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It's all systems go at ASET HQ following yet another busy summer culminating last week at our Annual Conference in York at the delightful Campus East, where we welcomed 175 guests and delegates.



2016 ASET Conference
The Placement and
Employability Professionals'
Conference
6-8 September
University of York, Campus East

"Enhancing the Experience, Supporting the Student"

If you missed Conference, there are a few highlights below, and for those who attended, see below for the 2016 ASET Water Bottle challenge!

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The 2016 ASET Conference

It's hard to believe a week has passed since conference. ASET's 23rd Annual event at the University of York proved to be another great event, with a packed programme of keynotes and parallel sessions. Once again the weather was kind and we were pleased to be able to make the most of the peaceful setting – taking time out in the sunshine.



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Focused on our key theme – “Enhancing the Experience, Supporting the Student, Dr Gurnam Singh opened with a thought provoking keynote looking at **BME attainment and the challenges for employability**, and posed two key questions :

- Why do we need to change?
- Why do we need to be more diverse / inclusive?



Dr Vicky Duckworth, Trustee for The Helena Kennedy Foundation, which ASET have supported for the last five years, spoke to delegates on day 2 to showcase their work to overcome social injustice by providing financial bursaries, mentoring and support to disadvantaged students from the further and adult education sectors, enabling them to complete their studies in higher education and move on successfully into employment or further studies. They do this by

- taking social action to increase the number and enhance the value of bursaries awarded each year
- encouraging social mobility by increasing the range and types of student support available, particularly for talented students from non-traditional backgrounds
- promoting social justice by offering more opportunities for students and graduates to participate in peer mentoring, work shadowing, and personal skills training; and by extending the reach of our student support volunteers network

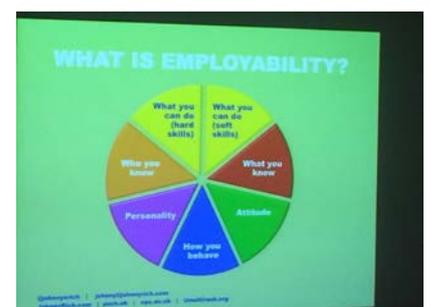
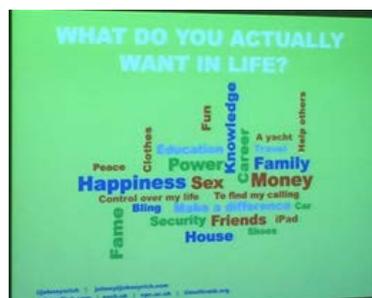
And on the final morning of conference **Johnny Rich**, CEO Push, under the header ‘The Employability Edge’ asked a key question -

- *What do you actually want in life?*

And moved on to consider

- *What is Social Capital?*
- *What is Employability?*

before taking us all on a journey to recognise ‘**Why Employability Matters**’



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For those who were there – I'm sure you will have good memories of your own, which hopefully will include the Gala Dinner, those lunches, and trips into York – and, dare I mention, the Quiz?? Suffice to say hear from the assessors that grade boundaries are under review for this session!

Further details of all the conference presentations/sessions will be available in Proceedings of the 2016 ASET Annual Conference in November.

And so finally – a very big



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To our Conference Partners, RMP Enterprise, who we are delighted have supported us over the last few years and this year delivered a Masterclass to all our delegates, with inside info with tips and pointers for entering the 2017 NUE Awards – we look forward to seeing our delegates the shortlists!

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We appreciate your support, and look forward to seeing you again next year at the University of Kent.

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And a reminder to all delegates - don't forget to tell us what you thought about ASET conference 2016 via the Conference feedback survey. It's your conference and we really want to hear your thoughts.

The ASET Water Bottle Challenge.....

With the sun shining on delegates at the ASET conference in York during one of the hottest weeks this summer, the ASET Conference 2016 water bottles were a bonus for all. And now ASET Learning and Development Advisor, Nicola Bullivant-Parrish, has laid down a challenge to all you #ASET16 Conference delegates.....

Where will you take your #ASET16 water bottle?

Here's Nicola last weekend at the summit of Snowdon, her trusty ASET Conference 2016 water bottle standing proud on the trig point at 1085m.

Now, let's see where you and your bottle can get to?

Tweet pics with your bottle, incorporating the conference hashtag #ASET16, and there will be prizes.....



2017 ASET Conference



We are pleased to announce next year's ASET Conference will held at:

**The University of Kent,
5th – 7th September 2017**

where all things "International" will be on the agenda. Look out for the Call for Papers in the coming weeks.

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ASET Staff Development Workshop Programme

New academic year, new opportunities and new staff needs We are here to help – our staff development workshop programme gets underway very soon. All workshops are now open to [book online](#).

Date	Location	W'shop No.	Title
06-Oct	London - Senate House	12	An Introduction to Work Placement Management
25-Oct	Aston University	13	Placements, Work Based Learning and Social Mobility
03-Nov	London - Senate House	14	Supporting International Students with Placements
17-Nov	Aston University	15	Marketing for Placements
08-Dec	London - Senate House	16	From Placements to Employability

Book early to avoid disappointment – the closing date for An Introduction to Work Placement Management is fast approaching.....

Regional Hub Meetings

Following on from the highly successful Regional Hub meetings held in Spring, delegates from all over the UK joined their Regional hub meetings at conference last week to discuss issues arising from the ASET on Brexit session led by ASET Chair, Sarah Flynn and ASET President, Dr Geoffrey Copland. We are now looking to our next meetings which will be held in your region w/c December 12th. Dates and venues to be confirmed in October. In the meantime you may be interested to see the latest ASET Viewpoints. The first of which was developed from the Regional Hub Meetings held in April:

- [The Consumer Rights Act and the Competition and Markets Authority](#)
- [Making Effective Placement Visits](#)

ASET Regional Hub Meetings are free events for delegates from ASET member institutions. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Up to two delegates per institution may register.

If you would like to host a Regional Hub event for your region, and can offer space for 25-50 delegates for a morning or afternoon (2hour) meeting, please get in touch aset@asetonline.org

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2016 ASET Student Competition

This year's student competition was launched at conference, and the full details are now available on the ASET website, where you can [download the flyer](#). We hope you will encourage all your returning placement students to enter for a chance to win a 1st (£400) or Highly Commended (£100) prize in either category

- Placement/Work experience undertaken in the UK or Ireland
- Placement/Work experience undertaken overseas

Closing date for entries:

6th January 2017, 12noon

ASET Bursaries

The ASET Research Bursary is now in its 5th year, and the award winning project was presented on the first day of the 2016 ASET conference last week.

Award Winner: **Dr Mark Turner**, Associate Head of Education, Department of Psychology,
University of Portsmouth

Project Student: **Eleanor Scott-Allen**, BSc (Hons) Psychology 2013-2016, University of Portsmouth

Project: **What determines student success and failure when searching and applying for placements?**

Eleanor's presentation and poster, detailing her research were both well received, and we are looking forward to receiving her final report which will be available to view on the ASET website in early November.

The 3rd Exploration and Enhancement Student Bursary was also presented on the first day in York.

Award Winner: **Dr Helena Pimlott-Wilson**, Placements Director and Lecturer in Human Geography
Loughborough University

Project Student: **Ami Harty**, PhD, School of Business & Economics 2016-2019, Loughborough University

Project: **Developing interest in work placements amongst prospective and current students**



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Ami's project outcomes generated considerable interest at conference and the final report will also be available to view on the ASET website in early November.

For the 2016/17 academic year ASET will again be offering **two student bursaries**. Both were launched at Conference by Emily Timson, ASET trustee and co-Leader of the ASET Research and Publications Working Group. Full details of the [2017 ASET Bursaries](#) are available on the ASET website:

2017 ASET Student Research Bursary



ASET will provide payments totalling £2400 to fund a **current student or recent graduate** to carry out a clearly defined piece of small-scale research (of approximately 300hrs / 40 days) designed to grow the body of research into work based and placement learning. The work must be feasible within the timescales but may be used to fund a feasibility study, or early part of a larger project. ASET will provide a further £600 to your institution towards the expenses required to carry out the work.

2017 ASET Summer Project Bursary



ASET will provide payments totalling £2400 to a **current undergraduate** to carry out a project (of approximately 300hrs / 40 days) examining an aspect of your institutional practice, or exploration of a new initiative with the goal of sharing the learning with the ASET community. ASET will provide a further £600 to your institution towards the expenses required to carry out the work.

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External Examiner for Work Related Learning

Newman University is looking to appointment a new External Examiner, to work with the Work-Related Learning team at the university. This role will involve external moderation of the Work-Related Learning modules, across Levels 4, 5 and 6. The intended tenure for the post will normally be between 2016-2020.

Suitable candidates, with relevant experience and qualifications should send a CV to Dr Simon Bicknell, via email or via post (see contact details below).

For further information regarding this post, please contact:
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And Finally

Your next ASET members' e-Bulletin will be issued in October. Please forward your news/copy to aset@asetonline.org by Friday 14th October.

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