Local projects across the county have been celebrated at the annual University of Kent Student Awards, which shine a light on the contribution students make outside of their studies.

The Student of the Year Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community was given to law student Daniel Rozenberg, who uses his developing legal expertise to support disadvantaged people in the community. As a volunteer for the Young Lives Foundation, Daniel ensures that young people taken into custody are fully aware of their rights and that police processes are conducted fairly under the law. He also supports the Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services (DAVSS), giving advice and assistance to victims of domestic abuse before and during court cases, and is a caregiver to a 98-year-old Whitstable resident in his spare time.

Other finalists in the Community category include Grace Lau, who runs a series of art and craft workshops for pupils with learning difficulties, and Alda Daci, President of the University’s branch of Student Action for Refugees, who works with Migrant Help to offer advice and English classes. Sports Science student Ian Farr was also nominated for his Guinness World Record fundraising efforts, which saw 53,000 origami paper hearts created to raise funds for the Cardiac Risk in the Young Foundation and the Molly McLaren Foundation.

More than 2,000 University of Kent students spend time volunteering while completing their degrees. This includes supporting local organisations and working with schools in the area to offer activities and encouragement for people considering further study.

Mechanical Engineering course to meet growing demand

Students will help boost engineering skills in Kent from 2020 as the University responds to the country’s growing need for science specialists. The new undergraduate course in Mechanical Engineering will combine hands-on projects in mechanical design and control systems with a solid grounding in mathematics, electronics and programming. Employability will be at the heart of the course, with links with major companies and work placements embedded throughout. Students will also have the option of adding an extra year in industry to their course, with all studies supervised by specialist engineering academics.

The new course is part of a wider University push to expand its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) offer, with the new Kent and Medway Medical School and Institute for Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine offering students further opportunities to meet growing national need. STEM skills are highly sought after in the modern workplace, particularly in areas such as robotics, driverless vehicles and renewable energy systems.
New Director of Student Services

The University has appointed its new Director of Student Services, as preparations continue for the new academic year in September.

Rosie Holden has joined the University from London South Bank, bringing more than a decade of experience committed to inclusive education, including working in supporting housing and mental health services. She will continue the University’s determination to offer a transformative opportunity for all students, regardless of their background, overseeing the range of activities that help students thrive both in their studies and their wider life in the county.

Alongside Rosie’s appointment, a new Student College Community Life initiative will launch in September, building on the success of the recent Community Champions scheme and broadening its reach across the city. The twenty-six new paid student roles take into account feedback on our existing community work, with the development designed to build stronger links between students and the local community and allow for greater collaboration on fundraising and volunteering projects. It will also see greater emphasis placed on preparing students in how to be a ‘good neighbour’ before they take up tenancies off campus, such as advice on bin days and specific local issues in their area.

Ellie Goulding leads Kent’s 2019 Honorary Graduates

Singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding is among thirteen people to receive honorary degrees from the University.

Best known for her hit singles Love Me Like You Do and Burn, Ellie’s career began when she was spotted at a talent contest at Kent while studying Drama and Theatre Studies. She received her honorary Doctor of Arts degree at a ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral on 18 July.

Joining the impressive list of graduates are Mavis and Ray Nye, who were the first married couple to receive their honorary Doctor of the University degrees together at a ceremony at Rochester Cathedral on 9 July. Mavis and Ray are campaigners who use social media and advocacy to promote awareness of the asbestos-related cancer mesothelioma.

Among others honoured by the University were Libby Jackson, who is one of Britain’s foremost space experts and the Human Exploration Programme Manager for the UK Space Agency, and former BBC economics editor Stephanie Flanders, who received an honorary Doctor of Science (Social Sciences) degree.

Honorary degrees are awarded by the University to people who have made a significant contribution to society, with many graduates having specific links to Kent.

London Women’s Clinic Partnership

Professor Darren Griffin and Dr Peter Ellis from the University’s School of Biosciences and London Women’s Clinic are about to begin a second Knowledge Transfer Partnership project having been awarded funding through Innovate UK this summer.

The first project focused on detecting gross genetic abnormalities in IVF embryos, with the next phase moving on to explore a new application of the ‘dialogue’ between the embryo and womb lining. The aim is to improve IVF success rates through selecting the best times for specific embryo implantation. London Women’s Clinic recently opened an Implantation Clinic at their centre in London Bridge, and has clinics all over the UK, including a base in Canterbury.

The Knowledge Transfer Partnerships programme aims to help businesses to improve their competitiveness and productivity through the better use of knowledge, technology and skills that reside within the UK knowledge base, and is just one of a number of ways in which the University connects with and supports the business community.
Japan Festival this August

Everyone is welcome to come along to our Japan Festival on Wednesday 14 August from 17.00 – 18.30
You can try your hand at traditional Japanese arts and crafts such as calligraphy and origami, and experience the country’s culture.

Entry is free and you don’t need to book – just turn up on the day!

Japan Festival takes place in the foyer of the Chipperfield Building on the Canterbury campus.

For more information, please email englishshortcourses@kent.ac.uk

Kent student makes his mark at London Fashion Week

A third-year student who has launched his own fashion brand while studying at Kent Business School (KBS) has been invited to exhibit at London Fashion Week Men’s in another milestone for his growing start-up.

Emmanuel Enemokwu launched his brand Jehu-Cal in his first year, reaching the final of the KBS Business Start-up Journey (BSUJ) competition. The brand has since grown strongly, building substantial turnover and a strong following on Instagram while attracting interest from major brands, including a Nike collaboration and a feature in Vogue (Dubai).

In the latest significant development for the brand, Jehu-Cal was invited to exhibit at London Fashion Week, using the exhibition to demonstrate Emmanuel’s approach to sustainable fashion via ‘Project Purify’ and seeking input from members of the public to help design their next garment.

Emmanuel developed the brand with support from the University, including attracting investment through KBS’ ASPIRE programme and gaining an internship at The Dune group during his placement year.

Changing seasons at Kent Community Oasis Garden

The Kent Community Oasis Garden is nearly one year old, with all partners looking forward to celebrating its first birthday this September. We’ve seen significant improvements over the first year, including a new poly tunnel and our first ever fruit and vegetable harvest. Renowned Gardeners’ World presenter and garden designer Mark Lane – who opened Kent COG in 2018 – is also returning to help set out a plan for expanding and growing the Garden in the future.

The Kent Community Oasis Garden is a multi-use space run by partners including Kent Enterprise Trust, the Gardening and Foraging Society and Whitstable and Herne Bay Beekeepers. As well as volunteering and training opportunities, it is also a space for everyone to celebrate sustainable and healthy food along with new ways of working together. A relaxation space has recently been cut in, with shaded seating where people can take in the calming sights, sounds and smells of the thriving natural environment.

Throughout the summer exam period in June, Student Support & Wellbeing at the University ran Bushcraft and Earthmind workshops to encourage students to discover new skills and de-stress in the outdoors. Participants said they enjoyed the reflective surroundings and a range of free, fun activities.

The Community Garden is there for everyone, with a number of ways to join in, from lending a hand on site to donating seeds and soil.

Find out more at: blogs.kent.ac.uk/kentcog
We’re working together with Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury City Council and Kent Police to provide our local residents with key dates and useful contacts for information and advice.

## Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 11** and **Thursday 12 September** – Canterbury Christ Church (CCCU) Graduations
- **Saturday 7, Saturday 14** and **Sunday 15 September** – CCCU new student arrivals weekends
- **Saturday 14** and **Sunday 15 September** – Kent arrivals weekend
- **Monday 16** to **Friday 23 September** – Kent Welcome Week
- **Monday 23 September** – Start of Semester 1 at CCCU
- **Monday 23 September** – Start of Autumn Term at Kent
- **Friday 22 November** – Kent Graduations
- **Sunday 17 November** – CCCU Award Ceremony

For more key dates visit:
- Kent – [www.kent.ac.uk/community/dates](http://www.kent.ac.uk/community/dates)
- CCCU – [www.canterbury.ac.uk/termdates](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/termdates)

## Community events – on campus and in the city

- **Running Workshop**: The Kent Sport Physiotherapy Clinic host the fifth informative running workshop, focusing on strength and conditioning. Saturday 31 August, 10.00 – 13.00 at the University of Kent Pavilion. [kent.ac.uk/sports/physio/running-workshops.html](http://kent.ac.uk/sports/physio/running-workshops.html)
- **Autistic Pride Kent**: An open event for everyone led by autistic students, celebrating autism acceptance and a sense of community. Sunday 1 September, 10.00 – 16.30. [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)
- **Working Class Studies Association Conference**: Sociologists, historians, poets and economists come together to explore class, nostalgia, heritage, place and memories of the cathedral. Oral history volunteers will be on hand to create a unique community archive. Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, 20.00 – 23.00 at Canterbury Cathedral. [canterbury-cathedral.org/wats-on](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/wats-on)
- **My Heritage, My Cathedral**: Bring along your photos, films, keepsakes and stories at a day-long event gathering memories of the cathedral. Oral history volunteers will be on hand to create a unique community archive. Saturday 21 September, 11.00 – 15.00 at Canterbury Cathedral. [canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on)

## Who to contact

If you are experiencing problems with your neighbours, use the contacts below for information and advice.

### Noise

**T:** 01227 862 202  
**E:** envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk

[www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20045/noise_and_air_pollution/65/report_a_noise_smell_or_smoke_problem](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20045/noise_and_air_pollution/65/report_a_noise_smell_or_smoke_problem)

### Rubbish

**T:** 0800 031 9091  
**E:** help.canterbury@serco.com

[www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20025/household_waste/120/report_a_missed_bin](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20025/household_waste/120/report_a_missed_bin)

### Parking

**T:** 01227 862 429  
**E:** parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk


### Crime or anti-social behaviour

**T:** 101 to report non-urgent crime  
**T:** 999 to report an emergency

Find out who your Police Constable or Police Community Support Officer is by entering your postcode at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)

## Students

Both universities take the concerns of our neighbours very seriously. If residents experience anti-social behaviour, whether they believe it to be by students or not, they should contact the agencies listed above as they have the power to intervene. However, if you need further support both universities have a community liaison person who can provide further advice.

- **University of Kent**  
  **E:** communityliaison@kent.ac.uk
- **Canterbury Christ Church University**  
  **E:** communityliaison@canterbury.ac.uk

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**Fun for all the family at this year’s Free Bo'ing! Festival**

Performers and artists from across the world will come together at this year’s Bo’ing! Festival, curated by the Gulbenkian. More than 10,000 people are expected to attend an activity across the weekend-long event, which celebrates performance and creativity for all ages. The free event has a packed-out programme with something for everyone, with highlights including an interactive Northern Soul workshop, a musical show from Spain inspired by the Brothers Grimm fairytales, and a brand new luminarium for children (young and old) to explore. There will also be an Astrodome and Moon Landing VR Experience for budding astronauts, along with a reconstructed crime scene for CSI-loving amateur sleuths. Find out more at: [https://boingfestival.com](http://https://boingfestival.com)

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**Cross-Channel Fundraising Success**

Kent Union have staged three fundraising challenges to help raise funds for student services, raising £6,000 already this year. The first two challenges saw students and staff taking part in the Paris Marathon in April, before a 24-hour cycle challenge from Paris back to the UK, which saw the group cycle 310ks with 15 minutes to spare. The impressive fundraising continues with the Welsh Three Peaks 24-hour challenge, which will be tackled by seven Kent Union staff members later this month. All funds raised will go towards the Access to Activities Fund, Student Liberation Groups, and Canterbury Nightline.
Protecting the planet – from Canterbury to Glastonbury!

As the UK’s European university, Kent prides itself on its commitment to promote and achieve sustainability, with a number of projects on and off campus throughout the year designed to protect the environment.

The University’s Estates team has clear commitments to reduce carbon emissions and reduce water consumption, focusing on everything from fittings and fixtures to heating and IT systems. In the 2017/18 academic year, more than 60% of waste generated on site was recycled, with a target to increase re-use by 36% by 2021. Biodiversity is also an integral part of day-to-day estates management, with a number of protected species on campus including the Great Crested Newt.

Elsewhere, staff from the Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology (DICE) visited the Glastonbury Festival to host an event on the future of woodland in the UK. Now in its fourth year, Sex & Bugs & Rock ’n Roll highlights environmental matters to the general public at popular UK music events. University academics at Glastonbury brought an interactive game to the festival’s Green Futures Field, with festival goers creating their ideal woodland using a selection of tree species, animals and plants. For every person who took part, an acorn from an ancient oak tree will be planted at Wytham Woods – ensuring a lasting legacy from a worthy weekend’s work.

The University has signed up to the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring its commitment to the environment is incorporated across its operations and teaching.

Find out more about our sustainability work at: kent.ac.uk/estates/sustainability

NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AT KENT SPORT

Kent Sport is excited to announce our new membership options, available to everyone from 1 September 2019.

Premium Plus For the all-rounder. This membership gives you unlimited gym and classes, free recreational sport bookings, free access to our Let’s Play activities, seven-day advance booking, discounted physiotherapy and massage, weekly Pavilion Café Bar offers, and free equipment hire including bikes from our Cycle Hub.

To find out more about Premium Plus and other new membership options, call Kent Sport on 01227 823623 or visit kent.ac.uk/sports/membership

LANGUAGE EXPRESS CLASSES THIS AUTUMN

Wanting to learn a new language or brush up your existing skills?

The University’s ‘Language Express’ evening classes are available at a range of levels, with 20-week courses in Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish starting the week beginning 7 October.

The classes run for 10 weeks in the autumn and a further 10 weeks in the spring, with experienced teachers leading small groups in speaking, writing and listening.

A full course costs £312 to the public. You can also get a 15% discount when you book by using the code MYCALX15

Find out more at: kent.ac.uk/language-express
E: languageexpress@kent.ac.uk
T: 01227 824401
Come together at Open Thinking events

A new series of public events will launch at the University of Kent this autumn designed to bring different people together and celebrate the spirit of openness.

The ‘Open Thinking’ series will include a wide range of talks, workshops, concerts, performances and more, inviting the public to join in, share their views and help shape academic work. Events will start in September, aiming to get everyone thinking, challenge ideas and lift spirits through collaboration, with early highlights including lectures and poetry events linked to the Working Class Association Conference, and an open lecture with leading architect Sir Terry Farrell on 25 October, co-hosted with the Canterbury Society.

The Gulbenkian Theatre will also be supporting the series with its own OPEN! programme throughout the autumn, which will highlight the role the venue itself has as a place where people of different ages and backgrounds feel open to meet and share fantastic creative experiences together. This will include a series of world music concerts in partnership with Music for Change, a chance for young people to demonstrate their concerns and dreams at Youthquake, and the Platforma Festival which raises the voices of refugees and migrants.

‘Open Thinking’ will be an ongoing series at the University, with events throughout the year and lots of opportunity for organisations and members of the public to collaborate. Parking is free on the Canterbury campus from 17.00 onwards, with a number of bars and cafes open to visitors in the evening.

Find out more at: kent.ac.uk/events

Architecture students explore ‘The Garden of England’

Work by the University’s architecture students was recently exhibited at their annual End of Year Show, with the design projects celebrating Kent’s status as ‘The Garden of England’. For the first time, all undergraduate and postgraduate students at Kent School of Architecture and Planning produced specifically work themed on the county.

The show, which was opened by former head of school Professor Don Gray, acted as both a celebration of students’ work and a chance for local employers to seek out potential employees from a talented pool of students.

Find out more at: kent.ac.uk/events

BELONG AT KENT

Places still available for this September

Visit www.kent.ac.uk/clearing