



Buzz Bitesize: September 2013

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Black History Month 2013

For the third year in a row, the University will celebrate Black History Month as part of the Cultural Engagement Initiative. Working in partnership with The Drum, the month-long events will feature important figures from around the UK and the USA including Dr. Julius Garvey, son of famed Civil Rights leader, Marcus Garvey; celebrated playwright David Edgar; and acclaimed National Gallery lecturer, Leslie Primo. Many of the events are free and open to the public. These events will be forming part of the University's focus on equality and inclusion in employment, a key area for the next academic session. The full Black History Month Programme is on the [University website](#).



Welcome 2013: 21–27 September

Staff from across the University have been working hard to complete planning for Welcome 2013. Events include the introduction of Parents' Welcome Addresses, a Wellbeing Fair, Welcome Hubs supporting students with Registration, ID Cards and visa checks, and new Library Services workshops. [The Welcome Timetable](#) contains key information for our new students about induction and events and activities happening across campus during Welcome. Detailed staff resources including toolkits, Welcome pack content, and Welcome branding are available [on the intranet](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Kelly Hamilton](#), Assistant Director, Student Services.



Honorary Degrees – nominations open

Do you know someone who has made a major contribution to academic, regional or national life? Have you considered nominating them for an honorary degree of the University? Recent honorary graduates include the stand-up comedian, writer and actor, Chris Addison, the Director-General of the BBC, Tony Hall, and Kitty Hart-Moxon, Polish-English Holocaust survivor. Nominations can be made by any University employee, student, alumnus, member of honorary staff, or lay member of Court or Council. The next deadline for nominations is 24 September 2013. To find out more [visit the website](#), or contact [Laura Ewers](#).



Vice-Chancellor's Open Forum

Date/Time: 24 October, 12.30pm–1.30pm

Venue: Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building

Join the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Eastwood, for his first staff address of the new academic year. Further details will be circulated shortly to all staff.

News

Chancellor receives Leadership award

Congratulations to the University's Chancellor, Sir Dominic Cadbury, who has been awarded the CASE Europe Leadership Award 2013. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) is a not-for-profit association serving over 3,000 educational institutions worldwide. The Leadership Award recognises sector leaders for their outstanding efforts in promoting and supporting education. The judges commended Sir Dominic's dedicated involvement in all areas of advancement at the University.

New Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry

Work will begin at the former home of BBC Pebble Mill studios this month to build the new Birmingham Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry. The new facility will be the first integrated, stand-alone dental hospital and dental school to be built in the UK for almost 40 years. It is expected to take around two years to build, and is anticipated to open to staff, students and the public in 2015. Look out for further details on campus developments in the October/November edition of buzz magazine.

University celebrates decade of Fair Trade

Congratulations to all staff in Hospitality and Accommodation Services (HAS) who have maintained their Fair Trade status, awarded by the Fair Trade foundation, for the 10th year running. The status was awarded for the University's continued use, and promotion of Fair Trade products and services across HAS outlets. Fair Trade is also strongly supported by students, and the initiative and first submission to the Foundation was completed by two of our students. Further details are on the [venuebirmingham website](#).

Great Read at Birmingham (GRAB)

Almost 600 copies of this year's GRAB book, The Incredible Human Journey by Alice Roberts, have been distributed to academic and professional staff working with incoming undergraduates, and is being incorporated into a number of Welcome and induction activities. To celebrate the launch of GRAB 2013 Library Services is giving students the chance to win an iPad, by sharing a photo of their own 'Incredible Human Journey' to the University @UoBLibServices, or on the UoB Library Services Facebook page with #UoBGRAB before 11 October. Further events are planned for later in the year, with a GRAB-themed Book quiz and book-crossing event on 29 October, a seminar in the Lapworth museum, a large-scale conference and much more. Visit the [University website](#) for details.

Student Skills Zone

The Careers Network in partnership with colleagues across the University (Academic Skills Centre, the International Student Advisory Service, Birmingham Study Abroad, Student Library Subject Advisors and the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation) are launching a new online resource for all students to help develop their skills. Students can access any of the four zones via a single login: Academic Skills, Professional Skills, Entrepreneurial Skills, and Global Skills. For further information contact [Joan Cartledge](#).

Research success

The University is now a top 40 participant in the European Research Framework Programme, according to the latest European Commission FP7 monitoring report. The University ranked 39th overall and 24th for HE organisations, in terms of number of projects, out of the thousands of organisations taking part. This is a great increase on previous rankings of 62nd overall and 37th for HE organisations. If you have any questions about EU funding, contact the EU [Funding Support Team in Research and Innovation Services](#).

Bookcrossing comes to Birmingham

Are you having a clear out of books? Do you have books that you've really enjoyed and would like to share with others? We are looking for donations of books to help promote bookcrossing at the University in connection with Welcome and Book to the Future activities. Bookcrossing is when books are left at established locations or 'in the wild' (on a bench or a bus) for someone to find. [You log the books online](#) and attach the label provided; When 'found', books can be tracked on the website. For information on how to get involved please contact [Helen Murray](#).

Green Bike project launch

Opening soon on campus is the Green Bike Project; a student led workshop providing bicycle maintenance and the sale of secondhand bikes to staff and students. To find out

more visit Staff House reception on 9 September, 11.30am–2.30pm, when the Green Bike Project will be hosting a launch event for staff to sign up and get a year's use of the tools and assistance available. For more information visit the [GBP website](#).

New library management system

Library Services' new library management system, Aleph was launched in August; FindIt@Bham is now directing users to Aleph and staff across the service are using the new system for all aspects of their work. Aleph will enable Library Services to better manage the University's library collections and to improve the service we provide to library users. Further details are available [on the intranet](#).

Fundraising for the University

Congratulations to Vickie Pargetter, Assistant Registrar, who recently completed the Ironman challenge to raise £1,600 for the University's breast cancer research. Staff and alumni are also running the Birmingham Half Marathon in October to raise money for the University's life-saving cancer research. If you are planning to run and would like to join the team in raising money for our fantastic researchers, please [visit Just Giving](#) to set up your page. You can also text SAVE to 70030 to give £3 to [the University's cancer research](#).

Views

BUAFTA nominations coming soon!

The BUAFTAs (Birmingham University Awards For Tremendous Achievement) are organised every year by University staff to recognise and celebrate the achievements of Professional Services colleagues who have gone the extra mile, and contributed significantly to the success of our University. You can nominate any administrative, technical, academic related, support staff or team for an award. Nominations open on Tuesday, 1st October 2013, further information will be available on the intranet shortly.

Educational Enhancement Network (EEN)

EEN is a forum for the promotion, discussion and dissemination of enhancement-themed ideas and activities relating to all facets of teaching and learning. EEN will run a series of different events, from debates on current issues in HE, to workshops on particular aspects of teaching and learning. Forthcoming events include briefing sessions on educational enhancement projects and funding, and workshops on peer observation and learning technology. In collaboration with Student Services, the Centre for Learning and Academic Development will host a series of lunchtime sessions on diversity and inclusivity. Plus host reading groups and educational research group meetings. If you would like more information about EEN and its events, or to be added to the circulation list, please contact [Marios Hadjianastasis](#).

Lapworth Museum of Geology 'Object of the Month'

Each month the Lapworth Museum makes a short video showcasing an object from its collection. These include a trilobite approximately 400 million years old; a meteorite that impacted the earth about 60,000 years ago; and much more. Each is selected by either a museum volunteer, work experience person, PhD or scholarship student. To view the videos and find out more about these interesting objects please visit our ['Object of the Month'](#) archive.

Events

Religion, Gangs, Community Cohesion and Youth Detention

Date/Time: 9 September, 10.30am–4pm

Venue: Senior Common Room, Birmingham Law School

Concerns about community cohesion, ethnic and religious diversity, multiculturalism and integration have once again emerged on the political agenda. This one-day research event will bring together interested policy makers, practitioners and academics for a series of short research presentations to facilitate discussion around the emerging and pressing concerns regarding community cohesion and the youth prison estate for 15-21 year olds. Further details are on [the University website](#).

Eighteenth-Century Science in the University's Special Collections

Date/Time: 18 September, 1pm

Venue: Cadbury Research Library

Martin Killeen, Rare Books Librarian of the Cadbury Research Library, takes us on a fascinating visual tour of eighteenth-century science. Free lunchtime talk open to all, please email special-collections@bham.ac.uk to reserve your place.

venuebirmingham Flashsale

Coming soon! The venuebirmingham [4-hour Flashsale](#) starts at 9am on 18 September. Also, why not try Christmas with venuebirmingham? Christmas party packages start from only £20 per person for a three course meal, Disco and DJ in a selection of venues. To book or for further information call 0121 415 8400 or email enquiries@venuebirmingham.com.

Intellectual Property Seminar & Networking Event

Date/Time: 25 September, 12–2pm (lunch provided)

Venue: BizzInn, Institute of R&D, Birmingham Research Park

Intellectual property (IP) is an intangible property that is the result of creativity and innovation and can be owned in a similar way to physical property. IP covers a number of different forms including patents, copyright, design rights and trademarks. This seminar will explain how to identify IP and to outline the processes relating to these different forms. The seminar will be delivered by Dr Chris Moore, partner with patent attorney Harrison Goddard Foote. [Registration is essential](#).

Pharmacy Lecture 2013 'The impact of pharmaceutical science on patient care'

Date/Time: 25 September, 4pm

Venue: Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre, Medical School

Professor Alexander Florence, PhD Emeritus Professor and ex-Dean at the School of Pharmacy University College London, will give this lecture to mark the opening of the University's Pharmacy (MPharm) course. For further information please contact [Clare](#)

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Three-minute thesis

Date/Time: 27 September, 2.15pm

Venue: Great Hall, Aston Webb Building

The average PhD thesis would take nine hours to present; 3MT@ finalists have... three minutes! Three Minute Thesis is a research communication competition in which doctoral researchers have just three minutes to deliver an engaging presentation on their thesis topic, its originality and its significance. All staff are welcome to attend as finalists battle it out for a £1,000 travel bursary prize.

Maxwell Fry Global Finance Lecture

Date/Time: 2 October, 5.15pm

Venue: G12, Birmingham Business School

'The Political Economy of Inflation-Tax Banking: Brazil and Mexico in the 19th and 20th Centuries' will be delivered by Charles Calomiris, Henry Kaufman Professor of Financial Institutions at Columbia University Graduate School of Business, and is supported by the Money, Macroeconomics and Finance Research Group.

Environment Day 2013

Date: 8 October

Venue: Great Hall, Aston Webb Building

Our third annual environment day is a great chance to learn more about the University's environmental research, and opportunities for staff and students to get involved in campus wide projects. Admission is free, further details are [on the intranet](#).

Ray Krone – talk on death penalty

Date/Time: 10 October 2013, 6pm

Venue: Law School

Ray Krone was the 100th death row inmate freed after being found guilty for a murder he did not commit. Saved by DNA evidence 10 years after sentencing Ray will discuss his extraordinary story at Birmingham Law School on 'World Day Against the Death Penalty'. Further details are [on the intranet](#).

International GLOW Conference 2013

Date: 1 November

The second annual Global Women's Health (GLOW) Conference at the University of Birmingham will bring together leading researchers and practitioners in the field of maternal healthcare, to disseminate new knowledge and ideas, to share best practice, and work more effectively towards a world of safe pregnancy and childbirth. Keynote speaker will be Carole Presern, Executive Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. Registration is now open, further details are [on the intranet](#).

Opportunities

U21 Early Careers Research Conference

'Innovative Technologies: From Research to Impact on Society' to be held at the Tecnologico de Monterrey University in December, will bring together Early Career Researchers (ECRs) from across the U21 network within the first eight years of their post-doctoral career. International Relations have two £1,000 bursaries to support attendance. The deadline for applications is 18 October further details are [on the intranet](#).

Participants needed

Creativity questionnaire – a student is conducting research on how different disciplines approach creativity and barriers this may produce in cross-disciplinary collaborations. [The questionnaire](#) can be completed online and should take no more than a few minutes to complete.

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