

Introducing the newest members of the WPO Team



Alice McLaren
Widening Participation &
Outreach Manager

I am really excited to be working with such a great team of people. I've been working in widening participation teams for over six years and I feel very lucky to have found a job that I enjoy so much. I have previously worked in two London

universities; London South Bank University and, most recently, UCL. Whilst at UCL I managed the Post 16 Sustained Engagement Team and UCL's museum outreach offer.

I love working with young people and helping students become aware of the potential benefits of higher education. I care a lot about social mobility and I am really enthusiastic about supporting disabled young people into higher education. In my previous role, I developed a residential summer school for deaf young people, which was one of my favourite projects to work on to date.

Outside of work, I love food (cooking, baking, and eating it) and, to counteract my love of food, I (luckily) also enjoy exercising. I like creative hobbies when I have the time and enjoy drawing, painting, and generally making things.



Nadia Daprato
Faculty of Business,
Economics & Law

After completing my undergraduate degree, I took on a clinical and research role at a London teaching hospital for three years.

Following on from this, I completed an MSc before starting my role as the Widening Participation Support

Officer in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law.

I am familiar with the HE sector as well as advising and supporting young people. I enjoy continuing to work in this innovative sector with lively young people. Additionally, focusing on a WP perspective has provided new insight and opportunities.

I love to travel to lesser known travel destinations and learn about new cultures. I have spent 6 weeks on the Yasawa Islands, Fiji, to work on a community outreach and education programme.

To contact Alice McLaren about Widening Participation & Outreach activities please email alice.mclaren@surrey.ac.uk or call on 01483 68 3177

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Year 12 Young Persons University 2015

Year 12 summer programme:

The University of Surrey is offering an exciting and wide-ranging programme of residential summer schools for Year 12 students interested in finding out more about university study. Students will have the opportunity to learn subject specific information in a university environment. They will work with students from other schools, undergraduates, and academic staff to really begin to understand what undergraduate study at university is like.



All of the summer schools will include lectures, seminars, practical activities, and a variety of fun social events each evening.

A list of summer school subjects available this year is below:

Date:	Young Persons University strand:	Subjects available within chosen strand:
Monday 29 th June - Thursday 2 nd July	Engineering and Physical Sciences	Engineering
		Physical Sciences (Physics, Maths, and Computing)
	The Business World	Business
		Law
		Hospitality and Tourism
	Languages	French
		German
		Spanish
	Tuesday 14 th July - Friday 17 th July	One Health
Sports and Nutritional Sciences		
Veterinary Science		
Health Science		Nursing and Midwifery
		Operating Department Practice
		Paramedic Practice

Young Persons University: Summer Schools

Who is Eligible?

Young Persons University Summer Schools are free to eligible students. The University of Surrey will also pay for travel to and from the summer school, accommodation on the university campus, and meals and refreshments during the week.

Priority will be given to students from currently underrepresented groups in Higher Education, who meet one or more of the below criteria:

- **Students from families where the main wage earners are in non-professional occupations**
- **Students who are from families where there is no parental experience of Higher Education**
- **Students from low participation neighbourhoods to Higher Education**
- **Students who are a Looked After Child in the care of the Local Authority or a Local Authority Care Leaver**
- **Students with disability**
- **Students who are young carers**



Application Deadline

To download an application form, or find out more information on our summer school offer, please visit our website surrey.ac.uk/ypu

If you have any questions about the summer school, please contact wp@surrey.ac.uk

Please send your application forms in as soon as possible.

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Surrey Skills Fair 2015

The annual Surrey Skills Fair took place on the 5 and 6 February 2015 and was the biggest yet!

The two day event held at the Surrey Sports Park saw over two thousand students attend from thirty-five Surrey schools. They had the chance to interact with a vast range of exhibitors, from McLaren with their supercar stand, to Air Products with their (very) cool Liquid Nitrogen experiments.

The Surrey Skills Fair gives Year 9 students access to unique opportunities; like having the chance to discover what skills and qualifications an international IT company are looking for. Or receive expert careers advice and then put it immediately into practice by asking a college about A-Level options.

With such a wealth of information and experiences on offer to students it would take up this entire newsletter to detail them all; here are just a few highlights from the Surrey Skills Fair 2015.



Charlie Douglas (WP student ambassador) helps a budding engineering student design and build a catapult.



Students discover what animal cells look like when under attack from disease. A big thank you to the Pirbright Institute for joining the event.



The Surrey Skills Fair in full swing; over 35 exhibitors representing industry, technology, engineering & education.

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Surrey Skills Fair 2015



McLaren young engineers show the next generation how aerodynamics create downforce on cars.



Air Products demonstrate the effects of liquid nitrogen on organic matter & how to harness it for commercial use.



Connecting people: Virgin Media taught students how to link fibre-optic networks, measure data speeds & fix line issues.



Furry & not so furry friends courtesy of Merrist Wood College.



Students took away a huge amount of material related to careers, qualifications & apprenticeships.

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Surrey Skills Fair 2015 Feedback



'The Surrey Skills Fair helped me by making me feel more confident in choosing my (Year 9) options'

'I liked the [careers] talk that was given as she gave me confidence to decide things for myself'

'It helped me understand where maths, science and technology are used in the real world'

'I found the exhibitors very friendly and the activities were very fun. They gave good information and were well informed'

'The Surrey Skills Fair has given me an insight as to the types of courses available to me in university and college. It also informed me of the GCSE's that I would need for those courses'



Renata Eyres (Head of Widening Participation & Outreach) and **Jonathan Plummer** (Widening Participation Support Officer) surprise Sunbury Manor School student Jack Benjamin who won the prize for best feedback from the Surrey Skills Fair. Jack won £250 of book vouchers for his school as well as £50 of book vouchers for himself.

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Veterinary Medicine School art competition



Winners: The Year 10 Art students from St John the Baptist School, Woking.

As completion of the new Veterinary Medicine and Science buildings draws ever closer, we launched an art competition in collaboration with BAM Construction (the new buildings construction company) to celebrate. The task was to create a piece of art around the theme of domestic and wild animals using large construction hoardings as a canvas. Seven schools from across Surrey entered and the entrants were judged by University of Surrey staff as well as representatives from BAM Construction.

The winners pictured above are Year 10 Art students from St John the Baptist School in Woking. They researched and implemented a variety of different styles and techniques in their hoarding, including an innovative use of calligraphy influenced pen work and newspaper cuttings. The students along with their Photography teacher were then invited to the site of the new Veterinary school to see all of the art work on display. The students have won themselves £500 worth of art supplies for their school.

Postcards of all the art work from the competition are available from the WP&O Team.

A big thank you to everyone who took part!

In2Surrey Scheme Update

The In2Surrey Scheme 2014/15 has seen a record number of applicants not only apply, but successfully move past the first phase of the programme. In the next few weeks applicants from around the country will be submitting subject specific assignments to us. These enable the students to showcase their knowledge and understanding of a chosen subject, but also experience undergraduate studies months before they actually start university.

The In2Surrey Scheme offers students who meet certain eligibility criteria the opportunity to receive a modified offer for the programme they intend to study at the University of Surrey. Successful students may also be eligible for a financial award.

Applications for 2016 entry are not open yet, however for more details about the scheme please visit surrey.ac.uk/in2surrey

For further details or to ask a question you can also email wp@surrey.ac.uk



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Year 7 Christmas Event

The WPO team held its first Year 7 Christmas event on the 8 and 11 December 2014. A total of 230 11-12 year old students attended the event from 12 Consortium schools.

Activities included: Mrs Claus' Kitchen where students helped to make Christmas goodies and learn about the importance of nutrition; Snowball Flight where students worked to design, create and test snowball catapults; Sleigh Science which involved strategic and logical thinking in a team sleigh packing maths challenge; Sober St Nick where students had a chance to find out the physical short and long term effects of alcohol on the body and the Rudolf Report where students wrote and delivered a festive news report which was directed and filmed by the students.



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BBC School Report 2015

Year 8 students had the opportunity to become reporters, journalists, editors and cameramen for the day as part of the UK wide BBC School Report initiative.

Esher CofE High School BBC School Report team travelled to Surrey TV, where they went straight into an editorial meeting to agree what news they would cover. Following on from the editorial meeting the students went on to the studios to record their bulletins. They interviewed three professors from The University of Surrey; Dr Gavin Lotay (Nuclear astrophysics), Andy Adcroft (Business) and prominent nuclear physics expert and BBC correspondent Jim Al-Khalili.

The school report will feature on the BBC News website as part of a national campaign.



Esher CofE High School student's in the TV studio control room (left) and with Jim Al-Khalili (right).

Annual Report on Widening Participation and Outreach 2013/14

The report has now been published and is available across the university. It will also be sent to our Consortium Schools. The report provides an overview of some of the successes of the Department's work for the year 2013-2014, as well as our progress in meeting the milestones set in the University's Access Agreement.

Highlights from the Report

5826 Students have been involved in the University's outreach activities from years 6-13.

276 Parents/Carers attended activities on and off campus.

Over 40 Surrey Consortium Schools have taken part in a wide range of events and activities.

100% of students who attended a YPU (Year 12 residential summer programme) said it had helped their understanding of the variety of courses offered at university.

100% of students said they felt more confident about fitting in at university after attending a YPU.

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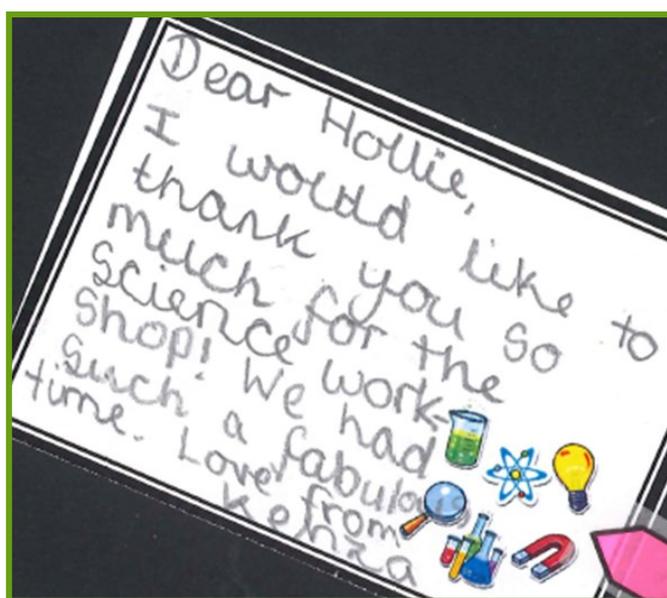
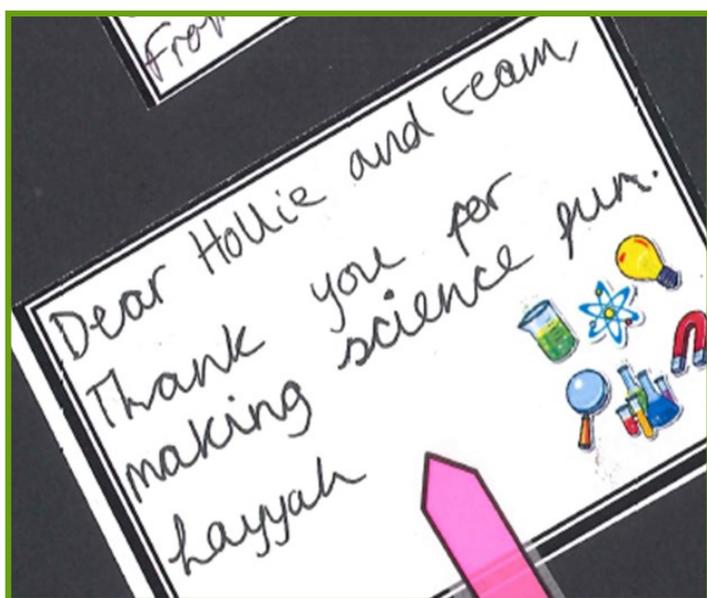
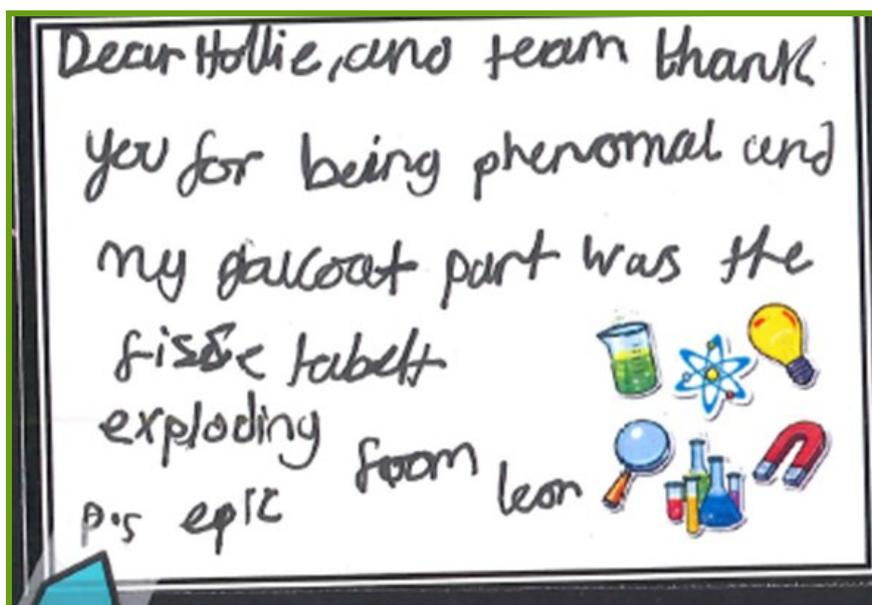


St Mary's School Science Assembly

On March 5 a team of three ambassadors and a member of the WP team went to St Mary's C of E Primary School in Byfleet to support their Science Week.

The day started off with a jam-packed experiment assembly which had all 415 of the 4-11 year olds off their feet in amazement with some of the whacky reactions, like elephants toothpaste – a concoction of Potassium Iodide, Hydrogen Peroxide and washing up liquid– and Alka-Seltzer rockets. After the assembly the two year 6 classes stayed behind for a Science of the Senses workshop where they learnt about five of their senses through some interactive activities like creating their own optical illusions and making sherbet!

Below are some examples of their feedback.



Spotlight on our Student Ambassadors

Lewis Hobday
BSc Business Management



Since starting the WP Student Ambassador role in November 2014, I have undertaken extensive training and participated in events such as the Surrey Skills Fair and IAG days. I was not fully aware of the department's work prior to the role, but I can clearly see the significant, positive impact that their work has upon young people.

Higher education was not something I was fully aware of prior to college; with no one in my family having previously attended University. Therefore, being able to help inspire young people to start thinking about higher education and their long term goals is truly rewarding. A personal highlight so far was presenting my placement year experiences to a class of Year 10 students from a local school. I am really looking forward to participating in as many events as possible before my graduation.

Spotlight on our Student Ambassadors



Bryony Routledge
BSc Psychology

Throughout my time at the University of Surrey I have worked as a WP Student Ambassador and I can honestly say that it is one of the best decisions I have made. Since becoming an ambassador I've grown so much in confidence, and my presentation skills have really developed as a result of being given the opportunity to plan and lead events. I love that I have been able to get so involved in the wider Surrey community, and I have met some incredible people along the way!

It's been brilliant getting to know some of the pupils when they've visited for days like the Forensic Investigation Day, and it's such a great feeling at the end of the day when they tell you how excited they are for their future! I really believe that the work we do has a positive impact on the pupils we work with, and it's so encouraging to see their aspirations develop over the course

Forthcoming Events

Year 7 HE Progression Days

Wednesday 6th May 2015

Wednesday 10th June 2015 (FULL)

IntoUniversity Year 6 Summer School

Wednesday 27th — 29th May

“Catastrophe on Campus” Year 10 Week

Monday 22th — 26th May

Engineering and Physical Science YPU

Monday 29th June — 2nd July

The Business World YPU

Monday 29th June — 2nd July

Languages YPU

Monday 29th June — 2nd July

One Health YPU

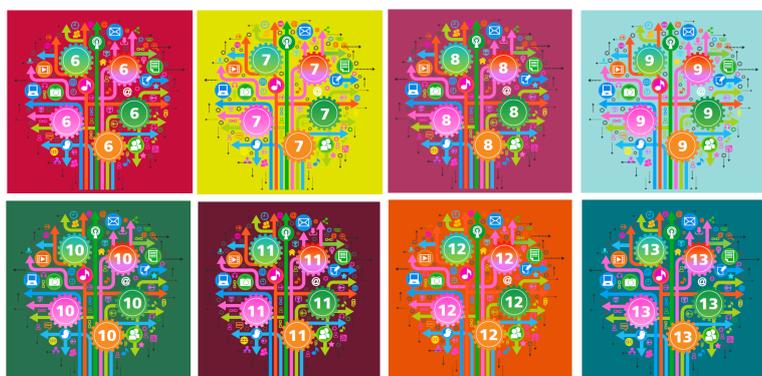
Tuesday 14th — 17th July

Health Sciences YPU

Tuesday 14th — 17th July

To see a full programme of events for 2014-15 and to book places, please visit:

surrey.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges/consortium/index.htm



Want to get involved?

If you would like to be involved in the delivery and support of any of the events listed, please contact a member of the team to find out how you could contribute.

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