



UNIVERSITY
OF HULL

SUPPORTER NEWSLETTER 2021

THANK YOU
FOR MAKING
A DIFFERENCE





THANK YOU

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the University's Annual Supporter Newsletter and also thank you for the impact you have made on our work and community.

Professor Susan Lea, Vice-Chancellor

Dear Supporter of the University of Hull,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the University's Annual Supporter Newsletter and also thank you for the impact you have made on our work and community.

This newsletter is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the University's successes over the last year and reflect on the role played by our donors, volunteers and friends. We have made major progress over the last 12 months and, as you will be able to see from the articles in this newsletter, you have played a key role in helping us to make significant strides forward.

The University of Hull is now ranked as one of the top universities in the North. In the Guardian University Rankings we have risen by 19 places from 72 to 53, with four of our courses ranking in the top 10 nationally, and we are the most improved university since 2019.

In the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide we have risen 8 places in the rankings from 60 to 52 and are now ranked number four in the North. We are absolutely delighted that we have seen a rise in our overall ranking for the third consecutive year, climbing a total of 51 places during this period. You have played an important role in this impressive transformation.

When I wrote to you last year we were still coming to terms with COVID, and I reflected on how the pandemic had been a force for encouraging us to retrain our focus on what was important. Thus, despite the pandemic, we continued to develop our Strategy 2030, building on the earlier vision, values and behaviour work. I felt, in particular, that creating a focus for the future was vital amidst the very real operational imperatives of the pandemic. Providing a source of hope and positivity, reflecting our deep commitment to social justice and environmental sustainability, and woven around our people, place and partnerships, we are now working on embedding Strategy 2030 in all that we do.

Giving our students a quality education, a great university experience and preparing them for

a highly competitive employment market is at the very heart of what we do, and this newsletter shows how you have enabled us to do this. You have been volunteering with our students to share your employment experiences and offer them advice for succeeding in their chosen careers. The Compass Scholarships have not only funded the studies of talented students, but have provided them with exceptional internship opportunities in the hospitality sector. Alumni donations towards our mental health work are ensuring that when our students need extra help, we can provide them with a place to turn and help them gain skills to support their peers.

Furthermore, we recognise that our work starts before our students arrive on campus for the first time. That is why we are working with IntoUniversity to support young people from deprived backgrounds to raise their aspirations and provide them with a pathway to university. It is also why we are working with alumni to provide 11 new LGBTQ+ scholarships. Students from different backgrounds and with different experiences have different needs, and we have a role to play in ensuring they are supported to overcome any barriers which might hinder them in achieving their potential.

As a university, research and enterprise are key aspects of our work that you have helped us to advance. Students are being supported to develop business concepts and turn them into a reality. And we have been able to support early career researchers in key strategic areas, such as the MSc in Renewable Energy, in health, and with our MA in TESOL programme.

This year, with your support, we have made exceptional progress in delivering on our priorities, and putting into practice our values of being inclusive, empowering and progressive. Thank you.

Professor Susan Lea
Vice-Chancellor

TOGETHERALL

PUTTING YOUR DONATIONS TOWARDS SUPPORTING STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Over the past three years universities have seen rising demand for mental health and wellbeing support and this trend has been reflected at the University of Hull. As part of our aim to improve our 24/7 access to such support, we have made available to all students our first online digital platform – Togetherall (formally Big White Wall). This has been timely as the challenges and demands of living through a pandemic have added greater pressure and stress on students, as it has to many of us. Many thanks to those Alumni who have helped fund this through their donations to the Annual Fund. It has been making an enormous and positive difference to the lives of our student community.

Togetherall is a support network comprising of community, courses and a library of resources. The website features clinically-managed online forums, a wide range of self-guided groups and individual courses, covering a range of mental health and lifestyle topics and a library featuring a wealth of useful articles and resources, including tests to help track progress. The advantage of this provision is that it can all be accessed anytime anywhere. Togetherall is CQC registered and professionally moderated which gives us the reassurance that our students are using a safe and well-supported online environment.

This new service was promoted to students throughout the 20/21 academic year through e-bulletins and targeted mailings. It also forms part of the mental health teams' pathways of support with advisers being able to recommend specific courses to target commonly experienced challenges in areas such as social anxiety, procrastination, stress and worry or improving sleep for example.

An independent review of Togetherall has found that 73% of people using the site shared an issue for the first time, 80% of people were able to manage how they were feeling without needing to access other help and support, and 95% reported improved wellbeing.

The platform has been well used by our student community over the past year and has been accessed by a broad demographic range of ages, ethnicities and gender identifications. The confidential nature of the platform allows users to explore topics they would maybe find difficult in a more open forum. In introducing a digital platform for our students, our aim has been to bridge the out-of-hours gap in evenings, weekends and holidays. The clinically-managed forums provide a safe space for users to be supported and to support others and our data has shown that 63% of logins have occurred outside the face-to-face services we provide from 9 to 5 every weekday. This has confirmed the need for us to provide 24/7 support.



Through the pandemic, 25% of users have accessed self-guided courses, and 29% have used the self-assessment tools. The most popular course amongst University of Hull students during 2020 was 'managing depression and low mood'. The community aspect of the platform has proved invaluable as this was the one thing that students didn't have during the pandemic; a place to share feelings when you have been sitting in your room all week is incredibly important. Recent students have not enjoyed the in-person social events and interaction that our alumni have enjoyed over the years when studying at Hull. Thankfully this year's intake are able to have a more 'normal' experience, and the University is doing everything it can to deliver that safely.

TEAM GB KITTING OUT

— WE'VE FUNDED STUDENTS

As you will be aware, the University has teamed up with Team GB to be the 'Official Partner University' of Team GB. This partnership has brought some incredible opportunities to our students; an opportunity only open to those studying at Hull University.

One of these opportunities was gaining work experience through volunteering at Team GB's Tokyo 2020 Kitting Out, at the NEC in Birmingham in June.

"The Kitting Out is an important moment for the athletes as the kit symbolizes a key moment of becoming a Team GB athlete," explained Tim Ellerton, Commercial Director at Team GB. "Since many of the athletes will be competing at their first Olympic Games, trying on the official kit for the first time is a special moment, giving them a sense of what it means to represent our nation, and building excitement for competing at the world's largest sporting event."

The event saw athletes try on, and collect, a range of kit, which included Opening and Closing Ceremony Wear and formal wear - an important step in their Olympic journey. Students described their awe and feeling 'starstruck' whilst supporting Team GB athletes during the Kitting Out process.

Although the students volunteered their time, there was still a cost attached to supporting such an event with travel and subsistence, and part of this funding was donated by our graduates to ensure that we could offer the maximum number of students this unique and wonderful experience. In total, we had 50 students to support the event where 350 Team GB athletes from 30 sports selected their Team GB kit ahead of the Games.

“The Kitting Out is an important moment for the athletes as the kit symbolizes a key moment of becoming a Team GB athlete.”



THE OLYMPIC CHALLENGE:

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER TO GET ACTIVE!

Celebrating our partnership with Team GB, this summer we invited alumni to take part in the University of Hull Olympic Challenge. Alumni were asked to do the equivalent of the 40-mile length of the Humber in any way they wanted (running, walking, swimming or cycling) and wherever they wanted (out in the wild, in their own neighbourhood, backyard or on a treadmill) over four weeks.

With the aim of helping people to get active after the lockdowns, to make fitness and health a more prominent part of their lives, or to reach a fitness goal such as preparation for a marathon, we ran a series of online workshops to support the fitness and wellbeing goals of our graduates and participants, and offered free use of our gym facilities to those taking part.

It was fantastic to have so many reporting back on their experiences and letting us know how this challenge had made a difference. Whether it was to prepare for a marathon, or simply to get more active, participants found the challenge and the support from fellow alumni and the University very valuable.

The funds raised from those who took part are now supporting our Talented Athlete Programme, helping students with great promise balance academic work with sporting achievement. All in all, a very worthwhile exercise, in more ways than one!



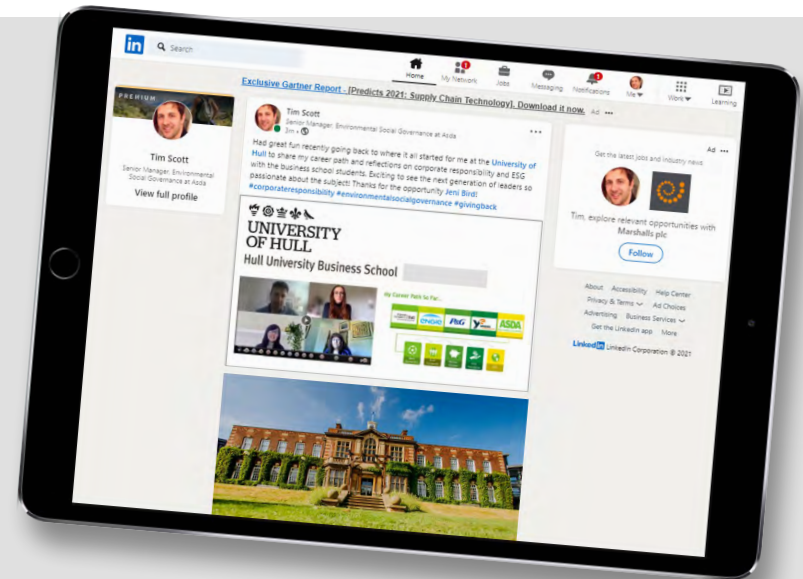
VOLUNTEERING STORIES

2021

Thank you once again to all those who have written a blog post, spoken at a virtual event, mentored a student, provided web content or a video, or spoken to our students. We are forever grateful for your support and for your choosing to give back to your alma mater in this way.

2021 has seen the continuity of a virtual environment for the entirety of the Development & Alumni Relations events calendar. Without doubt, this has had its advantages; like connecting with our global community, which has become much easier than ever before. This year we have once again worked closely with the Business School in the Faculty of Business, Law & Politics, to embed a series of alumni talks into a range of different modules. These timetabled events have increased student attendance, engagement and enriched the curriculum with real world examples from our very own alumni community.

We covered a range of modules, and one of the first to join this guest speaker series was Rebekah Kendrick (Politics, 2014) who is now Head of Government Affairs at the British Wine & Spirit Trade Association. Rebekah joined the International Business module ran by Professor Qing Lu. This module explored the impact of Brexit on the British economy and students were keen to ask about the impact of the pandemic on the wine & spirit trade, and to hear about Rebekah's busy role, which involves lobbying the government on behalf of our heavily-regulated alcohol and drinks industry.. This was a role she never knew existed, but now thoroughly enjoys the fast-paced environment and keeping up-to-date with policies and knowledge in this sector – thank you Rebekah!



Another alumna joining us this year, in March, was Tim Scott (Business Studies, 2006) for the Responsible Business in Society module ran by Dr Joe Cooke. Tim is a Senior Manager for Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) at ASDA and informed guests about ASDA's response as a supermarket leader and how ESG, he believes, is the next chapter in advancement following Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). He spoke about how ASDA added 57 online delivery drivers to their team and employed 23,000 temporary staff to meet the demand. ASDA also did an incredible amount to support the community by donating over £200,000 to the Royal Voluntary Service to fund a telephone appeal to support the vulnerable, as well as donating over 7,000 laptop bundles to tackle digital exclusion.

We have also been working closely with our Marketing Team to reach out to our recent graduates and find volunteers who are happy to tell their story through a video message. These videos will be used on our social media channels, helping to inspire potential students thinking about coming to Hull.

If you have an interesting story to share or know someone with a different career path, we would love to hear from you. Contact us by email at alumni@hull.ac.uk

REVIEW OF EVENTS & MASTERCLASSES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Bringing our amazing alumni network together to make connections, be inspired and have fun.

Over the last sixteen months, global events have restricted us to spending most of our time at home and with a very limited social circle. Whilst our aim with our alumni events has always been to promote networking and give you the opportunity to hear from exceptional graduates at the top of their profession, we've been restricted to online meetings for the last year or so.

But that doesn't mean we haven't had fun, nor that the networking has stopped.

We were delighted to bring you the Beat the January Blues Quiz last January, in the hope that together we could combat the post-Christmas winter depression that was worsened by our inability to see family and friends. There were rounds of questions on specialist subjects delivered by our academics interspersed with rounds on the history of the city and university. There was also a round on the city's nightlife.

While the Quiz in January exercised our brains, the Olympic Challenge, celebrating our partnership with Team GB during the Olympics, promoted physical activity after a year of being stationary - by asking you to run, walk, swim or hop 40 miles in four weeks. With free access to our gym facilities, and access to members of staff offering expert advice on health, fitness and wellbeing, we wanted to do what we could to help alumni, and all participants received a unique medal!

Over the last year, we've also launched our Masterclass series, with the aim of giving you access to University of Hull academics and their insights and understanding of various fascinating topics. This year we took a deep dive into some Sherlock Holmes

investigations, tried to make sense of how horror scares us, and asked 'are we alone in the Universe?'. Let us know if there are any subjects or academics you'd like to hear from. Please contact alumni@hull.ac.uk with your suggestions.

In addition, we launched the Entrepreneur Network with a series of TED talk style events from some really great alumni. Usman Ali talked about ethical investment, Pearl Jarrett fired us all up with her story as a disruptive changemaker, whilst Marie Coombes and Celia Clark gave workshops with practical ways alumni can improve their productivity, communication skills and mentality.

Over the coming year, we'll be transitioning to a mixture of online and in person events, with opportunities for you to meet great people, hear inspiring stories, and hopefully have some fun. Look out for further masterclasses with special insights into the University's areas of expertise. There'll also be professional network meetings, including a health network discussion of 'bouncing back and dealing with imposter syndrome'. And there will be further meetings of the Business and Entrepreneur Networks, sharing valuable skills and supporting you in your careers.

Our programme of alumni events would not be possible without the generosity of our alumni. All of the speakers are volunteers willing to share their time, knowledge and the benefit of their experience in order to help others, and many of the outstanding venues we have hosted events at have been made available to us at no cost thanks to our wonderful graduates. Much appreciated!

DRAMA GRADUATES SHARE THEIR TIME, EXPERTISE & PASSION

From a Reunion to Annual Events in Drama and Beyond

It all started at the turn of 2015. A group of graduates from the mid-1970s got in touch with the Drama department. The 40th Anniversary of the Class of 1976 was coming up, and they wanted not only to meet, but also, in their words, give something back to the department they love and to which they owe so much. This initiative resulted in a weekend of events. Around two dozen graduates from 1976, give or take a year, came to the University and offered practical sessions from their fields of expertise. The sessions covered a range of topics reaching far beyond Drama - from working on TV, through job interview skills or cultural mediation, to inspirational talks about the ways that Drama feeds into all corners of society. The event was a reunion of friends and teachers, with our two distinguished emeriti professors, Mike Walton, and the founder of the department, the late Donald Roy, also present.

The success of this initial event led to an annual fixture, sometimes even semi-annual. We have held the **Gulbenkian Careers and Employability Festival** - the name we gave it; or **#GulbFest** in short - ever since. In 2019, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Gulbenkian Centre (1969) as part of the GulbFest. Graduates who came to the event watched a new play by Pavel Drábek and Josh Overton about Calouste Gulbenkian and the sources of his wealth in the oil industry, which helped fund the building.

Even in the months of Covid-19 lockdowns, we were able to organise an online MiniGulbFest in collaboration with the Arts in Isolation project run by our School of Arts, and an on-site speed-dating event with theatre companies set up by our graduates, i.e. The Roaring Girls, Middle Child, Silent Uproar, Concrete Youth, and From Below. With the gradual reopening of on-site events, we are looking at organising **GulbFest2022 on 7-8 April 2022**.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped us so far and if you would like to get involved too, do get in touch. We are also looking forward to celebrating 60 years of the department in 2023. Pavel Drábek (p.drabek@hull.ac.uk), Professor of Drama and Theatre Practice.



INTOUNIVERSITY PROJECT

At the present time in the UK, approximately 43% of students in secondary or further education will go on to access higher education. Amongst students in receipt of free-school meals, the figure falls dramatically to just 26%. In some of Hull's most deprived wards, the figure falls to less than 10%.

Accessing a university education in the UK is linked to a range of complex economic and social factors which include housing security, the quality of early and school-age education and the ability of families to support their children's education.

Many of these problems are endemic and have deep structural roots, but universities have a crucial role to play in tackling disadvantage and supporting communities to access opportunities. This role goes far beyond the understanding and insight that researchers can bring to the issues; it also includes our responsibility to create pathways to higher education that are accessible to all, even to individuals in the most difficult circumstances.

IntoUniversity operates 33 centres in the UK, each of which is located at the heart of the communities which they support. Through a structured programme of additional learning support, mentoring, school-based sessions and university and employer visits, IntoUniversity have achieved a 76% success rate amongst their cohort in supporting students in receipt of free-school meals to reach higher education.

Based on this success and the level of need in the City of Hull, the Development and Alumni Team at Hull partnered with our counterparts at the University of York and with IntoUniversity to fundraise jointly in order to bring the initiative to the city of Hull. To date, the combined fundraising teams have raised £1.3 million towards the cost of Hull's first IntoUniversity centre, which will be established in the Marfleet district of East Hull.



We've had a tremendous response from supporters to our fundraising appeal for the first centre, so much so, that we want to go much further and establish additional centres in the wider region.

We have put this commitment to increasing access to higher education in the city and the region right at the centre of our Case for Support for 2021-22. Thank you to all existing donors and supporters, we'll look forward to updating you during the course of the year on the progress of the first centre and our work to secure additional centres.

COMPASS HOSPITALITY



Compass Hospitality is one of the world's fastest growing hospitality management companies with a diverse portfolio of 45 hotels across the UK and South-East Asia. Founder and CEO, Harmil Singh graduated from Hull in 1994 with an MBA in Business Management. In 2020, he underlined his commitment to supporting Hull students from deprived backgrounds to develop careers in the hospitality industry, by offering financial support and internship opportunities at Compass.

Following some initial delays arising from the pandemic, the first cohort of five Compass Scholars were able to take up placements with the company in June 2021. Each successful applicant received:

- A bursary of £4,100 to support them during their period of study
- A two-month-salaried summer placement within Compass between June and July

Following the completion of placements we caught up with Yihan Xie (MSc Accounting, 2021) who spent two months based in the Manchester Headquarters for Compass's UK operations. Here's what she had to say about her experience:

What were your initial thoughts on taking up a placement with Compass?

I was very excited to start this finance placement, as acquiring work experience seems to be a common barrier for graduates in finding a permanent position. My first day consisted of being sent one of the hotel's profit and loss statements, and being asked to familiarise myself with its format and various tabs of information. My task was mostly on the financial reporting side, hence I thought this was a good start.

What impact did the bursary/ paid opportunity have on your student experience?

The bursary was incredibly generous and helpful indeed. Being on student finance put a

lot of pressure on me as it covered my tuition fees, but not much of my accommodation or living expenses.

Where was your placement, and what did it involve? What did a typical day look like?

My placement was essentially split into two parts. The first part was creating a new profit and loss format for food and beverage, budgeted against actual costs and revenue. This enabled me to see exactly how a statement is made and understand all the information that feeds into the main tab. The second part was more accounting related; helping the accountants with their daily tasks such as supplier reconciliation, cashflows and payroll trackers.

What was the overall outcome of your placement?

During the final stages of my dissertation, Umar (my placement mentor and FD) messaged me and we were conversing about how things were, which then led to starting a job here with Compass Hospitality in October.

Would you recommend that other students take up the opportunity with Compass?

Yes, I would certainly recommend this to other students as you will be exposed to many things and will learn as you go. Everyone at Compass Hospitality is very friendly and welcoming, it is a nice environment to be in and a good place to learn.

TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS REPORT

Support from local and national Trusts and Foundations has been a cornerstone in philanthropic giving to the University. Through generous grants, we have been able to support students through hardship, set-up new scholarships to promote diversity and inclusivity, and promote and enhance novel research.

Scholarships

The University of Hull is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all, giving every individual the chance to achieve their potential, free from prejudice and discrimination.

The Ernest Hecht Charitable Foundation have very kindly donated £100,000 to the University to allow for ten £10,000 scholarships for ten students, who will be studying an Economics degree at Hull.

The scholarships are available for disadvantaged (either by household income or disability) female students from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage those students who traditionally may not choose to study Economics, but who would bring diverse experiences and perspectives to the discipline.

The relationship with this Foundation is an extra special one for us as Ernest Hecht studied at Hull before embarking on a remarkable and notable career in publishing.



Natalie Gall, BA Creative Music Technology, recently travelled to Tokyo on a 5-day trip with the University and Team GB to capture audio for a 360 VR project.

Employability

The University offers students a variety of ways to boost their CVs and develop their work experience and as a result has consistently had a high proportion of its graduates in sustained employment or further study five years after graduation.

To build upon this, for the benefit of local students, The **Ann Watson's Trust** very kindly has pledged to donate £20,000 per annum for a period of three years, to establish The Ann Watson's Trust Employability Awards.

The funding will be used to support local undergraduate students (from low-income backgrounds), under the age of 25, in accessing work placement and work experience opportunities, to enhance their future employment prospects.

Funding will also be available to students on an ad-hoc basis for worthy 'individual employability activity', and they are supported through the application process by mentoring sessions and through guidance from Student Services' staff.

The funding has already benefitted a number of students, allowing them to access extra-curricular training, additional qualifications and prestigious Team GB activity. All of these activities will enhance their employability prospects, helping them to stand-out in ever competitive job markets.

If you can support the university by connecting us with a trust or foundation, please get in touch: Jonathan.greenwood@hull.ac.uk



Ernest Hecht OBE arrived in the UK on the Kindertransport, on the eve of the Second World War; the first refugee from Moravia in Czechoslovakia. He later studied at Hull and graduated in 1951 with a BSc in Economics. Ernest founded Souvenir Press in the same year and ran the company until his death in 2018 aged 88. As Owner and Managing Director of one of the few remaining independently owned major publishing houses in Britain, Ernest was a legendary figure in the UK publishing industry and was the recipient of the first lifetime achievement award at the British Book Awards in 2001. His legacy includes the Ernest Hecht Charitable Foundation, founded in 2003, which awards grants that benefit the disadvantaged and promote the advancement of the arts and education.

ACTion TO COMBAT SLAVERY REPORT

Our ACTion to combat modern slavery campaign, in partnership with the Wilberforce Institute, has been a great success so far. Thanks to everyone who has supported the campaign up until now. Funds raised are supporting the key objective: to raise awareness of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and inform and educate people, organisations and businesses on how to comply with the law, so that together we combat the evil of modern slavery.

To-date we have raised £25,000 - more than half the initial project target - generously donated by alumni and supporters. As a result, we have recruited a new member of staff to manage the project, Andrew Smith. Andrew is already working to strengthen and widen expertise in applying the Modern Slavery Act, including designing and implementing CPD courses and developing other training opportunities to help stakeholders interpret, apply and test the legislation. The Wilberforce Institute is bringing education, research and knowledge exchange together into a Justice Hub, through which we will build a better understanding of, and compliance with, the law by business and supply chains. Ultimately, we aim to change culture so that we each ensure that nothing we do in our work or our personal lives supports modern slavery.

Special thanks to Joanne Rule MBE (Sociology, 1979), Janet Pell (English, 1984), Mike Craven (History, 1980) & Nick Hardwick CBE (English, 1979) & Elizabeth McGrath QC (Law, 1982) for their continued support and tremendous efforts to help make this project a success.



**“You may choose to look the other way
but you can never say again that you did not know”
William Wilberforce**

LGBTQ+ SCHOLARSHIP

The University launches the first UK LGBTQ+ undergraduate scholarship!

Eleven new scholarships to support the LGBTQ+ community have been announced by the University of Hull. The Jeremy Round LGBTQ+ Scholarship, named in memory of the Hull alumnus, cookery writer and journalist, will award each recipient with £1,000 to support the costs of study.

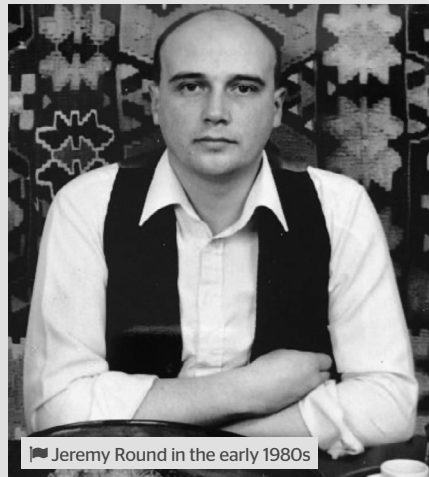
The scholarship is believed to be the first of its kind offered to the LGBTQ+ community at undergraduate study level in the UK.

Recipients will also have the opportunity to meet with LGBTQ+ alumni from the University of Hull, including Jeremy Trevathan of major publishing company Pan Macmillan, who has helped launch the scholarships.

To be eligible, students must identify as LGBTQ+ and either have a household income of under £25,000, or a disability.

The scholarships are supported, and part-funded, by Jeremy Round's former partner, Jeremy Trevathan. The two Jeremys - who became affectively known during their time at the University as 'Jeremy Squared' - met while studying at Hull. Mr Trevathan himself encountered significant challenges as a gay student living in the 1970s. His experiences have now inspired him to help the University launch the Jeremy Round Scholarship.

Mr Trevathan said: "I wanted to support this scholarship because of a period I experienced when I found myself alone, unable to talk with my family as I hadn't come out to them, and was rejected by the new friends I thought I'd made at the beginning of my adult life.



Jeremy Round in the early 1980s



Jeremy Trevathan



Pride in Hull

“I wanted to set something up specifically for LGBTQ+ students who may have particular experiences and who may need some financial support in particular.”

“It was a tough time for me, but I found my way through. There are many types of isolation that all undergraduates can experience.

“I wanted to set something up specifically for LGBTQ+ students who may have particular experiences and who may need some financial support in particular.”

Members of the LGBTQ+ community can face a variety of barriers when accessing higher education

The new scholarships can be used to support students with accommodation costs, living expenses, books and other educational equipment.

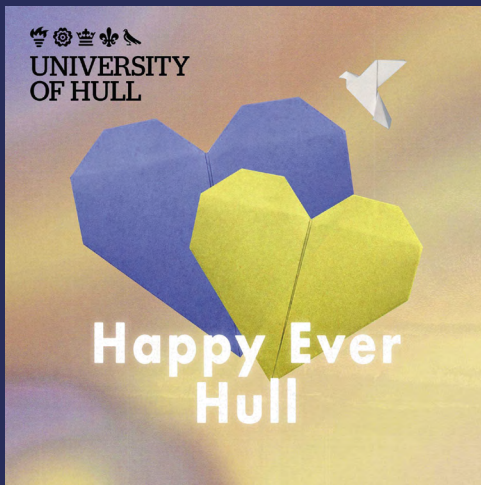
Jeremy Round was a talented food writer, who rose to prominence when he became Food Editor at The Independent.

He was highly regarded by the whole food community, from suppliers and home cooks to chefs and cookery writers, and was awarded the highest accolade at the time for food writing, the overall Glenfiddich Award in 1989, just a few months before he died unexpectedly of a brain haemorrhage.

“I would like Jeremy to be remembered for being fearless about how he lived his life,” Jeremy Trevathan said.

“He was unashamed of his sexuality, his issues with mental health, and his size. Indeed, he revelled in it all, as he did in life in general.

“He had so many other things that he thought were more important and that defined who he was more than his sexuality and he reached out and grabbed life by the horns. I think that's a great role model for students today.”



PODCAST NEWS

Happy Ever Hull is a new podcast from the University of Hull Alumni Association where we'll be chatting to alumni who met their life partners while studying here at the University.

You'll hear stories about what the University campus was like from as early as the 60s, the clubs and pubs our alumni used to go to, and stories of life and love in bygone times. Find us online on Spotify and Youtube, just search the podcast name!

Our Networking community - www.Hullalumniconnects.me

Our Alumni Blog - www.hullalumni.me

Update your details - alumni@hull.ac.uk



twitter.com/hullalumni



facebook.com/hullalumni



instagram.com/hullalumni



<https://linkedin.com/groups/63362>



**UNIVERSITY
OF HULL**