

Shaping Futures

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Welcome to *Shaping Futures*.

This is an opportunity for us to thank you for your fantastic support which has made a real difference to the University and its students. We would also like to update you on how some of NTU's projects, resources and people are benefiting from your generosity.

The global Nottingham Trent community of alumni, friends and partners plays a vital role in shaping the future of the University. Partnership and philanthropic support have a significant impact on the opportunities available to our students and researchers, and they, in turn, shape lives and society.

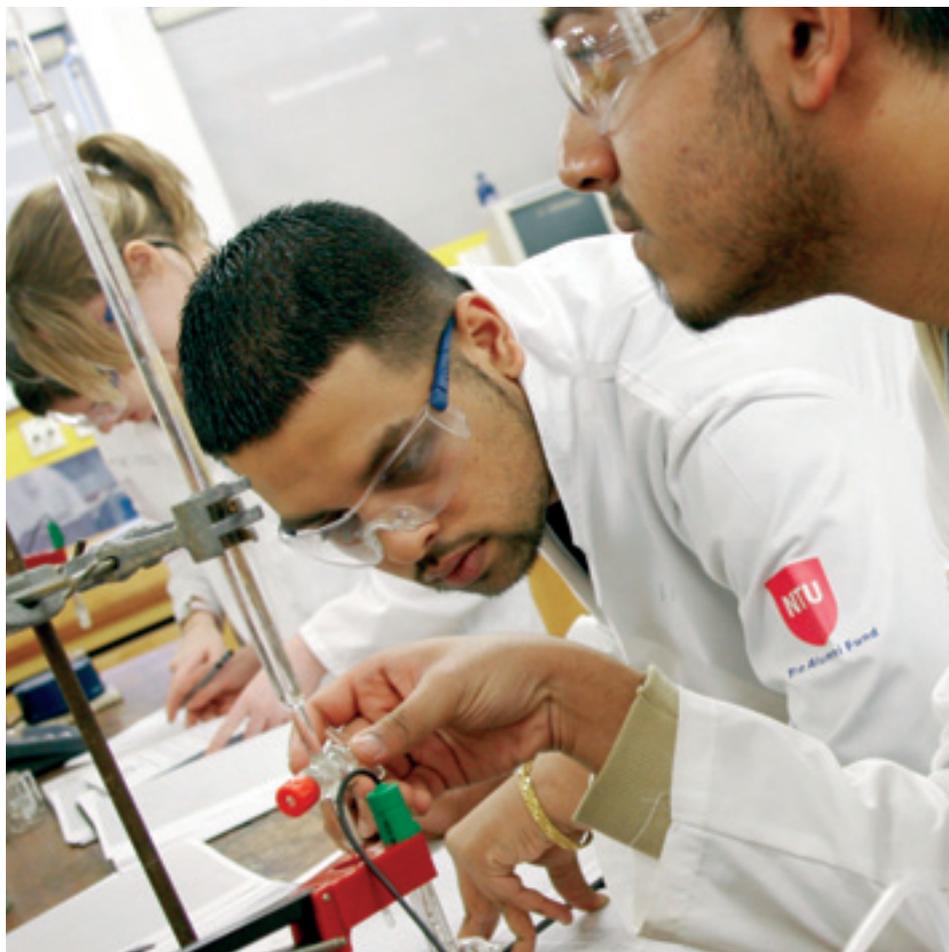
As a graduate, staff member, friend or partner organisation of the University, your support is vital in helping to underwrite the quality of the Nottingham Trent experience for future generations of students.

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The Alumni Fund improves facilities for students

The Alumni Fund – making a difference

During 2006-07 the Alumni Fund raised £40,000. This is equivalent to the income that would be generated by a £1 million endowment! So, thank you for your generosity.

Your support is creating a living legacy from which many NTU students will benefit.

The University remains an excellent place to study, but we do need the support of our alumni community to ensure that it stays this way.

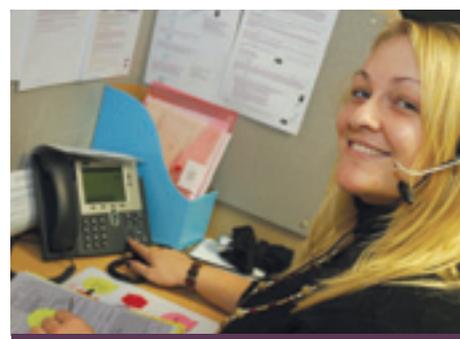
Our aim is to generate an annual income of

£100,000 to boost scholarship and resource provision for students.

Please help us by adding your name to the donor list each year.

"I recently returned to the University to see for myself how my contribution to the Alumni Fund was impacting today's students. The resources provided by the fund left me feeling privileged that in a modest way I am involved in shaping the future at Nottingham Trent."

Pam Gow,
Certificate: Management in General Practice,
1996



A successful telephone campaign

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Key support in cancer battle

The Anthony Nolan Trust has established its only scientific centre outside London in high-specification research laboratories at NTU's Clifton campus.

The centre's Professor Anthony Dodi now holds the Anthony Nolan Chair in Haematology, the first of its kind to be funded by the trust.

The success of this far-reaching strategic partnership highlights NTU's international reputation for cancer research.

The University has forged a unique collaboration with the trust – the charity which manages the UK's most successful bone marrow register and is the third largest supplier of bone marrow transplant donors worldwide.

The two institutions, which have a research association going back over a decade, are now pooling expertise and resources in the crusade to fight leukaemia.



Professor Anthony Dodi at work

Encouraging enterprise



The SIFE team extend their reach – thanks to the Alumni Fund

With help from the Alumni Fund, members of NTU's SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team now have some innovative projects under their belts.

One venture helped the local Chinese community's catering trade. The team launched a bilingual food safety management (FSM) website which delivers an online training package that will help members of this community understand and pass an officially credited exam.

The SIFE team has also helped develop a business plan and conduct market research for

a local entrepreneur who is establishing a bio-diesel production plant in Nottingham.

SIFE is an international body helping university students to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills by carrying out national and international community projects. Backed by leading businesses, SIFE is currently active in more than 20 UK universities. The Nottingham Trent team was grateful for the disbursement from the Alumni Fund to support their work.

Each year, students present their projects at competitions which are held in every SIFE country, the winners of which go on to a global competition: the SIFE World Cup. The NTU team now has its sights set firmly on winning the world title.

The University's School of Biomedical and Natural Sciences is also grateful for the generous support of the following trusts and foundations:

The **John and Lucille Van Geest Foundation** has helped to further research into tumour antigens used in the development of cancer vaccines, and is providing support to establish a Cancer Research Centre on the Clifton campus.

The **Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund** has supported research in the area of immunotherapy.

The **Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust** has aided the development of proteomic research that is used to identify breast cancer proteins.

The **Wolfson Foundation** has supported hi-tech laboratory equipment for the University's Biomedical Research Centre.

The difference your support makes

The Alumni Fund has created a range of new opportunities for students.



Practical chemistry

New Chemistry students benefited from laboratory packs including a personalised lab coat, safety glasses and other tools of the trade.

"I was delighted with my laboratory pack. It's been very useful and the lab coats are really smart. It was a great welcome to the University and one less thing to worry about when I arrived for the start of my course."

Kiran Sandhu,
Year One Chemistry student



Star-studded gift

A high-resolution and sensitivity CCD camera was purchased for the new observatory on Clifton campus.



New study area

Old office space on Clifton campus has been transformed to create additional quiet study areas for students.



Web-design skills for the classroom

Trainee teachers are now able to develop their web-design skills due to the purchase of DreamWeaver software and licences for 20 computers.



On the ball

Thanks to the Alumni Fund, Nottingham Trent students had the opportunity to train to become qualified basketball referees and, in addition to their studies, are helping to inspire younger players and refereeing games in Nottingham schools.



Mapping their way

Students on the BA (Hons) Geography and BA / BSc (Hons) Geography courses can now prepare their own maps and gain experience using Digimap database technology.

"My degree from Nottingham Trent gave me such a great platform for my career, from both an academic and practical perspective, that I am delighted to be investing in this opportunity for others through a regular donation to the Alumni Fund."

Tony Edwards,
BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance, 1985



Development of Hub website

Students on the BSc (Hons) Multimedia course will be able to showcase their work to employers via an NTU portfolio website which has also received funding through the Alumni Fund.

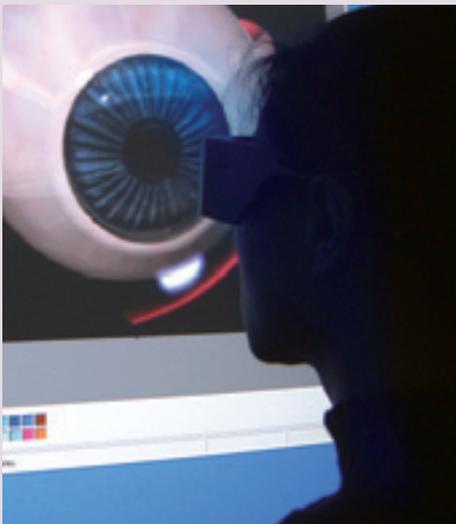


Travelling texts

Five transportable boxes of key texts and resources for independent study are now available for part-time and distance-learning students in the School of Education.

"I'd really like to thank everybody involved in creating this 'mobile library'. The book boxes have been really popular and are a valuable resource for those students who are based away from campus."

Dr Gill Richards,
Principal Lecturer,
School of Education



Virtual kit a reality

Final-year Computing students will now have the use of two head-mounted virtual reality display units for project work. The headsets will enable them to gain experience of up-to-the-minute 3-D technology.



Balanced learning

Equine studies students now have the benefit of a Balimo chair to help improve their balance and riding techniques.



ICT boost for trainee teachers

New digital recording equipment in the School of Education will give trainee teachers the opportunity to incorporate ICT into school-based activities.



Healthy message

Students on the BSc (Hons) Health and Environment course benefited from a disbursement from the Alumni Fund to help them kick-start a range of health promotion projects.

Thank you for supporting your University! You will find a list of all those who have supported the Alumni Fund this year published in the autumn issue of *Network* magazine.

Leaving education behind



Louise Garland as a student, circa 1981

Originally from a small village in Leicestershire, Louise Garland received a modest bursary from her local church which provided a much-needed helping hand to cover the cost of her books.

This, together with her student grant, enabled her to enrol for a first degree in Creative Arts at what was then Trent Polytechnic. As the University went through its own changes, Louise kept coming back for more. She explains how her experience has inspired her to leave a legacy for the future:

"I gained so much from my education at Nottingham Trent. In fact, after studying for my BA Hons Creative Arts (1982), then my MA in Fine Art (1986) and finally a PGCE (1991), I must have Nottingham Trent stamped on my forehead!

"Things have come full circle because now, as a Fine Art teacher at New College Nottingham, I take my own students to the University's Bonington Gallery as part of their studies.

"I had some really inspiring tutors at Nottingham Trent. In particular, Professor John Newling had a big influence on my art education. He not only cared about me as a student, but also saw me through to the next stage in helping me to find a local studio when I graduated. This extra support is something I have never forgotten.

"Despite challenging financial circumstances, I was fortunate that my mother was very supportive of my chosen subject, but I would imagine that money worries today can narrow the choice of university course for many students.

"So, when it came to a point in my life when I had to make a will, I knew that I wanted to include provision to help a Fine Art student at Nottingham Trent. I want to help ensure that a talented student with limited finances has the same opportunities that I had.

"Art graduates are highly creative people, good lateral thinkers with a broad range of talents and skills to bring to business and society. I want to play my part in encouraging those who have a passion for art to succeed.

"I hope that by leaving a gift in my will I can make a difference one day in the future (but not for a long time yet, I hope – I still have lots of budding artists to teach first!)."

Leaving a legacy

If you are thinking of leaving a legacy to Nottingham Trent University for future generations of students and would like to talk to someone about your plans, please contact the Legacy team on **0115 848 8810** or email **alumni@ntu.ac.uk**

Making a will

One of the benefits and services available through the University's Alumni Association is a professional discounted will-writing service. Irwin Mitchell is the biggest will-writing company in the UK, processing in excess of 60,000 wills per year. For information, please visit: **www.extranet.irwinmitchell.com/willsandtrusts/nottingham_trent_university**



Nottingham Trent University attracts support from a wide range of organisations and charitable bodies and is pleased to recognise generous support recently given by:

The **Garfield Weston Foundation** for library and sports facilities at the University's Clifton campus.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car and the **Taylor Foundation** for student bursary scholarships.

The **Worshipful Company of Saddlers** which has made provision for scholarship awards directed to BSc students in Sports Horse Management and Training.

Previously, gifts have also been received from the **Boots Company plc**, **Powergen**, the **Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851** and the **Worshipful Company of Drapers**.

Scholarships and bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries can help turn a good university experience into an excellent one.

For example, students who have exceptional potential in their subject area, sport or other activities may not succeed without a helping hand. Similarly, making the choice to come to University can be difficult without financial support, and a scholarship or bursary can make all the difference.

Our aim is to provide a wide range of additional resources that can be accessed on the basis of need and merit that will help our students to succeed in everything they do while they are at Nottingham Trent University.

Please be as generous as you can in your gift to the Alumni Fund and help us to create Alumni Fund scholarships, bursaries and awards that will shape lives today and in the future.

Alumni Fund donation form

Nottingham Trent University needs your support. If you are able to make a gift or increase the level at which you are already giving, please complete this donation form. Thank you.

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