

ASET e-Bulletin

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Hot off the press news from the 2016 NUE Awards last Friday in London, where success came to two of our ASET trustees, **Jo Eaton**, Ravensbourne and **Emily Timson**, University of Leeds. Congratulations to Jo and Emily and to all the finalists in this years' awards.

If you want to see your team celebrated here next year – start thinking about putting together your nomination soon, it all comes round very quickly!

Also coming round quickly are closing dates for booking ASET workshops – don't miss out, check the programme of dates today <http://bit.ly/1TwHICQ>. The next e-bulletin will be issued w/c 14th March so do forward your news as soon as you can.

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2016 NUE Awards

by **Jo Eaton, ASET Trustee and Industry Liaison** at [Ravensbourne](#)



ASET has maintained a close relationship with [Rate My Placement](#), the company behind the [National Undergraduate Employability Awards](#), since their inception, seven years ago. As a partner organisation, we work closely with RMP to ensure the winners of the awards are innovative and constantly breaking boundaries within the world of placements and graduate employability.

The awards recognise the diverse, and high quality, work of those involved in developing undergraduate work opportunities - both employers and Higher Education institutions. ASET is also a category sponsor, supporting the 'Outstanding Contribution to Work Experience' award, which never fails to showcase an individual who has gone 'over and above' in the pursuit of excellence in the sector.

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As part of our long term relationship with RMP, each year a trustee is asked to represent ASET as one of the judges for the 2016 awards, and this year I was delighted to take up this opportunity to help select the winners, alongside an esteemed panel of judges which included a senior academic, the chief executive of [the AGR](#), employers and a student representative.

I really was blown away by the examples of best practice across our industry. All of the shortlisted entries showed there are people across the UK working their hardest to make sure our undergraduates leave their studies with the best possible opportunities to progress their careers. I was (obviously) unable to judge the award my own team was shortlisted for..! (Best Collaboration between an employer and a university) so I had to nervously wait, along with all of the other finalists, at the glitzy awards ceremony on Friday the 12th February in London.

Over 400 representatives of employers and HE colleagues attended the event, along with students who were nominated for awards which showcased how they had maximised their time on placement and given enormous benefits to their employers, whilst also gaining invaluable work skills. On the day there were presentations from Stephen Isherwood, AGR, our very own Sarah Flynn, ASET Chair, and from Aimee Bateman, [careecake.com](#). All were united in their message that there is a great deal of talent amongst the undergraduate population, however the jobs market is continually evolving. Employers know it is important to reach out to the diverse student population, and as employability professionals we are best placed to help employers by encouraging our students to engage with the opportunities open to them.



Sarah Flynn, ASET Chair

As ASET members there are many occasions where, we can share best practice, attend workshops to enhance our knowledge and gather new ideas...there are few events where we can celebrate our successes, and this is why ASET supports the NUE Awards each year. I am very pleased to say that Ravensbourne won our category, our first NUE award, and I could not have been more proud of the team as we collected our award from Aimee Bateman of [Career Cake](#) and Levi Roots (from Reggae Reggae sauce!)

I encourage you all to showcase your example of good practice to gain recognition for your amazing work and who knows, we might see you there at the awards next year?

And in case you haven't heard already, the winners were

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University Awards

Best University Placement Service

Finalists in this category were; Coventry University EC Futures, University of Huddersfield, University of Leeds and University of Liverpool and the winner:



Best University Careers/Employability Service

Finalists in this category were; University of Birmingham, University of Exeter, University of Glasgow, University of Leicester and University of Reading, and the winner:



Most Improved Commitment to Employability

Once again there were some excellent entries in this category, finalists were University of Hull, University of Leeds: Faculty of Engineering, University of Liverpool, Sheffield Hallam University and University of Westminster.



Congratulations to the winning team at University of Leeds: Faculty of Engineering, and especially to their Placement Manager and ASET Trustee, **Emily Timson**.

Outstanding Contribution to Work Experience



*"There are many unsung heroes in our sector, colleagues who work tirelessly to give their students a great experience, and we are delighted to sponsor the **Outstanding Contribution to Work Experience Award** to acknowledge these efforts"*

Sarah Flynn, ASET Chair

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Finalists in this category were; Bianca Moone, University of Hull; Darren Siggers, University of Liverpool, Harriet Kirk, Henley Business School University of Reading, Mike Grey, Coventry University; and Sarah Leith, University of York, with the award going to :

Mike Grey



Congratulations from your ASET colleagues to all those shortlisted in the University Awards categories, as well as to the winners. It's good to know you are appreciated by all those students who voted for you.

Best Collaboration between a University and Employer

A new award for this year in the University awards, the finalists were, Glasgow Caledonian University and Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Ravensbourne and Ogilvy, University of Birmingham and Capgemini, University of East Anglia and East of England Energy Group, University of Nottingham and International Celebrity Network. We are delighted to announce that the winners in this category were:



and



Additional congratulations go to **University of East Anglia** and **East of England Energy Group**, who received a Highly Commended certificate in this category.

Student Awards

Best Placement Student
Ben Kosky

Best Intern
Jack Alexander



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Best Student Contribution to an SME

Georgina Abraham



Taragenyx

Additional congratulations go to Rachel Pitman, who received a Highly Commended certificate for her performance on placement at ProspectSoft.

Employer Awards

Best New Provider of Work Experience



IMI
Precision Engineering

Best On Campus Marketing Campaign



Additional congratulations go to **L'Oreal**, who received a Highly Commended certificate in the Best Diversity Initiative in Work Experience category.

Best University Society University of Warwick Law Society



Best Diversity Initiative in Work Experience



Best Short-term Insight Scheme



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Best Innovation On Campus



Top Small to Medium-sized Undergraduate Employer

Golfbreaks.com

The winners of the following two awards will be revealed with the launch of the 2016-17 edition of 'A Student's Guide to the Top Undergraduate Employers' published September 2016.

Top 35 Medium-sized Undergraduate Schemes

Top Secret until September 2016

Top 100 Undergraduate Employers

Top Secret until September 2016

Spring Staff Development Workshop Programme

I am pleased to launch the Spring Staff Development programme featuring new workshops, new venues and some new (and some familiar) ASET faces. With so many to choose from, we are sure there will be something interesting and informative for you all and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

| Date | Location | W'shop No. | Title |
|--------|------------------------------------|------------|---|
| 25-Feb | Manchester Metropolitan University | 1 | Risk Assessment and Due Diligence Booking now closed |
| 01-Mar | Manchester Metropolitan University | 2 | An Introduction to Work Placement Management |
| 22-Mar | ASET Offices, Sheffield | 3 | Supporting Disabled Students with Placements |
| 19-Apr | Glasgow Caledonian University | 4 | Placements with SMEs |
| 26-Apr | Manchester Metropolitan University | 5 | From Placements to Employability |
| 03-May | London - Senate House | 6 | Placements, Work Based Learning and Social Mobility |
| 17-May | Manchester Metropolitan University | 7 | Developing Overseas Placements |
| 09-Jun | London - Senate House | 8 | Marketing for Placements |
| 21-Jun | Manchester Metropolitan University | 9 | Placements with SMEs |
| 05-Jul | London - Senate House | 10 | Facing Facebook, Tackling Twitter and Living with LinkedIn |
| 14-Jul | Manchester Metropolitan University | 11 | Innovation in Placement Assessment |

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2. An Introduction to Work Placement Management (IWPM)

Tuesday 1st March (10am-4pm) Manchester Metropolitan University

£165 ASET members/£195 non-members

This session will provide guidance for the management and support of work placements. Participants will be furnished with a basis from which they can develop their own plans and manage the day-to-day problems likely to be faced in their jobs. This is aimed at work placement managers, officers, administrators and academic placement tutors, particularly those with little experience who are new to their role, about to be appointed, or wanting a refresher course. This session is designed to introduce all the fundamental aspects of working in the field. The workshop is intended to be flexible and responsive to participants' needs and interests and therefore emphasis may vary between topics.

Please note the last day for booking on this workshop is Monday 22nd February

3. Supporting Disabled Students with Placements (SDSP)

Tuesday 22nd March (10am – 4pm) ASET Offices, Sheffield

£165 ASET members/£195 non-members

The aim of this interactive workshop is to provide advice and guidance on the support of disabled students to those working in work experience, work based learning and placement roles, as well as encouraging dialogue and discussion amongst delegates. The following topics will be covered:

- An overview of the Equality Act; how does it help disabled placement students and how can you help employers interpret and understand what the Act means?
- Guidance on assisting students with disclosure in the recruitment process. Should they disclose or not? If so, how and when should they disclose?
- Case study examples to highlight placement success stories
- Further resources and support available to students and employers, and others involved in the placement

Please note the last day for booking on this workshop is Monday 14th March

University and College Employment and Recruitment Agencies

Colleagues at The Careers Group, University of London are conducting a research project into the introduction and operation of employment and recruitment agencies where a primary aim is to enhance employability and employment opportunities for students and graduates. The project was triggered by an increasing number of universities looking at the objectives and options for the structure of an on-site agency and, for example, whether careers and employability services might provide the right framework to manage the agency.

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If you know something about an existing or planned agency at your institution (e.g. for temporary workers or interns), or have opinions you would like to offer, then do take a few minutes to complete this survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/unijobagencies>

Outcomes of JISC Project now available

Many of you may will have participated in the JISC webinar '[Preparing for employability in a digital age](#)' on the 25th January; JISC have now posted a [summary](#) of the ideas, discussion and actions arising from the session on the project blog, along with an [overview](#) of the questions and answers. It is also possible to also access the [recording](#), [slides](#), a [Storify](#) of the event, and all of the resources mentioned in the presentation, including the [full report](#), [summary](#) report and [HE](#) and [FE](#) case studies from the [project page](#). JISC are also looking for more examples of the use of technology to support employability skill development and communication across HE, FE or skills, so if you are interested in sharing something with them please see details of how to do that [here](#). All enquiries about this project should be directed to Lisa Gray, Senior Co-Design Manager, Student Experience at JISC (Lisa.Gray@jisc.ac.uk)

And Finally

Please send your contributions for next month's e-Bulletin by Friday 11th March