepreneurial journey, to the Office of Institutional Equity exploring new ways of looking at recruitment.

This month's careers development section has information on the 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.



Making sense of George Floyd & the impact of Covid-19 on BAME communities

Staff and students spoke of their own experiences of racism at a University forum to make sense of the tragic killing of African-American George Floyd in Minnesota and the



A statement about our CASS school of Education and communities

Following consultation with our Black Academy and wider students and staff, we have removed the statue of Sir John Cass. We will be instigating a University-wide review of all sources of historic

subsequent outpouring of anger and grief across the US and Europe. The forum was hosted by the Black Academy, which was formed in 2019.

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funding together with the development of a new institutional naming policy reflecting our University values.

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Cyber experts win grant for major crime prevention project at UEL

Academics from the University of East London are leading a Europe-wide investigation into the causes of cybercrime, supported by a prestigious £862,000 grant. Professor Julia Davidson and Associate Professor Mary Aiken from the Royal Docks School of Business & Law at the University of East London are lead investigators in a consortium that has been awarded €5 million.

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School of Business and Law academics shed light on the gig economy

A new book, co-edited by a University of East London academic, explores the perils and advantages of the gig economy. Conflict and Shifting Boundaries in the Gig Economy has been compiled by senior lecturer Rebecca Page-Tickell, alongside Elaine Yerby of the London School of Economics (LSE) and features the work of a number of academics from the University of East London.

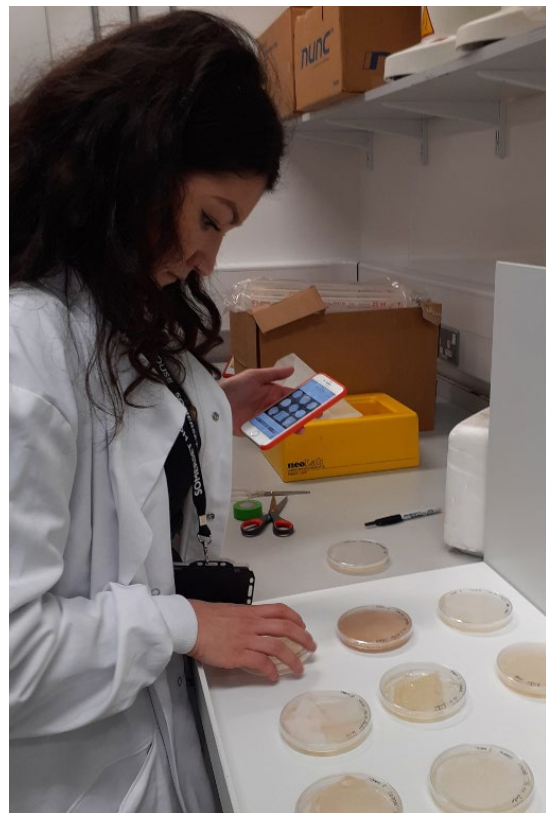
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ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

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](#).

June 2020: Casandra Quinn

We are pleased to introduce our fourth alumni of the month! Meet Casandra Quinn who studied a BA in Fashion Textiles in 2019. Casandra is currently running her own company, CQ Studio, who develop materials and processes for the fashion and textile industry that are environmentally conscious. Casandra's most special memory at UEL was celebrating with her classmates after handing in their final submission in the final year.



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NOTICEBOARD

Join us at our next Virtual Postgraduate Open Evening on Wednesday July 22 from 5:00-8:00 pm

UEL's next Virtual Postgraduate Open Evening is happening on Wednesday July 22 from 5:00-8:00 pm. 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 evening you will be able to speak directly to academics, support staff and current students from the comfort of your own home. All sessions will be live webinars, held on the Microsoft Teams platform, where you will find out information about fees, entry requirements, student life and everything else you want to know.

As an incentive, as a UEL graduate 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.

Visit our virtual hub for more information on Postgraduate courses starting in 2020 or 2021 and to book your place at the open evening uel.ac.uk/about/virtual-hub.

UEL sets up online business and law advice centres to handle Covid-19 challenges

The University of East London has established two online advice clinics to deal with issues that have been aggravated by the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The Legal Advice Centre and the Tax and Accountancy Clinic, both run by the Royal Docks School of Business and Law at the University of East London, aim to give free advice to the East London community. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Academics reveal UK as World Leader in safety tech

Academics from the University of East London have advised on a major UK government report that reveals the country as a world leader in safety tech and emphasises the ways the industry can help protect people in the cyberworld. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Alumnus recognised for contribution to Sri Lankan entrepreneurship

Talal Rafi, a Sri Lankan entrepreneur who graduated from the University of East London, has been appointed to the prestigious Forbes Business Council. [Click here](#) to find out more.

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.

UEL community choral project awarded arts council England funding to go digital during pandemic

A large-scale community choral project led by the University of East London has received a grant of £20,000 from Arts Council England to go digital in

response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Stopping Place, produced in partnership by the University of East London, Brolly Productions, Opera North and the London Borough of Newham, will move online through digital and social media platforms, making it more accessible in the current period of social distancing and lockdowns. [Click here](#) to find out more.

An invitation from Dr Andrea Giraldez-Hayes, the Programme Leader of MSc in Applied Positive Psychology and Coaching Psychology (MAPPCP), School of Psychology

The Programme Team of the MSc in Applied Positive Psychology and Coaching Psychology, and the School of Psychology at the University of East London would like to invite you to the first online symposium. We have recently celebrated the 20th anniversaries of Positive Psychology (2018) and Coaching Psychology (2020), and this seems to be the right time to look back and acknowledge achievements in the field, and also to look forward and envision the future together. Hence, we have chosen a provocative theme for our conference: Reimagining Positive Psychology and Coaching Psychology. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the leading experts in the science, practice and education of Positive Psychology and Coaching Psychology. We have also invited MAPP and MAPPCP alumni to share their experience during and after the programme.

We aim to open a space of reflection and dialogue with the broader community of professionals in the field and with anyone interested in Positive Psychology and Coaching Psychology. This looks set to be an inspirational and insightful event, and we encourage you book a place for Monday 29th June, Friday 3rd July and Wednesday 8th July today! [Click here](#) for free Eventbrite booking link.

Digi Prom 2020

DigiProm 2020 is here for all recent graduates, apprentices, schools leavers and everyone in between who has missed out on celebrating their achievements due to Covid-19. This is a free virtual event happening on the 17th July 6-10 pm. With a host of famous faces, including Mo Gilligan as co

host, the event is here to celebrate you with a 1 hour long show and a 3 hour after party. Although physical ceremonies may be put on hold for now this is the next best thing, so don your best outfit and grab your friends (respecting social distancing) for a virtual party to remember.

One Celebration for One Million Students in real time. [Click here](#) to register. Follow on instagram & twitter: [@theclassof20UK](#)

#Digiprom #DigiProm2020

WHAT'S COMING UP

Research in the criminal justice system: making sense of good practice and trauma resilience

Dr Rebecca Gomm, Lecturer in Forensic Psychology, will be holding a webinar on Monday 6th July, 11-12noon on: Research in the criminal justice system: making sense of good practice and trauma resilience.

Monday 6th July 11 am-12 pm, Online

Book Now

Start up Summer- Company Structures

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 like minded entrepreneurs.

Tuesday 7th July 2020, 10am - 1pm, Online

Book Now

Life after UEL -Fitzroy Andrew – Office for Institutional Equity, UEL & Danial Naqvi – Co-Founder, Bloomsbury Ethos

This webinar will explore a new way of looking at recruitment and insight talks on companies by putting the desires of the next generation of graduates at the heart of those conversations. Looking at it this way treats social opportunities such as mental health and diversity as valuable assets, instead of 'add-on' considerations in the recruitment process.

Tuesday 7th July 2020 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm , Online

Book Now

Life after UEL - Health & Fitness whilst in lockdown

Health and Fitness whilst in lockdown – How to stay Fit and healthy whilst at home and no access to a gym! I will provide fitness suggestions, tips and a Q&A session for any health and fitness questions you may have. ITS GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN!!

Monday 13th July 2020, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Online

Book Now

Start up Summer- Business Planning

During this workshop we will explore the key elements of a business plan as well as its purpose, form and audience. Come prepared with an understanding of what your business idea is and where you might like to go and you will leave the workshop with a clear vision for your business and a roadmap for the next 6-12 months.

Tuesday 14th July 2020, 10 am - 1 pm, Online

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The University of East London Careers team are here to support you with your careers and employability needs. Our services are free for you to use and accessible in a number of different ways. Whether you are looking for work or thinking about changing jobs to help you reach where you want to be in your career, we are here to help you.

Here is how we can support:

- Access to online jobs, workshops, events and appointments with Career Coaches [click here](#)
- Access to online careers resources and information [click here](#)
- Access to 1 to 1 coaching support with one of our experienced Careers Coaches [click here](#)
- Access to a range of careers talks and events designed to help you develop key skills employers are looking for and also build on your knowledge to boost your confidence to get the job you want! You can see a timetable of our talks for June and July below
- Access to mentoring support to help you learn from the experiences of others in different occupational sectors. For more info on upcoming mentoring talks or any other questions please email us: cfssmentoring@uel.ac.uk.
- Access to live vacancies on the [Jobs Board](#)
- Graduate Careers Day on 22nd July 2020 11 am to 3 pm. An opportunity to meet employers with job opportunities at our virtual careers fair and also listen to online talks about careers and navigating the recruitment process after Covid-19

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

Facebook: [UEL Centre for Student Success](#)

Twitter: [@UEL_CfSS](#)

Instagram: [@uel_cfss](#)

Please note that if you are unable to access the UEL Employment Hub or Careers Centre, and for any other questions, please email the Careers Team: cfss@uel.ac.uk.

CAREERS EVENTS CALENDAR: JULY

Date	Format & Topic	Location	Time
Wed 1st	Hot Topic: Job Searching—Recruitment during lockdown	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Thu 2nd	Skills Academy: Overcoming poor grades to secure employment	MS Teams	10:30-11:30am
Mon 6th	Preparing for an online recruitment process	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Wed 8th	Skills Academy: Introduction to LinkedIn	MS Teams	11am-12:15pm
Wed 8th	Job Search Strategy Career Development	MS Teams	2-3pm
Thu 9th	Skills Academy: Networking Skills	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Fri 10th	Commercial awareness - overview of roles and responsibilities in different sectors	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Mon 13th	Careers Workshop: Job Searching	MS Teams	10-11am
Mon 13th	Graduate schemes - types of work experience	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Wed 15th	Skills Academy: Advanced LinkedIn	MS Teams	11am-12:15pm
Wed 15th	COVID-19 and your future - preparing for a virtual work environment	MS Teams	2-3pm
Thurs 16th	Careers Workshop: CVs	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Thu 16th	Skills Academy: Commercial Awareness	MS Teams	2-3pm
Fri 17th	What employers want: tips for navigating the recruitment process after Covid	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Tue 21st	Skills Academy: Getting that Graduate Job	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Tue 21st	Careers Workshop: Interview Skills	MS Teams	2-3pm
Wed 22nd	Graduate Career Day (Job Fair) - Talk 1: What employers want: tips for navigating the recruitment process after COVID-19	iVent	11am-12pm
Wed 22nd	Graduate Career Day (Job Fair) - Talk 2	iVent	11am-12pm
Wed 22nd	Graduate Career Day (Job Fair) - Talk 3	iVent	2-3pm
Wed 22nd	Graduate Career Day (Job Fair) - Talk 4	iVent	2-3pm
Thu 23rd	Skills Academy: Introduction to LinkedIn	MS Teams	2-3:15pm
Thu 23rd	Hot Topic: Top tips for new employees on surviving remote inductions	MS Teams	11am-12pm
Tue 28th	Careers Workshop: Job Applications	MS Teams	11-12pm
Wed 29th	Skills Academy: Advanced LinkedIn	MS Teams	2-3:15pm
Thu 30th	Skills Academy: Overcoming poor grades to secure employment	MS Teams	3-4pm

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

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



UEL JOBS

Quality Assurance Officer

Salary: £34,636 pa

You will provide advice, guidance and support to all staff in relation to quality

assurance systems. You will also represent the team by servicing university-wide committees and working groups and will be responsible for supporting the validation and review of in-house and collaborative programmes both in the UK and overseas.

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Post Award Project Manager

Salary: £34,636 pa

Educated to degree level or with extensive relevant experience, you will have proven experience of successfully providing post-award support for a large scale, multi-partner research and knowledge exchange projects. Excellent IT and communication skills are essential, as is the ability to build strong working relationships with project stakeholders to ensure effective compliance and delivery.

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EXTERNAL JOBS

Senior Data & CRM Officer, Mind, London

Salary: £36,082 pa

The CRM and Data Services Senior Officer will be responsible for administering the day to day operation of the CRM database, assist in the implementation of marketing programmes to deliver actionable supporter and business insight for the charity.

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Communications Assistant, Mind, London

Salary: £25,242 pa

In this role you'll be the first point of contact for public enquiries about Time to Change, dealing with these in a timely and sensitive way. You'll need to be flexible, proactive and able to work closely with other members of the team and staff across the wider Time to Change programme, as well as Mind and Rethink Mental Illness and external stakeholders.

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Property Maintenance, Trinity Homeless Projects, London

Salary: £28,000 pa

We believe deeply in justice and we are a community of committed people who want to make our lives count in leaving a legacy that makes the world a better place. We have deeply held values and ethics and a high degree of self-directed performance. We have a positive coaching culture and we are solution focussed.

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Management Accountant, Networx recruitment, London

Salary: £32,000 - 34,300 pa

The Management Accountant will prepare monthly and annual accounts, assist with budget monitoring and ensure prompt payment of volunteer claims and supplier invoices. In addition to, coordinating other Finance team activities, delegating specific tasks so that an efficient and effective financial service is provided.

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