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As the autumn chill arrives, we're looking towards the first ASET Trustees meeting next week at the the University of Central Lancashire, where we'll be agreeing plans for the year ahead. Look out for the full programme of events on our website in the following days. In the meantime don't forget:



- *NUE Awards nominations – closing date 9th November*
- *#ASET18 Coffee Cup challenge – to win a free place at #ASET19*
- *2018 Student Competition- how many students are you supporting?*
- *2019 ASET Bursaries – apply by 1st February 2019*
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Outstanding Contribution to Work Experience

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There are many unsung heroes in the world of Placements and Work Experience. Colleagues who work tirelessly to give their students the best possible experience, and each year it can seem as though that gets harder and harder to achieve.

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For more than thirty years ASET has been supporting good quality placement learning and we now represent more than 125 HEPs. ASET aims to use its national voice as a central agency and to provide our members with leadership and support from a network of like-minded colleagues. Through conferences, staff development workshops and Regional hub meetings, we showcase best practice in the sector. These events are led by our volunteer Trustees who have also spearheaded the development of a portfolio of materials, including Good Practice Guides and Viewpoints, which are freely available on the ASET website - a veritable treasure trove of resources to support you in your day-to-day roles.

We also offer your students the opportunity to showcase their learning with a chance to win £400 in the annual ASET Student Competition, and the ASET Bursaries which offer you the chance to develop your research interests, whilst also giving one of your students a paid placement experience.

And that's not all..... ASET is very proud to have supported the development of the (National Undergraduate Employability) NUE awards as both a Partner, and a category sponsor for the last six years. In 2019 the awards are celebrating 10 years and ASET will again be part of the celebrations.



The ASET sponsored “ Outstanding Contribution to Work Experience” award was developed to be a landmark for the invaluable contributions made by an individual within a university who has gone that extra mile to help their students apply and maximise their work experience opportunities. Next year will be the 7th of these particular awards, and there have been some worthy winners – but we are certain there are more of you out there deserving of the national recognition this award brings. Could that be you, or a colleague? Why not take some time to think about who you would nominate – and you could be joining us at the awards ceremony on 1st March next year.

[Nominate here](#)



Whilst you're there – why not see if there are other awards you could apply or nominate for too.

*Last year's winner **Julie Udell**, University of Portsmouth receives her award from ASET Chair Sarah Flynn*

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2018 ASET Conference Proceedings

[Proceedings](#) from this year's Employability Professionals Conference – the 25th ASET Annual Conference – were published in October and are now available to download from the Conference Proceedings page of the ASET website, where you will also find previous years' full Proceedings.

The ASET Executive Committee are now looking towards next year's conference, the venue will be announced soon so in the meantime don't forget to save the date **3-5th September #ASET19** and look out for conference updates on our website.

#ASET18 Coffee Cup Challenge.....

This year's competition is on – have you entered your photo? Remember there's a chance to win a **free place** at next year's conference. We're looking for shots that are **creative, cool, from far flung destinations, or every placement visit you make - #ASET18**. Tweet your entry today!

All entries to be tweeted by 31st March 2019.



Are you ready for the #ASET18 Coffee Cup Challenge?

Tweet @ASETOnline your pictures of your coffee cup using #ASET18 and you could win a FREE 2019 conference place for you or a colleague from your institution. Whether it is from a cool or far-flung destination, or from every placement visit you go on, send them in.

Photos must be tweeted before 31st March 2019
ASET will select a winner, all decisions are final

2018 Student Competition

If you came to conference, you will already have details for how to enter this year's Student Competition and entries are already flowing in. The competition is now open to all ASET member institutions, so please do encourage your returning students to enter. Full details are on the [ASET website](#) on the ASET Competitions page, along with this year's **entry form** which must be downloaded and completed in full by the student entering and supported by you.



2018 ASET Student Competition
Your Chance to win £400

Calling all students who have recently completed a placement
Celebrate by sharing your experiences in an inspirational way for a chance to win £400

There are once again two categories for entry:

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

Entries must reach the ASET Office by Friday 30th November 12noon.

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2019 ASET Bursaries

Our ASET bursaries are now in their 7th year and have become an established and useful addition to the body of research into Work based and Placement Learning. The projects funded have covered a wide range of topics, and many of the students have since continued with their research careers. The final reports from the Bursary Projects are published on the ASET website, and also via link within the ASET Conference Proceedings.

Projects funded to date:

- [*Pros and Cons of Central Placement Units in UK Universities*](#)
- [*Work Placements in Safety Critical Industries: A Built Environment Case Study*](#)
- [*Work Shadowing Evaluation Project*](#)
- [*An Investigation into Student Experiences of Summer Internships*](#)
- [*To what extent does peer-to-peer support encourage second year students to actively seek placements?*](#)
- [*Support for Students with Mental Health issues on Placement*](#)
- [*Piloting student media placements in non-traditional media environments:
Teesside University School of Art and Media and James Cook Hospital Communications Team*](#)
- [*The impact of Placement Experience on Returning Doctoral Students*](#)
- [*Developing interest in year-long work placements?*](#)
- [*What determines student success and failure when searching and applying for placements?*](#)
- [*An Investigation into the maximum number of hours that an undergraduate student can work during the semester without adversely impacting on their academic commitments*](#)

The final reports from the 2018 ASET Bursary projects are now available on the [ASET website](#)

- [*Millennial Students Perceptions of Employability: Lessons for Generation X & Y Academics*](#)
- [*International Work Placements: Linking Experiences to Future Career Aspirations*](#)

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The [2019 ASET Bursaries](#) were launched at the 2018 ASET Conference. For 2019, two bursaries will once again be awarded:

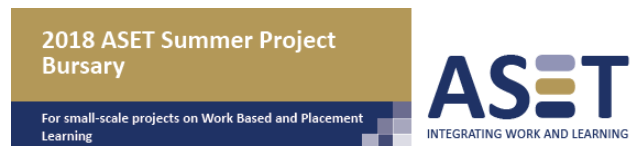
The Summer Project Bursary

For a **current undergraduate** to carry out a project examining an aspect of your institutional practice, or exploration of a new initiative, with the goal of sharing with the ASET community.

The Student Research Bursary

For a **current student or recent graduate** to carry out a clearly defined piece of small scale research designed to grow the body of research into work-based and placement learning.

Full details for both bursaries and details for how to apply, using the **2019 Bursary Application form** are available on the [ASET website](#). All applications must be emailed to the ASET office by 9am, 1st February 2019.



Regional Hub Meetings – December

The next Regional Hub meetings will be held w/c 17th December at a location near you. We are currently finalising venues for the last couple of regions and will be issuing a flyer, with topic details and venues in the next couple of weeks.

These are **free events** for ASET member institutions. Places are limited (up to **two** delegates per institution may register) and allocated on a first come first served basis.

Staff Development Workshops

Have you booked your place?

If you are planning to come along to the SISP or WPP workshops (see below) – we have a few places remaining on each, but the closing date for booking is fast approaching, so don't wait too long!

We are currently finalising the Spring 2019 Programme, the venues and dates are all booked and details will be posted to our website shortly. Don't forget, if there is a topic you would like us to introduce to the programme we would love to hear from you. And if you think your institution can offer facilities to ASET as a workshop venue, do get in touch with us at the ASET Office.

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Find out more about each session below, and check out our introductory videos from Nicola. Workshops at a glance...

Date	Location	W'shop No.	Title
15-Nov	Cloth Hall Court, LEEDS	12	Supporting International Students with Placements (SISP)
27-Nov	Cloth Hall Court, LEEDS	13	Widening Participation and Placements (WPP)

12. Supporting International Students with Placements (SISP)

Thursday 15th November (10am-4pm) Cloth Hall Court, Leeds Beckett University, LEEDS
£175 ASET members/£250 non-members

International student participation in placements is high on the agenda at many UK Higher Education Institutions. For some international students, studying in the UK is a highly desirable means to support their future employability prospects. International students' participation in placement remains low in some areas, with students citing obstacles – both perceived and real - to successfully securing a placement. International students' support requirements can differ from UK domiciled students, and can be greater. This workshop, facilitated by experienced placement professionals, will examine strategies to help prepare international students in securing placements, as well as ways to support them whilst on placement.

It will also look at the advice and guidance that can be provided for employers to persuade them of the value of offering placements to international students. The day will be interactive, including networking opportunities with other delegates and workshop facilitators. You will be encouraged to share experiences and examples of good practice from your institution.

Last day for booking on this workshop – Thursday 8th November

13. Widening Participation and Placements (WPP)

Tuesday 27th November (10am-4pm) Cloth Hall Court, Leeds Beckett University, LEEDS
£175 ASET members/£250 non-members

Discussions surrounding widening participation and the social mobility of our students are perennially on the agenda, nationally, in the HE sector. For those of us on the ground, what can we do, practically, to increase the take up of placements by students from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds? How can we reach out to and better engage students with employability and to support the development of their social capital? Furthermore, what solutions can we share to engage employers in order to further these broad aims?

In an interactive day of participation and dialogue, our course leaders will facilitate discussions on ways to support the employability of disadvantaged students and ways to overcome challenges and barriers to participation in placements. Delegates will have the opportunity to network and to build their own tool-kit of ideas and suggestions to take back to their institutions.

Last day for booking on this workshop – Tuesday 20th November

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Bespoke Workshops

We are pleased to be able to offer ASET member institutions the option for a bespoke workshop session, specifically tailored to your needs. This can be a cost effective choice for your team and we can work with you either as part of an ongoing team building programme or as a one-off refresher or introductory session.

- *Are you undergoing a department/team restructure?*
- *Have you been set a new challenge that you need support with?*
- *Would your team benefit from a refresher?*
- *Are you sure best practice is being followed across your institution?*
- *Do you need help to look at a fresh approach?*

Costs

ASET member institutions

Fees for bespoke sessions are fixed at a daily rate of £100 per delegate (with a minimum fee of £1500 per day) wherever you are in the UK.

Non-member institutions

Fees for bespoke sessions are set at a daily rate of £150 per delegate (with a minimum fee of £3000 per day) wherever you are in the UK.

If you would like to talk about ideas for a **bespoke workshop**, contact Debbie at the ASET Office aset@asetonline.org.

Job Opportunity - Careers Adviser

The University of Hertfordshire is looking for a qualified Careers Adviser who has experience of working in an education environment (preferably Higher Education but that is not essential). Candidates should be familiar with delivering one to one appointments and group sessions and also be prepared to undertake and lead project work relating to Careers activities. The successful candidate will be a graduate or equivalent with the ability to demonstrate strong communication and presentation skills.

More details can be found at:

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/contact-us/jobs-and-vacancies>

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Teaching and Learning Conference 2019



Please note the call for papers for the 2019 Teaching and Learning conference **#TLConf19** is now open.

The conference takes place 2 - 4 July 2019 on the theme of:

‘Innovation for Teaching Excellence’

The conference aims to showcase new practices that demonstrate teaching excellence and improve the student experience, and will have a focus on innovative teaching practices and pedagogies.

The conference is split into five strands over three days:

[Call for papers >](#)

Day One: Arts and Humanities, Health and Social Care

Day Two: Thematic/interdisciplinary

Day Three: STEM, Social Sciences

[More about the conference >](#)

And Finally

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