

WORK PLACEMENTS AND STUDENT EVENTS



The college now has a dedicated Work Placement Unit in order to suit the needs of Students on the Foundation and Top Up Degrees that the college is now operating in conjunction with the London Metropolitan University.

As currently three of the four Degree programs have a work placement element (Business, I.T., Public Health and Social Care) students will need at points of their courses to find a Work Placement relevant to their courses. The Work Placement Unit is there to assist students find their own placements, seek out employers to take students on work placements and to ensure that all employers have a safe environment for students to undertake their work placements.

The Work Placement Unit is constantly in touch with employers and is building up a bank of suitable employers where our students can be placed in safe and suitable work placements.

The Work Placement Unit also seeks employers who will come into college and give specific course relevant talks to students.

The Work Placement Unit also seeks employers who will allow students to undertake visits to employers, their offices, businesses and so on.

The Work Placement Unit also organizes events for students such as the Student Dragons' Den and student business displays in the main college canteen.

The Work Placement Unit also seeks out suitable job fairs, recruitment fairs and employer fairs which are suitable for students to attend and which are relevant to their progression

and their courses and organizes the student attendance and keeps students up to date with such events.

Besides the course related work the Work Placement Unit runs a weekly Job Club for students where they can come to gain advice on progression, CV preparation and advice, Application Forms advice and all and any matters relating to the student progression.

I, as head of the Work Placement Unit, have worked in Further and Higher Education for almost 30 years as well as having worked in the Civil Service, including Employment Service Job Clubs and industry. I have worked in the past in Student Support and was the Work Experience Coordinator for over 12 years at Richmond upon Thames College covering all of the various courses the college operated including ESOL and Supported Learning courses. Like many students at LSST I returned to full time education as a mature student gaining my Bachelor's Degree at the Ealing College of Higher Education (which is now known as The University of West London, whom LSST also works in cooperation with operating Foundation and Top Up Degrees). So I am in a position to know what it is like and the particular difficulties faced by mature students. I later gained my Post Graduate qualifications, in Educational Management, at the Roehampton University.

I look forward to working with and assisting students on their courses at LSST.

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