Welcome to the fifteenth edition of the Medway Staff Briefing we hope you find the items included of interest.

SMFA News

Organised by Fundraising UK Ltd and hosted by the University of Kent's School of Music & Fine Art, this event for Arts Fundraisers on Thursday, 14 July, 2016 between 9.30 and 4pm is a fantastic opportunity for local and regional arts professionals and fundraisers to learn, share good practice and network. For further information please see the link below: https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=2095

There will be a limited number of FREE places for University of Kent staff, students and alumni. Please contact j.seaman@kent.ac.uk for details.

The following link will take you to ‘What's On’ which has all the events listed until July 2016: https://issuu.com/musicfineartkent/docs/smfawhatsonsummer2016?e=0/34556305

Medway Research Network

We are planning a Medway Research Network meeting on the 9 June at 12:00 to 14:00 in the Clock Tower lecture theatre, CT102. It's been a couple of years since we last had a networking lunch and since then there have been many changes on campus: new staff, new research directions and new opportunities to collaborate through research (and possibly teaching) across the Medway campus. The event is aimed at Academics, Researchers and PDRA's but any interested PhD students would be welcome to attend.

This would be a good opportunity for each School on the Medway Campus to briefly (5 to 10 mins) introduce their School, the Academics, research areas, any existing Medway collaborations and what (if any) potential Medway collaborations may benefit their Schools. Lunch will be provided in the final hour with a chance for attendees to network with Academics and Researchers from across the Medway campus.

Would your School be interested in contributing to the event? If you would like to attend please contact me so that I can confirm numbers for catering: H.Leech@kent.ac.uk

Medway Research Awards: May 2015 to present

A wide range of funders support research on the Medway Campus, at the University of Kent. These include UK Research Councils, Europe, NIHR, charities and industry. This income provides the resource for doing interesting research and for making a difference. The University and the Faculties can support your funding applications in a number of ways, including the Grants Factory and Early Career Network, the Sciences Faculty research fund, banks of successful proposals and internal peer review. The Faculty research funding officers and Contracts Officers are keen to help. See https://www.kent.ac.uk/researchservices/ for further details. Please see the following Medway based academics.
School of Computing

Dr Matteo Migliavacca, Computing, Unified stream and transaction processing, £95,457, EPSRC First Grant

Prof Ian McLoughlin, Super-audible speech interface, £46,993, Google

Medway School of Pharmacy

Dr Vlad Gubala, Peptide nanosensors: Development of electrochemical peptide nanosensors for protein and antibody detection, £3,633, FP7 Marie Curie IRSES: International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (supplement to previous award)

Prof Alistair Mathie and Emma Veale Novel Regulators of TRESK Potassium Channels, £13,400, MRC Technology

Dr Bernhard Gibbs, Mechanisms underlying the physiological and cellular response to food allergen challenge in human subjects with peanut allergy, £17,038, Medical Research Council

Dr Bernhard Gibbs, Highly specific targeting of human allergic effector cells using gold nanoparticle-based biological, £49,202, Daphne Jackson Memorial, Fellowships Trust

Prof Ghazwan Butrous and Prof Alistair Mathie, Immune and inflammatory cell involvement in the pathology schistosomiasis induced pulmonary arterial hypertension, £33,649, Cardiovascular Medical Research and Education Fund
Dr S. Corlett and Linda Dodds, *Identifying Stroke/TIA survivors needs and preferences for short and long term Medicines Support in*, £101,238, Stroke Association

Prof Janet Krska, *Mapping pharmacy public health services*, £7,500, Public Health England

**School of Sport and Exercise Sciences**

Dr James Hopker and Prof Louis Passfield, *The Individual Optimisation of endurance training*, £57,000, Cadence Performance

Dr Sakis Pappous and Niki Koutrou, *Kent FA project*, £9,770, Kent FA

Dr John Dickinson, *Singing and COPD in Lambeth & Southwark*, £2,380, The Guy’s and St Thomas’ Charity (supplement to previous award)
School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research


Dr Thomas D. Akoensi, *Traditional justice in informal urban settlements in Ghana*, £9,925, British Academy

The figures presented here account for all research grants from Medway based staff whose official award letter was received in 2015 - 2016, administered by Research Services.

**Welcome to Sam Cunningham – Commercial Services Manager**

Sam has been appointed Commercial Services for the Medway Campus and she will be taking up her role on 1st July. Sam will have oversight of all Kent Hospitality catering outlets and conference activity during term time and vacation periods and the student accommodation contract with Liberty Living for 1,100 study bedrooms at Liberty Quays. Sam will provide strategic and operational input into both current and planned services and the identification and development of exceptional new services.

Sam will be based in office M2-21a and she will be very happy to help with any queries relating to Accommodation, Conference and Catering provision in Medway. Her hours will generally be 8am to 4pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
**IDAHO T Day**

Medway Student Services celebrated IDAHOT Day on 17th May by wearing colourful clothes, and eating cakes and sweets. What better way to spend a day! We raised a wonderful £46.00 which will be donated to METRO charity, so thank you so much for your support and generosity. The jar of sweets was won by Sarah Carter in Student Admin with a guess of 130, closest to the total of 118 sweets in the jar.

Thank you from Student Services at Medway and from the LGBT+ young people in Kent and Medway who receive support from METRO Charity and the CHAT LGBT+ counselling project.

**Employability News**

**Employability Festival 2016**

The Careers and Employability Service are excited to announce details of Employability Festival 2016. The four week festival was a success last year and will continue with the same format this year, taking place on the Medway campus from 10 October to 21 October and continuing at the Canterbury Campus from 24 October to 4 November. Our main event at Medway will be the Employability Fair, last year’s fair saw over 800 students attend.

**Employability Fair, Wednesday 12 October 2016, 12-3pm, Pilkinson Building Open Space**

After last year’s success, the Careers and Employability Service and GK Unions are thrilled to present the 2016 Employability Fair. We will once again be inviting employers who offer both undergraduate and graduate roles, including internships, placements, volunteering opportunities and graduate programmes. Bookings so far include Enterprise Rent-A-Car, IBM, Accenture and Kent Police.

**Employability Festival at Medway, 10 to 21 October 2016**

We will begin booking events for this period shortly and invite you to think about any events you may like to offer.
Employability Festival at Canterbury, 24 October to 4 November 2016
Events will continue at the Canterbury campus, including the Careers Fair on Tuesday 1 November, 12-3pm. Students are encouraged to book early if they wish to use the Campus Shuttle.

If you would like to be involved, please email: medwaycareers@kent.ac.uk

Drill Hall Library

The Academic Support team at the Drill Hall Library is here to support students and staff across the Medway campus. Our mission is to work in partnership with academic Schools and Centres to provide an excellent service which meets your needs.

It’s not just a case of getting books on to the shelves (and then in to students’ hands), though that is an important part of what we do. We can also support learning, teaching and research in many ways. Providing access to high quality information, in whatever form, is important to us. We also believe it is vital to equip students and staff with the skills they need to access, appraise and use the information we provide as well as the vast array of freely available information online.

You will be hearing from us over the coming months as we develop our support offer. We aim to ensure that staff from every academic unit on campus knows about what we can do for them and how to tap in to this support. In the meantime, please make contact with the team if there is anything you would like to ask or discuss: http://campus.medway.ac.uk/about/contact.html

News from Student Services

Meet the Advisers
A ‘Meet the Advisers’ event at Medway was organised by Veronica in January and was well attended by Student Support Officers from various schools. It was a good opportunity for staff to get together informally over a bite to eat and catch up with changes, as well as meet each other and exchange ideas.

Medway Student Services Going Green
Green Impact has this year been replaced by a new initiative, Green15, and Student Services at Medway are taking part. Green15 has run throughout the year, from October to June, covering themes of Sustainable Transport, Energy & Water Efficiency, Waste & Recycling, Procurement & Sustainable Food and Biodiversity. We have run several activities including the following:

Green15 Blackout weekend
As part of the Green15 Energy & Water Efficiency theme, we took part in the University’s Blackout Weekend – by switching off at the plug all non-essential electrical equipment, we achieved a 4%
reduction in energy use in the Gillingham Building over that weekend in comparison to previous measurements.

Green15 environmental Easter project

To complete the project for the Recycling & waste Reduction, we held a competition to make something Easter-themed out of recycled materials. All entries were put in a prize draw and Sian Newman from Student Support & Wellbeing won the prize of a Fairtrade Easter egg.

Fairtrade Breakfast
As our project for the Procurement & Sustainable Food theme, we held a Fairtrade breakfast and enjoyed home-made banana & walnut cakes, banana & chocolate cakes, ‘overnight oats’, blueberry muffins and sultana & walnut cookies, all made by Student Services staff using Fairtrade ingredients.

Bird feeder and wild flower patch
We have placed a bird feeder near the trees at the far end of the Gillingham Building car park. We had to replace the squirrel proof peanut feeder with a more robust one, after the squirrels found their way in! The wild flower patch we had planted behind No1 last year has also come into bloom this spring.
Kent Hospitality Visits to Medway Campus

On two separate occasions (Friday 22 April and Wednesday 4 May 2016) a large group of staff; 35 and 26 respectively, from Kent Hospitality visited the Medway campus, some for the very first time. We set off from Canterbury early, arriving at Medway where we collected Steve Moorey who joined us on the coach and provided a fascinating and informative tour of the Galvanising Workshop and the Historic Dockyard.

We were then driven to the central Pembroke campus where we enjoyed some delicious refreshments at No 1 Bistro, served by Sam Riddington and her highly capable team. Denise Flockhart and Dave Puplett joined us at No 1 for a cup of coffee and a bacon buttie.

Fully refreshed, we were escorted by Dave to the Drill Hall Library (passing the new Student Hub) where he and his colleagues took us around this amazing space and explained the history of the building. We all learnt such a lot from the experience. It is wonderful to know that the Library is used, not only by students and staff, but also by members of the local Medway community. From the Drill Hall, we were accompanied to the Pilkington Building where Beth Peal, from GK Unions, gave a most interesting presentation showing images of the progress of the works to the new Student Hub.

On leaving the campus, we stopped off at Liberty Quays for a tour of some of the student accommodation and also a chance to briefly visit Cargo. Regrettably time did not allow us to linger at Cargo to sample the catering there but this will definitely feature on any future itineraries to Medway!

The coach returned everybody safely back to Canterbury on schedule.

Everyone agreed that the two visits to Medway were hugely successful, interesting and enjoyable. Many people gave feedback that they would like to return once the new Student Hub and Galvanising Workshop facilities were fully open following their refurbishment. We were greeted very warmly by all of the Medway team we met, and are thankful for the help and support received, particularly from Denise, Steve, Dave and Beth, who all contributed massively to the success of the trips. Thank you to everyone!

Rooie Thomas and Derek Goss
News from Kent Business School

I am delighted to be able to congratulate two of our KBS students on their success in the recent Kent Student Awards 2016. These University-wide awards celebrate outstanding extracurricular student activities and initiatives that benefit others.

Joint third place in the category “Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community” came Jonathan Small from KBS Medway, who was recognised for his involvement in an astounding variety of volunteering activities that have had a positive and lasting impact on the local community in Medway. Jonathan’s achievement is all the more impressive as he joined the School on our Business & Management programme only last September!

Winning overall in the category “Outstanding Environmental and Sustainability Champion” Thomas Owen, also from KBS Medway and studying on Accounting and Management, was applauded for the initiative and commitment he has shown in improving the Medway campus environment and community. Thomas set up and managed a conservational project around Liberty Quays, and also helped in starting up a project with local supermarkets to encourage donations to food-banks.

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