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Nottingham Trent University Alumni Association's Mission Statement

To foster lasting relationships with, and between, former students which encourage pride and involvement in our University.

Front cover: Jon Simon and Tristan Hogg, Pieminister (see page 06).



Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

There has been a great deal to celebrate here at NTU since the last issue of *Network* magazine.

First and foremost, I was privileged to accept the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education at Buckingham Palace on behalf of NTU. This prestigious award, the highest national honour available to a UK university, recognises the world-leading research being undertaken at the University that delivers major tangible benefits to society (page 20).

By the end of 2015 we had won over 20 national awards, covering everything from our Students' Union being named Higher Education Students' Union of the Year 2015 by the National Union of Students to winning national recognition for our employee volunteering scheme.

Our academic research and teaching are not just about the quality of our programmes or the excellence of our facilities; they are also a result of us building contacts, creating networks, and engaging with partners. Creating and sustaining these relationships is a central theme of our new strategy: Creating the University of the Future.

Alumni like you can make an important contribution to the success of NTU. I would encourage you to engage with NTU's innovative Alumni Fellowship Programme (page 10) as we extend it to every department and course in the University over the next few years.

Please also consider joining the VC Match scheme (page 05) which offers financial support to students from more disadvantaged backgrounds accessing placement and international opportunities which we know make a major difference to their employment prospects. In 2014, 25% of our UK undergraduates came from households with a combined household income of £15,000 or less.

My colleagues in our Development and Alumni Relations Team can tell you more about both initiatives.

Best wishes and thank you,

Professor Edward Peck
Vice-Chancellor

Editor's note

Whether you graduated many years ago, or more recently, hello, and welcome to your 2016 issue of *Network*.

We hope you like the new design and all the news we're bringing together, including stories about how your generous donations continue to support research, special projects and young talent here at NTU.

Did you know that you can also help by volunteering your time to support students in their journey through University and into employment? Find out more on page 10.

We couldn't fit all our news into this magazine, so to read more check out www.ntualumni.org.uk/network2016 where you'll also find links to our LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter groups.

Finally, don't forget to return your alumni update form so that we can keep in touch with you – we really enjoy hearing from you.

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Alumna of the Year 2015

Our brilliant Alumna of the Year 2015, Emily Macaulay (BA Hons Criminology 2003), received her award last November, recognising her services to equality and diversity.

Emily was also recognised in last year's Queen's Birthday Honours list for her previous work as chair of the Devon and Cornwall Gay Police Association (GPA). This involved leading ground-breaking activities to improve equal opportunities within the service as well as instigating the Visible and Everywhere campaign to tackle isolation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender colleagues.

Emily was involved with the LGBT Society at NTU and continues to work with the University to engage with students in relation to LGBT issues and to support

course curriculum development within the School of Social Sciences.

Emily, who is currently senior supervisor for operations at Exeter Library, said: "I was thrilled to receive this award. My time at NTU was hugely important to me. Beyond the academic, being involved in societies and feeling like part of a huge community was an experience that I will forever hold close to my heart."

We'll be announcing the 2016 Alumnus of the Year soon, so look out for updates.

Visit

www.ntualumni.org.uk/alumnus_of_the_year for more about Emily and past recipients.

Two birds, one stone. Can you give us more stones?

If you could give someone a chance in life who might otherwise miss out, why wouldn't you?

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Edward Peck, asked himself that question and decided to act. With his personal support, through the VC Match scheme, we are providing students with volunteering opportunities in overseas charities.

For students this is a chance to contribute towards four fantastic projects in Romania, Guatemala, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

It's also a great way for them to develop skills and build CVs. But we know that cash, or lack of it, can be

a barrier, so Professor Peck has kick started a scholarship fund and now we're asking you to join him so we can give more people a step up.

How does this work? Students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds can apply for a scholarship to cover 50% of the cost of the volunteering opportunity. How much does it cost? Between £200 – £400 for each opportunity.

To find out more, please contact Demelza England at demelza.england@ntu.ac.uk or visit the alumni web pages to donate online.

Jon Simon is a pieman

...in fact he's more than that, he's the Pieminister! We caught up with the NTU alumnus as he brings his perfect pies to the proud people of Nottingham.

Whether you prefer a 'Moo', 'Deer Stalker', 'Chilli Con Carnage' or 'Mighty Aphrodite', Jon Simon's award-winning Pieminister pies are hugely popular.

Favoured by celebrities and even the Queen, the brand's chain of cafés and restaurants is growing all the time. In February, Jon Simon (BA Hons Furniture and Product Design 1996) and co-founder Tristan Hogg opened their latest premises in Nottingham – a city that's played an influential role in the company's success.

"My time at Nottingham completely shaped my life," says Jon. "I met life-long friends, my wife and my first business partner. In fact, the network of people I met at University has been instrumental to the success of Pieminister."

Jon's wife Romany (BA Hons Fashion Design 1995) is Tristan's sister and handles Pieminister's press and PR. Other NTU alumni involved in the company include interior designer Ryan Thomas (BA Hons Fine Art 1994) and web developer Jon Shaw (BA Graphic Design 1997).

"It's great being back and we'll definitely be popping down to the Waverley building, where I was based for my course. I love Nottingham, it's a brilliant city with so much going on, the food scene is exploding and I'm really proud to be a part of it. Hopefully we offer something different that people will enjoy."

**Find out more about Pieminister at
www.pieminister.co.uk**

BURSTING WITH BRIGHT IDEAS

Great minds think differently

Got a business challenge? Put it to a thousand NTU academics, research students, business postgraduates and final-year undergraduates and there's a good chance you'll find a great way forward. Introducing the Thinkubator Challenge®...

Created by Nottingham Business School, the Thinkubator Challenge® is the only event of its kind in Europe, and has helped solve over 100 business problems over the past couple of years.

At last year's event, over 400 staff and students worked together to look at 40 challenges from a fresh perspective, in just one afternoon. These included turning allotments into a visitor attraction, securing sponsorship for an experimental dance company and targeting new markets for a Korean cosmetics company.

Sarah Phillips, Managing Director of Vein Train Ltd, came to Thinkubator for help in developing new products. She says: "Thinkubator is a great event and was really interesting. There was lots of thinking, lots of energy and lots of great ideas. The solutions were really exciting."

Dean of Nottingham Business School, Professor Baback Yazdani, adds: "We're at the forefront of business engagement and we know the issues businesses face. Our unparalleled scale means we have the resources to offer events such as Thinkubator, which give businesses the support they need."

Submissions for Thinkubator Challenge® 2016 open in the autumn. To register your interest please email ThinkNBS@ntu.ac.uk

Find out more at www.ntu.ac.uk/thinkNBS

Follow the leaders

Our popular Business Leaders Lecture Series welcomes renowned business leaders to share their knowledge and expertise on a range of subjects. This successful programme runs throughout the year and is free for anyone to attend. Visit the news and events section at www.ntu.ac.uk/businessleaders to see what's coming up.



Design a bright future at The Hive

The Hive's helped over 400 ambitious new businesses get started since 2001. An impressive 70% are still thriving today, like talented clothing designer Hannah Myers...

After graduating with an MA in Product Design in 2013, Hannah Myers came to The Hive, our Centre for Entrepreneurship and Enterprise. She wanted to capitalise on a gap in the market in the quantity and quality of specialised mountain bike clothing. With The Hive's support, she launched Flare Clothing Company in autumn 2013.

Flare's first clothing line was introduced the following spring, and Hannah's designs are now stocked across the country in eight retailers, as well as being sold online. The brand has grown rapidly, with Hannah named as one of the 100 most influential women in the UK cycling industry.

Flare continues to grow today. A successful Kickstarter campaign enabled Hannah to introduce a men's line in spring 2015 and she's currently working on a new children's collection.

A hat-trick for the team

The Hive had a hugely successful year in 2015, scooping a trio of awards. Phil Clarke was named University Advisor of the Year, Sean Macaskill won Social Entrepreneurship Champion of the Year and the whole team picked up the National Entrepreneurship AGCAS award.

Find out more about The Hive at www.ntu.ac.uk/hive



Jolly good Fellows

Join the Alumni Fellowship Programme and help our students follow in your successful footsteps.

To find out more about the Alumni Fellowship Programme and get involved, visit www.ntualumni.org.uk/alumni_fellows



"I'm proud to have renewed my connection with the University and I look forward to volunteering for another academic year."

Julia Allen (BSc Hons Construction Management 1992)

From mentoring to mock interviews, career talks to company visits, there are many ways Alumni Fellows can share their knowledge and help students improve their job prospects.

As a Fellow, you'll spend at least two days a year helping students develop vital employability skills. Being a Fellow is also an excellent way to raise your profile (or your company's), while developing your own skills.

Current Business School Alumni Fellow Julia Allen (BSc Hons Construction Management 1992) says: "I wouldn't hesitate to encourage others to get involved with the Programme. I'm proud to have renewed my connection with the University through this initiative and I look forward to volunteering for the next academic year as well."

The Programme was piloted in Nottingham Business School in 2014-15 with 30 volunteers – now the School's working with over 150 Fellows. It's proven to be such a success, that we're rolling it out across the rest of the University.



"There are loads of areas where you can offer support. It doesn't take a huge amount of time and it's so rewarding."

Roger Luxton (MBA 1997)

The next Schools to get involved are:

- Nottingham Law School;
- School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences; and
- School of Arts and Humanities.

The remaining Schools will follow.



Learning a lesson



Inspiring future scientists

NTU's CHEMWORKS is changing young people's perceptions of chemistry as a subject and a potential career.

CHEMWORKS was set up as part of a national drive to overcome the barriers to studying chemistry and progressing to higher education. The project takes some of chemistry's most exciting applications into schools, capturing the imagination of high-achieving students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

It's a collaboration between NTU's Schools, Colleges and Community Outreach team and School of Science and Technology, along with Nottingham City Council, STEMNET ambassadors and the Ignite! creative learning agency.

Activities range from laboratory experiments showing the relevance of chemistry in everyday life, to events pairing scientists with artists in science-themed performances. There's also the chance for NTU students to get involved, sharing ideas and getting valuable experience.

The initiative is underpinned by career and skills support for pupils, as well as continuing professional development for teachers to introduce creative approaches to science learning.

Launched in September 2014, the five-year programme involves six Nottingham schools. It's also seen NTU reconnect with alumni Dr Shane Barber (BSc Hons Chemistry 2010) and Julie Walmsley (BSc Hons Applied Biology 1999, Cert Chemistry Secondary Teaching 2011 and ProGCE Secondary Education 2012), who now teach at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy and Nottingham Academy.

If you'd like to get involved with NTU's nationally acclaimed outreach programme, we'd love to hear from you. Just email alumni@ntu.ac.uk

Never too late

Recently qualified teacher Danny Thompson (PGCE 2015) has learned that it's never too late for a change of career.

After working in marketing for 14 years, Danny decided to pursue a lifelong ambition – so he left his job as Head of Product Marketing at Experian to become a primary school teacher.

As part of his training, Danny spent four days a week in a school classroom and one day at NTU.

"Working full-time while training is tough, but I was glad to have the opportunity to be in a school rather than sitting in lectures day-in, day-out," he says.

Now teaching a class of 30 Year Five pupils at Edwalton Primary School in Nottingham, he adds: "I love it! The children have a real appetite to learn and it's so rewarding.

"I always wanted to be a teacher, but the timing was never quite right. I'd say to others considering any career change to just go for it!"



Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/edu to find out more about training to become a teacher.



Rocking all over the world



Alumna Jane Donald (BA Hons Graphic Design 2003) has a dream job: travelling the world with rock giants Foo Fighters to make sure their spectacular live shows go off with a bang.



Tell us about your job

As production coordinator I look after a crew of over 80 people for all logistical matters when the band's on tour. The production team are up at 6 am and first on the ground to prepare for other departments to come in and set up. Once our trucks start unloading, I oversee setting up the touring offices and dressing rooms. Throughout the day I'm a problem solver and the main contact in the production office. I'm basically the mum of the tour and ensure every department has what they need.

How was your NTU experience?

Everything about university shaped my future and career: being independent and exploring my artistic passion and childhood desire to pursue a career in the art field. All that intuition and those skills have led me to where I am now.

What challenges have you faced?

I had zero experience when I started my job, so there was a lot of flying by the seat of my pants and sleepless nights in order to get things accomplished!

What advice can you offer others?

You can apply the skills you learn at university to whatever you want to, whether that means a career related to your degree or taking elements of that degree into another field. Don't let anyone tell you you can't do something you know you're capable of doing.



Tell us what you've been up to since leaving NTU by sharing your story at www.ntualumni.org.uk/getting_involved

STARLING FLIES IN FOR NEW EXHIBITION



Turner Prize-winning artist and alumnus Simon Starling (BA Hons Photography 1990) returns to Nottingham for his largest-ever UK exhibition.



Simon's new show, sponsored by NTU, brings together some of his major projects, many of which have not been seen in this country before.

One of the key themes running throughout the exhibition is industry, as Simon explores the making process with ancient techniques such as silversmithing, through to the use of computer animation.

"I'm always keen to discover new ways of making work, experimenting with materials and processes and also collaborating with a wide range of skilled technicians and craftspeople," he adds. "These works have been made with artisanal glass blowers, cinematographers, a high-tech magnesium foundry, a traditional weaving works, a charcoal burner, etc."

One of the pieces, *Project for a Crossing*, is a new work specially created for this event, which involved Simon building a boat out of magnesium extracted from the Dead Sea. He intends to cross the sea in the boat after the exhibition.

So how does it feel to come back to Nottingham? "It feels fitting somehow," says Simon. "I seem to have been an artist who's made many of his most important exhibitions and projects away from the accepted centres of the art world."

"Nottingham in the late 80s was a great place to be a student, but the visual arts were relatively underdeveloped. It's wonderful to see how things have developed since and to play a part in that evolution."

You can see Simon's exhibition at Nottingham Contemporary until 26 June. Visit www.nottinghamcontemporary.org for more details.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE...

Making Nottingham a greener city



NTU is helping cities across Europe improve their environments by reducing emissions and saving energy.

The Remourban programme, or REgeneration MOdel for accelerating the smart URBAN transformation, is supported by significant European funding. Five cities are taking part: Nottingham, Valladolid in Spain, Eskisehir in Turkey, Seraing in Belgium and Miskolc in Hungary.

In each city, organisations are using the funding to introduce greener systems, sharing best practice with their international partners. Leading the work for NTU is Dr Anton Ianakiev of the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment. He's working alongside Nottingham City Council, Nottingham City Homes, Nottingham Energy Partnership, INFOHUB Ltd and SASIE Ltd.

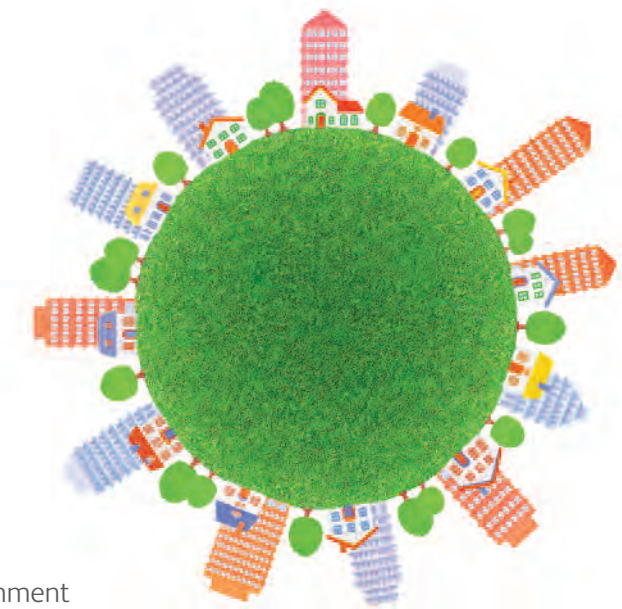
NTU recently welcomed visitors from the other cities to hear about the initiatives planned in Nottingham, including the innovative, energy-efficient refurbishment of homes near Sneinton Market.

Building inspiring careers

Our third annual Women in the Built Environment (WIBE) event brought together female students, alumnae and business delegates to share career insights and inspiration.

Despite more female students enrolling in built environment related courses, women are still under-represented in these industries. WIBE challenges this by giving female students the chance to get advice and encouragement from women working in property, construction, architecture and engineering.

You can find out more about WIBE at www.ntu.ac.uk/wibe



Held by the NTU Employability Team, WIBE 2015 featured presentations by Amy Fitzgerald from Interserve Project Services, Mary Lunney (NTU alumna) from Arcadis, Carly Robinson from Vision Express and Linda Goodacre from EE.

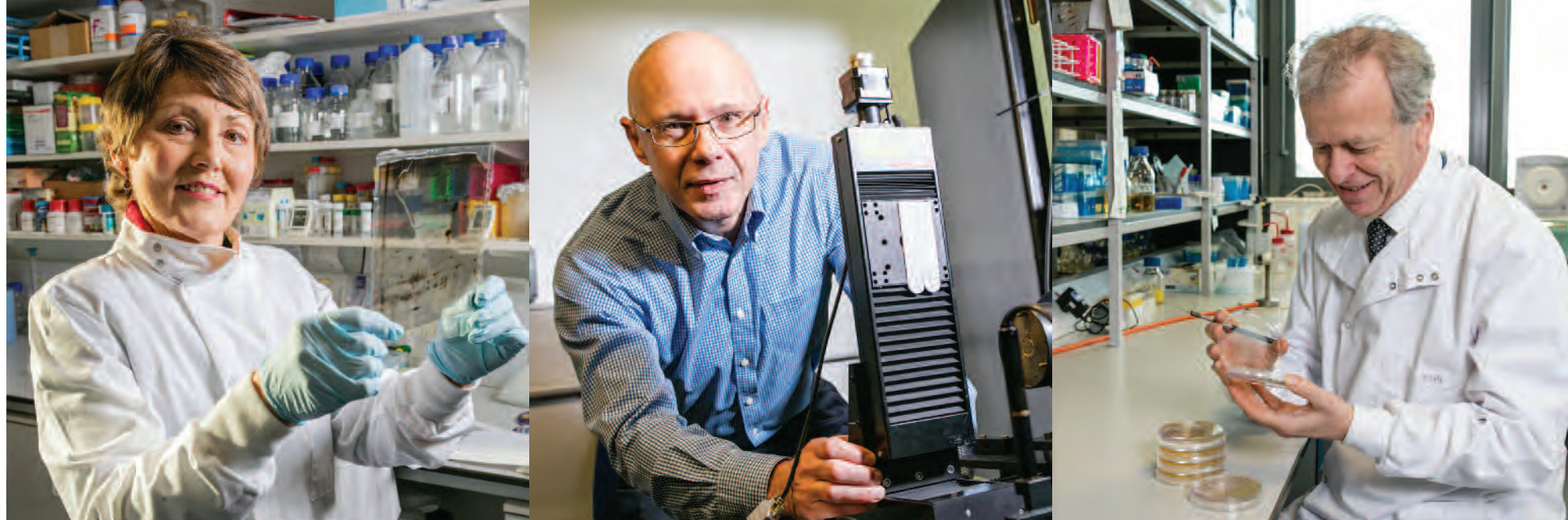
The final presentation was from BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying and Commercial Construction Management student Katy Hicks, who introduced the WIBE Internship Prize. Katy won last year and is now sponsored by Arcadis, working as a trainee quantity surveyor and completing her studies part-time.

Find out more about Remourban at www.ntu.ac.uk/remourban

We're proud to be one of the greenest universities in the world.



From left: Professor Ellen Billett,
Professor Paul Evans,
Professor Stephen Forsythe.



Celebrating success

Hold the front page



NTU's BA (Hons) Journalism course has been named the UK's top performing undergraduate journalism degree by the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ). The award recognises the course with the highest percentage of students achieving the NCTJ gold standard (A-C grade passes) in all exams plus 100 words-per-minute shorthand.

It's a great achievement for the University's Centre of Broadcast Journalism, whose graduates regularly go on to careers with the BBC, ITN, Sky News, major newspapers and radio stations.

An award-winning year

It's been another award-winning year for NTU students, staff and alumni, from Kayt Hughes (BA Hons Fine Art 2015) scooping the prestigious Woon Foundation Art and Sculpture Prize to PhD student Lynda Clark winning the BBC's WriterSlam UK competition. The Hive also picked up three awards (see page 09) and teams from career development to procurement were recognised for their innovative work.

NTU receives Queen's Anniversary Prize

We're proud of our world-class research, and now that work has been recognised with a prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize – the highest national honour for a UK university.

At the heart of our submission was the University's contribution to world-leading 3D X-ray scanning systems for airport security. Led by NTU alumnus and academic Professor Paul Evans (BSc Hons Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1985 and PhD 1993), the work has significantly improved passenger safety.

The University's food microbiology research was also recognised for lowering the risk of severe infections in newborns caused by contaminated milk formula. Professor Stephen Forsythe and his team contributed to the safer production of formula, changes in international legislation, and the introduction of new World Health Organisation formula preparation guidelines.

Finally, the award recognised NTU's food authenticity research. Tests developed under the leadership of Professor Ellen Billett are helping the Government reduce food fraud by detecting undeclared offal and added blood in meat products.

Jo Johnson, Minister for Universities and Science said: "The outstanding academics recognised with these awards bring benefits to the everyday lives of millions of people in the UK and deserve this high honour for their work."



Vice-Chancellor receives Queen's Anniversary Prize on behalf of NTU.

Making music with the Alumni Fund



The latest Alumni Fund Award for Music was presented to third year BSc (Hons) Animal Biology student Jenny Sadie, recognising her talent and lifelong love of music.

Jenny's been playing the piano and flute for as long as she can remember, but when her mum joined a brass band she got into percussion too. "I was about 14 at the time," explains Jenny. "They needed a percussionist, so I thought I'd give it a go and I played the xylophone and timpani."

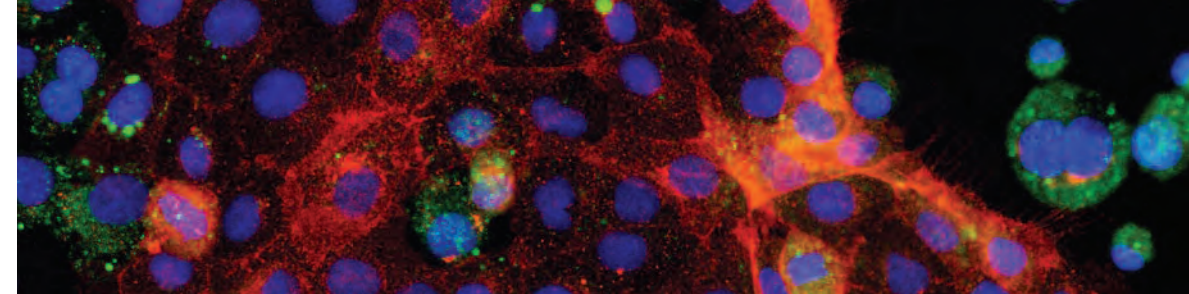
After receiving music lessons as part of a scholarship in her first and second years, Jenny was encouraged to try the marimba. She's a regular in the University's concert band and she loved the instrument so much that she used the funding to buy one.

"The marimba has such a lovely sound, with deeper tones than the xylophone," she says. "I'm grateful to alumni for giving me the opportunity to play it. No other bands I've been involved with have had one because they're so expensive, but it's here all the time for me to practise on. I feel so lucky."

The marimba will remain at NTU after Jenny's graduation for other musicians to enjoy.

Like to join the NTU choir or orchestra?

Did you know NTU's award-winning choir and orchestra are open to alumni too? If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Email music@ntu.ac.uk to find out more.



Protein discovery could help cancer sufferers

Scientists at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre have identified proteins that could lead to new treatments for prostate cancer.

The proteins appear to play an important role in triggering the onset and early spreading of particularly aggressive forms of the disease.

Dr Tarik Regad, a senior scientist at the Centre, explains: "While for many men the disease may cause no serious problems, some prostate cancers will develop an aggressive form, which spreads quickly and as a result leads to reduced life expectancy.

"It's therefore essential to find new diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers like these proteins, which could be used to identify and treat patients through the development of targeted, personalised therapies."

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among UK males, with more than 42,000 men diagnosed and more than 10,500 dying from the disease each year.

Tissue samples and clinical data from patients attending Nottingham University Hospitals Trust over the last ten to 15 years were used by the scientists to make the discovery. The research study – which also involved the Trust and the Royal Derby Hospital – can be found in the journal *Oncogene*.



Your support is vital

Every penny received by the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre is spent on lifesaving research.

So if you'd like to make a difference, please consider making a donation or why not take part in a sponsored challenge? Climbing, cycling, swimming, washing cars, shaving your head... there's lots you can do!

You could even put on your running shoes for next year's runNTU or get your organisation or school involved with our annual 1in2 Day on 24 February 2017.

For more information contact Alumni and Community Giving Officer Stephen Knott on +44 (0)115 848 8807 or email stephen.knott@ntu.ac.uk.

CHANGING LIVES

Exciting campus developments

Inspiring new facilities at our Clifton and Brackenhurst campuses are taking NTU towards an even brighter future.



The Pavilion paving the way

We took another big step towards reducing our carbon footprint this year, with the opening of the Pavilion, part of our multimillion-pound Clifton campus development.

Generating more energy than it consumes, the Pavilion is NTU's first building to be given a carbon-negative Energy Performance Certificate rating of A+. It's also on track to achieve the prestigious BREEAM excellence award.

The project was especially rewarding for alumnus Steve Hollis (BSc Hons Quantity Surveying 1996). Steve works for subcontractor DJ Swallow Construction and says: "It was great to be involved with the University again and contribute to a project which leaves a legacy for future students."



Brackenhurst blossoms

Brackenhurst campus is home to our School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences. In December, it saw the opening of a brand new £100,000 roundhouse for its Lincoln Red cattle, offering advanced teaching and research facilities, plus winter housing for the herd.

And there's plenty more planned. Proposals include making the campus a visitor attraction, with a new café, museum and visitor centre, as well as restoring the Main Hall, extending the country walks and building a tropical butterfly house.

The School plans to develop its teaching and research facilities, increase student accommodation, enhance its equine and canine facilities and build a new species recovery centre.

The idea is to create an engaging campus, putting NTU at the forefront of land-based science and attracting the best talent to tackle the environmental challenges of the future.





Former archbishop leads lecture series

Our Distinguished Lecture Series is now in its eleventh year and we warmly welcome alumni and friends to join us for these thought-provoking talks. The series tackles a wide variety of fascinating, topical subjects head on.

So far in 2016 we've welcomed former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams to talk about ethics and empathy and Nobel Prize-winning geneticist and cell biologist Paul Nurse to discuss great ideas in biology.

Over the years, high-profile speakers have included historian and broadcaster Michael Wood, BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson CBE, Expert Adviser on Health and Work to the Department of Health Professor Dame Carol Black, award-winning broadcaster Gavin Esler and Chair of the Youth Sport Trust Baroness Sue Campbell CBE.

We'll be announcing our next Distinguished Lecture Series speakers this summer, so visit www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures to find out more.

Ready for your business

Could you offer a year-long placement or short-term work experience to one of our skilled students? Taking on a talented student can have real benefits for your business. They bring energy, enthusiasm and fresh ideas and they can help solve specific project challenges. Placements are also a good way to discover potential new employees.

Third-year student Ruth Richards says: "I had a great experience in my placement year. Not only did I gain confidence and develop my skills, but it's also boosted my CV and put me ahead when it comes to applying for jobs."

Chris Whitfield (BSc Hons Building Surveying 2015), pictured right, agrees: "My placement confirmed that I had chosen the right degree. As well as gaining technical knowledge, it opened my eyes to the interpersonal and communication skills expected of a good surveyor."

Email alumni@ntu.ac.uk to find out more.



Looking for a job?

Did you know that alumni can get careers advice and support from our Employability team for up to three years after graduation? This includes access to job adverts on FutureHub. Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/employability to find out more.

You can also find (and even post) vacancies at www.ntualumni.org.uk/jobs_board.





Amazing lace



Beautiful Battle of Britain drawings of lace panel come home to Nottingham.

Between 1942 and 1946, Harry Cross designed a lace panel depicting the Battle of Britain, commemorating those who fought valiantly to defend the country.

Before his death in 1973, Harry recreated his design in a series of coloured drawings. His granddaughters have now kindly lent this artwork to NTU.

Alumna Barbara Cross (PhD 2002) and sister Heather Day contacted us after reading about the University's Lace Archive in *Network*. "At that time my grandfather's work was on loan to RAF Hendon, but we wanted it to return home to Nottingham," says Barbara. "My sister and I are comforted to know that it will be well looked after at NTU."

Made with Nottingham's famous lace, the original panels feature scenes of the bombing of London. Only 38 panels were woven and presented to dignitaries such as King George VI and Winston Churchill, along with various RAF units and others.

Dr Amanda Briggs-Goode, the keeper of the collection, says: "The panel is of significant historical importance to Nottingham, and of course the UK and beyond. Harry's colourful recreation is beautiful, and I'm grateful to the family for allowing us to have this on loan for safekeeping for future generations. I hope that at some point we can put this design on display for people to come and enjoy."

#NTUDEGREESHOW



1300 GRADUATING ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS PREPARE TO STAMP THEIR CREATIVE MARK ON NOTTINGHAM

PUBLIC VIEW: 4 – 11 June

Nottingham Trent University, City site (free admission).

INDUSTRY PREVIEW EVENT: 3 June

Launch event for professionals and industry, booking required.

CATWALKS AND FASHION EXHIBITION:

25 and 26 May

Newton building, NTU City site. Ticketed events.

All information and bookings: www.ntu.ac.uk/SHOWnetwork16

EMERGE PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL:

23 May – 4 June

At venues around Nottingham: www.emergephotofest.com

TAKE A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

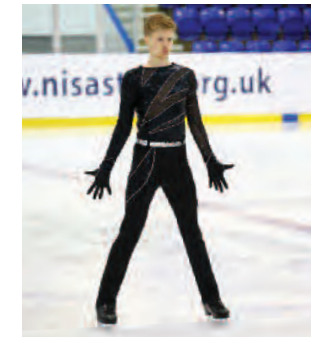
Visit our social media hub: www.ntu.ac.uk/degreshowhub

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Image by Julia Zolotova, BA (Hons) Photography 2016 (model, Dorothy-Momo Yang)

Helping talented students stay on track

The Alumni Fund makes a big difference to young sportspeople studying at NTU. It's not easy to juggle training with studies, and the extra support helps hardworking students aim high.



Flatwater sprint canoeist Joseph Seaman (BSc Hons Sport Science Management 2011) is one athlete who received support from the Alumni Fund during his studies. He's now taken his canoe all the way to Austin, Texas, where he's training to compete internationally.

"I couldn't have achieved this without NTU alumni," he explains. "It was tough to train 14 times a week while studying for my degree, but you made it easier. I can't stress how important it was."

We also spoke to two current students benefiting from funding. Second year Sport and Exercise Science student, Charlie Parry-Evans, is a talented figure skater who's taken part in three international competitions recently, including the World University Games.

"Skating isn't a high-profile sport, so there isn't much financial support," he says. "I have to pay over £400 a month to use the facilities at the National Ice Centre, so the funding's well-spent."

Kirsty Short is a second year Sports Education and Psychology student and a rising star in eventing. She trains seven days a week and her ambition is to represent Team GB at the Olympic Games. "I'm so grateful to NTU alumni," she says. "You're helping me so much with pursuing my career in eventing."

If you'd like to support talented students, visit www.ntualumni.org.uk/giving_to_ntu or call +44 (0)115 848 8807 to find out more.

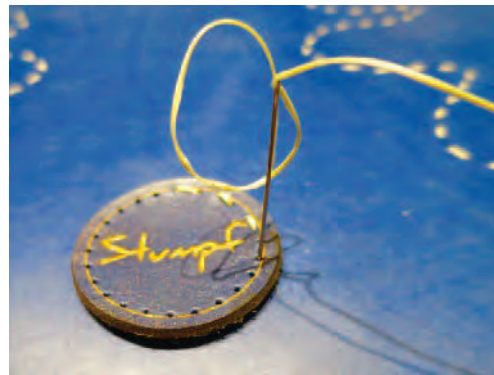
FHP kits out our clubs

FHP Student Living is providing £15,000 of sponsorship for NTU's sports clubs, thanks to close ties with FHP partner and alumnus David Hargreaves (BSc Hons Urban Estates Surveying 1985).



Nottingham gets creative

With a new Creative Quarter in the city, Nottingham's fast becoming an attractive place for talented artists and designers – including many alumni.



After graduating, Dorota Stumpf (BA Hons Fashion Accessory Design 2014) launched Stumpf British Handmade, creating bags, belts, jewellery and body pieces. She recently collaborated with fellow alumna, Kitty Mok (BA Hons Fashion Design 2014), for a collection shown at this year's New York Fashion Week, which she calls "a dream come true".

Elsewhere in the city, former lace factory Cobden Chambers, has been transformed into a start-up hub for young entrepreneurs. It was co-founded by alumni Liam Woodgates (BA Hons Fine Art 2006) and Becky Evers (BA Hons Fine Art 2011).

The Hockley Arts Club, a former Victorian silk merchant's, is one of Nottingham's newest bars based in Hockley in the Creative Quarter with a very eclectic decor and each floor has its own identity. Alumnus Adam Sumner (BA Hons Multimedia 2011), also responsible for decorating the Orange Tree and Das Kino in Nottingham, is the General Manager and once again added his unique style to the interior.

Other alumni who can be seen across the city include Joy Pitts (MA Fine Art 2006), whose artwork using recycled clothing labels has been commissioned by Nottingham-born designer Sir Paul Smith.

Thanks to the support from NTU, The Hive (see page 09) and the city itself, there are many more alumni who choose to stay in Nottingham and grow their businesses – which makes it an incredibly vibrant place for creative talent!



NOTTINGHAM...A CITY OF SUCCESS



A city of words

Nottingham has been named a UNESCO City of Literature, celebrating its literary history, diverse writing community and commitment to children's literacy.

The city's bid was run by local writers and representatives from NTU, The University of Nottingham, the city and county councils and the Creative Quarter.

The city has a diverse, rich level of literary exuberance, with initiatives promoting creativity and cultural diversity throughout its population. This is backed by organisations ranging from educational institutions to our local theatres, writers' groups and local publications.

It's hoped the title will boost cultural tourism and support the area's creative businesses. David Belbin, one of three City of Literature board members from the School of Arts and Humanities, says: "We look forward to taking our literature to the world, and bringing the world to Nottingham."

To find out more about the literary success stories, please visit www.ntualumni.org.uk/network2016



Ball games allowed!

Nottingham has a rich football history. This legacy is set to continue since Nottingham was declared England's first City of Football late in 2014.

Football runs through this city. With our two major football clubs, grassroots level clubs, education sector, community and faith groups collaborating alongside private-sector partners, volunteers, festivals and digital services – Nottingham's social football revolution has kicked off.

Nottingham's status as the City of Football means its bold plans to increase participation, supported by £1.6m in National Lottery funds, are materialising. We've already seen an increase the number of over-55s playing walking football; we are aiming to raise the number of BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) and female participants; and to increase the number of people playing football for half an hour or longer per week by 25%.

Green spaces will be used more appropriately. "No Ball Games" signs are being torn down, replaced with "Ball Games Allowed", and a City of Football app along with an insight led tool, Playbook, will enable people to set up social games and help providers and commissioners to better plan and deliver activity across the city.

Read more about the different initiatives and NTU's participation on www.ntualumni.org.uk/network2016





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Why not come back to NTU and celebrate your big day in our elegant Arkwright Rooms, like alumnus Caris Henry (BA Hons Politics 2005) and his wife Becky pictured right.

Right in the city centre, Arkwright Rooms is a beautifully restored Grade II listed building, full of Victorian character. It's the ideal setting for an unforgettable ceremony, wedding breakfast or reception. Find out more at www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk/arkwright-rooms

Tying the knot

Congratulations to all our alumni who have celebrated their wedding recently...

Tim Abbott (BA Hons Broadcast Journalism 2004) and Sonja Peterson, pictured right.

Nicola Arrowsmith (BA Hons Media and Cultural Studies and Sociology Psychology 2005) and Kris Brownbill, pictured below.

Sarah Brine (BA Hons English Lit with Media and Cultural Studies 2007) and Lee Boon (BSc Hons Sport and Exercise Science 2007).

Michael Drukker and Alison Tureck (both BA Childhood Studies 2008).



Photo by: One Love.



Past and present

Sixties

David Burgess | Cert Education 1964

My wife, Eva Burgess (nee Tilley), passed away on 18 April 2015. We met at Clifton and married in 1965. We attended the 50th Anniversary Reunion together in 2010.

Kenneth Warren | Secondary Education 1964; HNC Computer Studies 1973

I'm involved with a number of volunteer roles in the local NHS. I'm Chair of the Patient Cabinet of NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, Patient Member of the RCG Clinical Cabinet and Urgent Care Steering Group, and of NHS III (Nottinghamshire) Clinical Governance Group.

Seventies

Gerald Rivett | Cert Agricultural Merchandising 1970

Now retired after 40-plus years in the agricultural supply industry in the UK and Eastern Central Europe. I still conduct consultancy work in the industry and have a small property rental portfolio. I also occupy a main board and trustee position at the Citizens Advice Bureau. Other Directorships are with the Glenfinnan Station Museum and Whestrail, a rail charter company.

Alan Simpson | BA Hons Economics 1971

Labour MP for Nottingham South from 1992 to 2010. Post-2010 I've worked as a consultant to Friends of the Earth, the End-Fuel-Poverty Coalition, Community Energy England, and 10:10, as well as advising ministers, shadow ministers and MPs on energy transformation policy.

Eighties

Julie McNamara | BA Hons Creative Arts 1982

Currently Artistic Director of Vital Xposure, a touring theatre company. Winners of the Unlimited Award 2014, Southbank Show Diversity Award 2010 and Dada Writers Award (ITV) 2009.

John Bexon | MI Biol Membership of the Institute of Biology 1984

Change of career from head brewer to management consultant, majoring on the brewing industry and providing technical training and lecturing to the next generation of brewers.

Email alumni@ntu.ac.uk to tell us your news. We really enjoy hearing from you.

Nineties

Hilary Brearley | MA Human Resource Management 1995

I've left the NHS to start up my own consultancy specialising in coaching, executive leadership development, investigations, and health and wellbeing. Would love to hear from alumni with similar organisations.

Elizabeth Roper (nee Parrott) | BA Hons Humanities 1997

NTU's Heritage Studies options really shaped my career. I set up a small heritage education consultancy with two colleagues: www.tiranogheritage.com.

Neil Bosworth | BEng Hons Civil Engineering with Management 1999

In May 2016 I'll start my new role as a project engineer in the British Virgin Islands, building very high-end houses. My car will be replaced by a boat!

Obituaries

Stephen Edward Hardy (MBA 1991)

Stephen worked at Rolls-Royce, joining with a first-class Physics degree from York University. Later he went onto study for his MBA at NTU. He enjoyed University and was a keen supporter, attending lectures, talks and exhibitions whenever he could. In fact, he was looking forward to participating in the Nottingham Business School Alumni Fellowship Programme when he received the shock news that he had cancer. Sadly, he died eight months later in July 2015. Stephen leaves wife Liz and two daughters.

Connie 'Sheila' Hutchinson nee Storry (Cert Ed Primary Education 1970)

Sheila returned to higher education as a mature student at the age of 43. A single parent, she combined raising three children and running a household with her studies, and qualified as a teacher in 1970 – a career she enjoyed until her retirement.

Sheila's hobbies included walking, calligraphy, dancing, sewing and gardening. After

Noughties

Amy Nicholson | BA Hons Theatre Design 2003

I've established the Hand Made Theatre Company, which creates interactive theatre for children with special educational needs. I've also set up the digital art and film company Polymath. We were nominated for the 2013 UK MVA award for a music video produced in collaboration with NTU Theatre Design students.

Catriona MacIntyre | BSc Hons Psychology 2005

In 2012 I started Enlighten Training (formerly Forget Me Not Scotland), an innovative training company which aims to improve the quality of life for those with dementia and their carers.

Neil Chattle | BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 2007

I've managed Etihad Airways, Saudi and Egypt Air since 2012 for Rolls-Royce in the Middle East. I spend most of my time in Abu Dhabi and Cairo managing Rolls-Royce personnel. I often think about my time at NTU and saw one of my old lecturers recently on a flight to Cairo!

Martin Griffith | BA Hons Theatre Design 2007

I built the wave of poppies and the Weeping Window for the Tower of London installation.

Teenies

Nicholas Cakebread | BSc Hons Product Design 2012

New business 'Container Hostels' has been successful and things are looking good for this summer. Launched 'Escape London' with successful trips to Cheese Rolling. Launching 'Sovereign Socks' over the summer!

Sian Cornelius | BSc Hons Equine Sports Science 2013

My equine business has been really successful. We recently exhibited at the British Equestrian Trade Association, selling to trade retail shops all over the UK, as well as USA, Canada and Australia. This has all happened in the two years since graduating. We'll be exhibiting at Burghley, Blair, the National Dressage Championships and the Horse of the Year Show later this year.

Matthew Rollings | BA Hons Decorative Arts 2013

I'm working as a lighting designer in Manchester, designing for BHS and B&Q. Still in contact with friends from NTU. Forever Trent Army!

Andrew Murray | LLB Hons International Law 2014

While at University I formed a video games company. We released our first game and downloadable content in July 2015. Both are selling well and the next game's in development.

retirement she liked reading and writing poetry, and entertained listeners with her programme on the local Ashfield Community Radio.

Sheila's enthusiasm and positive outlook will be sadly missed by daughters Nina and Louise, son Scot, grandchildren and great grandchild.

Sarah Williams (BA Hons Textile Design 1998)

Sarah passed away on 22 March 2015 after contracting meningitis. She was in her seventh year as Head of Art at Eastbourne Academy, where they held a tribute day planting a tree in her memory and painting a bench for the children to use.

Sarah's mother, Diana, says: "Sarah had some amazing memories of NTU. Some of her university friends attended the funeral and we received cards from others all over the world. She was very special to her family, friends, colleagues and the children she worked with, and will be deeply missed."

Tom Wilson (BSc Hons Sport Science Management 2014)

Tom died in December 2015 following a tragic freak accident during hockey training. He worked at

property consultants Lambert Smith Hampton, which was sponsoring him to do his MA. He'd hoped to become a chartered surveyor and was enjoying life in London with his girlfriend, fellow graduate Daisy Chetwode.

Tom's mother, Lisa, says: "It is tragic that Tom lost his life playing the game he loved so much. We have been overwhelmed with letters and cards from his NTU friends and by the number who came to a memorial at the Old Loughtonians Hockey Club and to his funeral."

"As a fresher Tom became an organ donor and we have found great comfort that he has given the gift of life to over 20 people."

Tom is greatly missed and fondly remembered by mother Lisa, father Graham, sister Philippa, girlfriend Daisy, and by all those who knew him. His family have set up the Tom Wilson Memorial Fund for sporting charities and research into concussion / head injuries in sport. To make a donation send a cheque payable to the Tom Wilson Memorial Fund, to Mrs L Wilson, 27 Mill Park Ave, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6HD.

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