Creative and cultural industries in Kent are set for a major boost after the University secured significant investment from the Government for the area. The £4.3m Cultural Development Fund award is designed to help towns and cities invest in projects that inspire growth through art, culture and innovation, as part of plans to develop the Thames Estuary into ‘Europe’s largest creative corridor’. The plans for the money include establishing creative workspaces and ‘Creative Labs’ to drive innovation, along with a major new festival, Estuary 2020, featuring new commissions and collaborations between business, innovators and students.

The funding comes from the Government’s £20m Cultural Development Fund, which aims to use heritage, culture and creativity as a catalyst for regeneration. The investment secured by the University will include Canterbury, with the wider project supporting the creation of more than 500 creative industry jobs and 60 apprenticeship opportunities for young people in the region. Responding to the award, Vice Chancellor Karen Cox said: “I welcome this timely investment. It will help support our commitment to developing a wide range of creative and cultural initiatives and, by driving innovation and economic growth, ensure that our region becomes one of the most attractive places in the UK to live, work and study”.

The University will work with wide-ranging stakeholders to deliver the plans, including schools, creative freelancers, SMEs and young people themselves. Core partners on the project’s wider work include Kent County Council, the University of Essex, the Historic Dockyard Chatham and Whitstable Biennale.

**Draft Framework Campus Masterplan prepared**

Following recent consultation with residents, businesses and community groups, we have now published a draft of our Framework Campus Masterplan. The document sets out a vision for the future evolution of our Canterbury campus, including suggestions for possible developments in the medium term (2021-2031).

This is designed to give the University, Council and local community a better understanding of the context in which its presence may change in the coming years. Any future plans would go through the usual planning process, meaning members of the public will see them and be involved in the usual way – however, the Masterplan gives the University and the Council a framework within which future planning applications can be assessed.

The draft Masterplan will be available for further public comment until the end of May. Visit [www.kent.ac.uk/masterplan](http://www.kent.ac.uk/masterplan) or email [masterplan@kent.ac.uk](mailto:masterplan@kent.ac.uk) to find out more.
Student volunteers and fundraisers make their mark

Volunteers and fundraisers from the University have had a busy few months supporting local projects across Kent.

Community action group Student Action for Refugees, who aim to raise awareness of the current refugee crisis and offer practical support to refugees in Kent, recently held a charity football tournament with Kent Refugee Action Network (KRAW). The event gave local young refugees a chance to make use of Kent Sport facilities, joining teams made up of students and the local community. It also raised funds for KRAW, allowing them to buy football kits for their members. Student Action for Refugees have since received sponsorship from lettings agency Student Places for further events throughout 2019.

Meanwhile, students also made use of the power of sport for good through RaG Week’s annual Jailbreak event. Four teams were challenged to get as far away from Kent as they could in 36 hours, for free – using only their negotiation skills and the kindness of strangers. All four teams made it out of the UK, with the winning team reaching Cyprus and another group even hitching a ride with the German international football team.

RaG week as a whole raises tens of thousands of pounds for local charities. Throughout the year, students at Kent volunteer for more than 90,000 hours with local projects. Alongside local charities, this includes working with schools to encourage local children to consider further study, and helping to promote positive community relationships and keep Canterbury safe through the University’s Street Marshal Scheme.

Kent Law School saves £47k for local residents

Two claimants in Kent have received signification compensation following intervention from Kent Law Clinic, a partnership run by the University providing free legal advice to those who otherwise wouldn’t be able to afford it. Final-year student Esther McNamara helped a client and her son secure £22k in benefit arrears from the Department of Work and Pensions after a successful Personal Independence Payment appeal in February. Elsewhere, Law Clinic staff and students helped local resident William Jarvis recover £15k in compensation from a mobile home park.

Mr Jarvis withdrew from the purchase of a mobile home after his wife became seriously ill, only for the park to break its verbal agreement to refund him. Solicitor Vivien Gamling joined forces with University of Kent law students to represent Mr Jarvis at Canterbury Crown Court, where the judge described the managers from the mobile home park as ‘shambolic’, before settling in his favour.

Latest campus developments

Work is underway on a number of exciting projects on our Canterbury campus. Planning permission has been approved for the new Kent and Medway Medical School building between the Ingram and Sibson buildings on the Park Wood Road, which is set to train the next generation of medical professionals from 2020. We will also shortly be building a brand-new indoor tennis centre to replace the existing structure, adding four indoor acrylic courts to Kent Sport’s wide-ranging facilities while also incorporating a conference space under the same roof.

Elsewhere, the new School of Economics building is almost complete, with the modern, student-friendly space set to be ready for the 2019-20 academic year. We are also putting together a further planning application for a new Life Sciences building.

We’d like to hear your feedback, tell us what you think | E: communityinfo@kent.ac.uk  T: 01227 824009

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Gulbenkian theatre celebrates 50 years

Award-winning arts and cultural centre Gulbenkian will mark its 50th anniversary this summer with a series of events and activities and a fundraising appeal.

The University’s cultural heart was forged at a time when conventions were being questioned and traditions challenged. As the Vietnam War raged and Woodstock raved, the University of Kent was a hotbed of political action, using creative thinking to find answers to society’s problems. That radical vision remains to this day, with the Gulbenkian creating spaces where young people, artists, academics and communities can meet and exchange ideas. The centre strongly believes that young people’s voices must be heard, and is committed to providing time, space and opportunities for them to experiment, discover and create.

Throughout June, the Gulbenkian 50 Years Festival will celebrate this ethos with music, theatre and creative workshops. University School of Arts lecturer Lawrence Jackson will curate a season of controversial films from 1969, while local music talent will have a chance to showcase their skills at the Kent Sound-Off: Battle of the Bands. Later in the programme, the Gulbenkian’s youth groups will host Radical Roots, a day-long event for the local community featuring exhibitions, films and talks, before a 50th birthday celebration featuring classic Canterbury progressive bands Caravan, Soft Machine and Syd Arthur.

The Gulbenkian 50 years festival is supported by Canterbury Auction Galleries, the National Lottery Heritage Fund and ART31Kent. Visit https://thegulbenkian.co.uk/50-years for ticket information and a full event programme.

University of the Third Age Research Showcase Event

Academics old and new will come together on our campus at the Canterbury and District U3A on 28 May. Taking place at the Gulbenkian Theatre, the day-long event will include short talks, presentations on latest research and interactive workshops, with several University departments taking part. The U3A’s own regional research group – drawn from local Kent members – will also share the results of several projects they have undertaken themselves, in collaboration with the University of Kent and other local organisations. National U3A committees are also expected to attend, with opportunities to ask questions and discuss ideas throughout the day.

The University of the Third Age is a UK-wide movement which brings together retired and semi-retired people to develop their interests and continue learning in a friendly and informal environment. With no qualifications to pass, members share ideas and pass on knowledge through a love of learning.

The event is free, but attendees need to book to confirm their place. You can do this online at https://thegulbenkian.co.uk or on 01227 769 075.

This summer at Kent Sport

Get set for the summer with upcoming events and promotions at Kent Sport.

The Canterbury 10k run takes place through campus on 19 May, with participants able to take advantage of our sports massage offer which is open to everyone throughout May at the Physiotherapy Clinic – offering a 30-minute massage for £30.

You can also sign the kids up to our SummerZone sports camps for children aged five – 14, with up to two weeks of professional sports coaching from 12-23 August.

Kent Sport combines elite sporting facilities with expert support and coaching. Find out how you or your club could be part of it: www.kent.ac.uk/sport

Summer Music Week

Celebrate the best of music in Kent at the University’s Summer Music Week from 31 May to 9 June. The programme provides a glimpse of all the music-making by students, staff and the local community throughout the year both on and off campus. Festival highlights include the University of Kent Big Band offering some swing in the sunshine at Deal Bandstand on 2 June, and the University of Kent Chamber Choir premiering new piece Between Worlds on 7 June, inspired by cutting edge research by the School of Biosciences. The finale for the festival sees the Langton Boys and Simon Langton Girls’ Grammar School combine for a gala concert at Colyer-Fergusson Hall on 15 June.

Find out more at www.kent.ac.uk/music
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

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For more key dates visit:
- Kent – www.kent.ac.uk/community/dates
- CCCU – www.canterbury.ac.uk/termdates

Community events – on campus and in the city

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- **Edinburgh Fringe Previews**: Matt Hoss and Jenny Collier, Thursday 30 May at the Gulbenkian. https://thegulbenkian.co.uk/whats-on
- **Celebrating 30 Years of UNESCO in Canterbury**: Talks and a light show to celebrate Canterbury's status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May, at Canterbury Christ Church University Old Sessions House. canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/events

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

**Rubbish**
- T: 0800 031 9091
- E: help.canterbury@serco.com
- www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20025/household_waste/120/report_a_missed_bin

**Parking**
- T: 01227 862 429
- E: parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk
- www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20062/parking_fines_and_restrictions/43/report_illegal_parking

**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

**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
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**Did you know?**

With thousands of students and staff on site, our campus can generate a lot of ‘stuff’—and lots more than you might think ends up recycled or reused! Among other things, our campus has five gumdrop bins where chewing gum can be recycled, two can crusher bins producing material for charity and a special scheme that recycled the metal from 600 shower heads in 2018. There is also a staff Warp-It programme which has reused 99 tonnes of furniture, some of it going to local schools and charities, while our wider reuse programme has seen 78 tonnes of clothes, shoes, books, bags and homework donated to the British Heart Foundation. The University has cut its carbon emissions by 21% since 2005, through measures including smart meters, using locally sourced fruit and vegetables and new efficient LED lamps.

**Learn a language at Kent**

Improve your English language skills at free classes at our Centre for English and World Languages this summer. Our informal classes for people over 18 whose first language isn’t English will take place every weekday from Monday 17 June to Thursday 18 July. The classes will cover listening, reading, writing and speaking, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, offering a great chance to meet new people while improving your skills. Language Express classes will also take place in the Autumn Term for people looking to learn a language at Kent.

*Got a way with words?* Enter the Canterbury Poet of the Year awards, supported by the University – deadline 17 June 2019, enter at www.canterburyfestival.co.uk

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Students get set to move out in June

With the end of term fast approaching and students set to move between houses or leave for the summer, we are working closely with Canterbury Christ Church University and Canterbury City Council to help prepare for ‘Move Out’.

A number of initiatives will take place to ensure students are aware of their responsibilities and options when vacating their properties. The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is supporting efforts to minimise waste through their ‘Pack for Good’ campaign, which encourages students to donate unwanted items for recycling to support lifesaving heart research. All donated items will be sold in BHF local shops, or reused by students arriving in the autumn term. The University will also be running its ‘Give a Dog a Duvet Day’, donating bedding to local animal charities, while the City Council will provide extra purple rubbish sacks and run a ‘bin amnesty’ from 10 June to 5 July to collect any additional household waste and recycling.

If you have students living near you, you can help with ‘Move Out’ by seeing if they need any advice or by familiarising them with waste collection schedules. You can also report any missed bin collections if students have already moved out on the City Council website: www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20025/household_waste/120/report_a_missed_bin

Student Community Champions will also support with preparations, following their recent participation in the Great British Spring Clean litter pick.

Kent and Medway Medical School open day

The Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS) held its first open day in April, with hundreds of potential students, parents and other key stakeholders in attendance. The event was a chance for prospective students from across the country to learn more about the course on offer, while also finding out more about living and studying in the region. It was the first in a series of events as KMMS prepares to welcome its first cohort of students in September 2020.

A joint project between ourselves and Canterbury Christ Church University, the School will bring the next generation of medical professionals to Kent and offer opportunities to help transform the future of healthcare. Alongside their studies, which will be based at both our own and Canterbury Christ Church’ campuses, students will also complete placements across the county within the health and care sector as part of their course. The School will also work in close partnership with a range of bodies across Kent and Medway, including NHS Trusts, GPs and Mental Health services, while also linking up with other institutions such as Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS).

Find out more about latest progress at www.kmms.ac.uk

Eurostar and University combine for innovative project

Experts from the University are working with their counterparts at Eurostar to help them better prepare for changes to their stations and services. Under a Knowledge Transfer Partnership, a scheme which brings businesses and academics together, Kent simulation researchers helped the company develop digital models of its stations in London and Paris. These now form a core part of the Eurostar's planning process, allowing them to test the knock-on effect of changes to service delivery such as the potential impact of different passport queues after Brexit.

The two-year project will now move on to developing models of Eurostar rail fleet, with the work designed to improve efficiency and reduce disruption when making changes.

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships are one of a range of ways in which University experts link up with national and local businesses to offer practical advice based on their research. The Innovation and Enterprise team work to open up creative solutions to organisations through tailored consultancy, access to cutting-edge facilities, training and partnerships. Elsewhere, the University’s dedicated start-up hub has helped more than 130 new businesses launch in Kent, contributing £8.8m to the local economy between 2013 and 2018.
New home for Canterbury ducks

Wildlife on the University campus has a new home thanks to caring local five-year-old Logan.

The budding conservationist wrote to Vice Chancellor Karen Cox after visiting campus and becoming concerned by litter in the Keynes pond and the lack of ducks. Sharing his concerns, Karen invited Logan and his Mum to visit campus and develop some future plans for the pond with our Estates team. This will ensure campus is more attractive for our feathered friends in future, particularly as we move into the summer months. A further addition will be a new poster with advice on the best things to feed ducks, created by Logan himself.

To thank Logan for his help, we recently presented the youngster with a personalised duck house which will shortly be launched on the pond. And a further thank you to him for helping make campus as welcoming as possible for all our visitors, feathered or otherwise!

Canterbury Purple Flag

Canterbury’s safe and thriving night-time economy has been recognised with the renewal of its Purple Flag status, a highly sought-after accreditation held by just 70 towns and cities across the UK. The University and Kent Union are both partners in the scheme, which sees wide-ranging local representatives including the police and venue owners come together to promote the safety and wellbeing of those enjoying a night out.

New community projects launched

A series of new community projects have launched in Canterbury through our Community Scholarship scheme, which funds students to run initiatives locally. Art at Heart, run by first year Psychology student Grace Lau, saw a series of art and craft workshops at Pilgrim’s Way Primary School to help children with learning difficulties and low confidence. Meanwhile, Drama and Film student Aida Sharaf is organising music festival Music for Change to raise awareness of mental health and domestic abuse, while film project From the Cubby will be screened later in the year, raising awareness of homelessness and resettlement in Canterbury.

Community Quiz Night

Local residents and students recently enjoyed a Star Wars Community Quiz Night in February. Six teams came together at St Stephen’s Church Hall for a fun evening of quizzing, food and drinks, with the winners ‘We’re Only Here For The Nibbles’ taking home a bottle of wine each.

The event was planned by the University’s Student Community Champions, with similar events planned later in the year, including a games evening.