

KENT COLLEAGUES CONNECT

Calendar of events 2018

Kent Colleagues Connect builds on a number of very successful pilot initiatives run by the Academic Division over the last couple of years which brought together nearly 300 participants. The scheme provides various opportunities throughout the year for informal meetings between colleagues. It is open to all those working at Kent, whether based in schools or in central departments, either in an academic or a professional services capacity.

You can choose to attend as many of the following events as you wish:

February <i>Strictly Professional Speed Dating</i>	
What?	Attend a fun event on Valentine's Day to meet colleagues in roles you may never knew existed!
Who?	Anyone wishing to meet new colleagues and gain insights into the wide range of roles at the University
When?	14 February 2018, 11.00-12.00 (main event), 12.00-12.30 (additional networking opportunity if you stay back)
Where?	Canterbury (Darwin Conference Suite) and Medway (Rochester building, R2-09)
How?	Register by 01 February

April <i>Coffee with Colleagues (now with a blind date option!)</i>	
What?	Complimentary (non-alcoholic) drink for two at one of the University's catering outlets. This encourages anyone across the University to meet a colleague they do not know well to discuss their respective roles over coffee. This also gives the opportunity to spend a bit more time with a colleague met at the Speed Dating event. There is also a 'blind date' option for more adventurous colleagues willing to be matched with a colleague at random.
Who?	Anyone wishing to "put a name to a face" or wanting to get to know a colleague a bit better. The only rules are that you cannot invite someone you already know well or who works in your own department.
When?	Drink vouchers will be redeemable for the whole month of April
Where?	Canterbury and Medway University catering outlets
How?	Register in March. The voucher will then be loaded onto your KentOne card ready for April.

June – November <i>Shadow Matching</i>	
What?	Colleagues in schools and central departments are given the opportunity to be matched and complete job shadowing visits. Participants attend an initial two-hour 'Big Reveal' event to meet their match and organise the reciprocal workplace visits. Some matching across central departments can also be facilitated.
Who?	Those wishing to get a better understanding of a specific role
When?	21 June (Big Reveal event), and June to November to complete the visits
Where?	Darwin Conference Suite for Big Reveal Event
How?	Register in April/May

Participants are encouraged to take selfies with their Coffee dates and/or Job shadowing match for a chance to win a meal for two. The winners will be revealed at the December Networking get-together event.

December <i>Networking get-together (with prize-giving for winners of the selfie competitions)</i>	
What?	Get into the Christmas spirit over mulled wine and mince pies. Meet your Kent Colleagues Connect buddies at the event and introduce them to yet more colleagues. The winners of the Coffee with Colleagues and Shadow Matching selfie competitions will be announced.
Who?	Everyone who participated in one of the Kent Colleagues Connect scheme events
When?	To be confirmed
Where?	To be confirmed
How?	Register in November