

## Buzz Bitesize: December 2013

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### Birmingham Professional Forum

**Date:** 11 February

**Time:** 11.00am–12.00pm

**Venue:** Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building

The Birmingham Professional Forum is a termly event introduced by the Registrar and Secretary, Lee Sanders. The Forum is an opportunity to hear from colleagues on a range of topics, and all Birmingham Professional staff are encouraged to attend. The agenda for this term's Forum includes updates on POD training and development opportunities, campus developments, WW1 commemorative activity and information security. Further details are on the [intranet](#).

### LGBT history month

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans (LGBT) History Month is an annual event celebrating the lives and achievements of the LGBT community. The University is observing LGBT History Month 2014 with a range of performances, talks, and events taking place across campus throughout February. The full schedule of events is on the

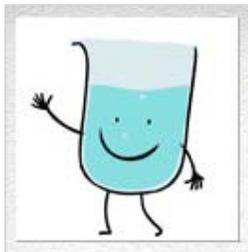


[University website](#).



## Intranet improvements

A new staff homepage is available on the intranet, providing a range of useful information including the latest University news and events, and quick links to the most requested and searched intranet content. This includes links to the IT service desk, staff directory, Canvas and development opportunities. Visit the [intranet](#) to view the full range of content.



## An animated World Cancer Day

On World Cancer Awareness Day (4 February) the Development, Alumni and Business Engagement (DABE) team came up with a different way of talking about the University's cancer research. Their Pete the Beaker [animation](#) demonstrates how Birmingham is fighting cancer through the kindness of our supporters. Students and staff also joined together to raise money for the University's cancer research with a cake sale in the Library. From bake sales to half marathons, there are many ways to support cancer research at Birmingham. Please contact Laura Fairbanks in the DABE office on 414 8894 to find out more or text SAVE to 70030 to give £3 today.

## News

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### BUAFTA gala coming soon

We are delighted to announce that the BUAFTA gala dinner will be taking place on 28 February. Forty-eight shortlisted individuals and teams have been invited to the event where this year's winners will be announced. In addition to the awards, raising money for a charity is an important part of BUAFTA. This year staff and students can support the wonderful work of Acorns Children's Hospice. Your contribution will help the charity to provide care to life-limited and life-threatened children and young people and their families. Raffle tickets are £1 each and can be bought until 28 February. All participants can win great prizes, including a 23" LCD TV, iPad or £100 in cash. For more information visit the [intranet](#) or follow @BUAFTAs on Twitter.

### Think business with Birmingham

The latest edition of [think Business with Birmingham](#) a newsletter produced by the Business Engagement team is now available. The newsletter demonstrates some of the mechanisms that the University uses to support businesses, entrepreneurs, and start-ups to develop new commercial applications from our research. It is mailed to businesses and organisations that have shown an interest in collaborating with the University on commercial projects. The Business Engagement Marketing team would be happy to work with you to publicise commercial activity in your area. Please contact the [team](#) if you require a supply of newsletters for events or display areas.

## Teaching and Learning Conference 2014

This year marks the University's 11th annual Teaching and Learning Conference; an opportunity for teaching and learning at the University to take centre stage, allowing staff from all disciplines to share and discuss innovative teaching methods and ideas. The date for the conference is Friday 4 July 2014. Further details and a call for proposals will be circulated shortly.

## Reasonable adjustments guide

A 'reasonable adjustments practical guide' is now available for all colleagues responsible for organising and implementing reasonable adjustments. The guide focuses on individuals with a range of impairments, including prospective students, applicants, undergraduates, postgraduates, and distance learning students. International and Erasmus students and those taking short courses are also included. The guide contains advice, case studies and links to further information about how disabled students may be supported and included in both academic and social aspects of their life at the University. The guide is available on the [intranet](#).

## Car parking update: new multi-storey car park

As part of the ongoing developments to campus a number of changes have been made to car parking, which take effect from 9.00pm on Friday 7 February. The South Car Park will close permanently at 9.00pm on Friday 7 February 2014 as work begins on the new Sports Centre. The new multi-storey North East Car Park, located next to 52 Pritchatts Road, will open at 6.00am on Monday 10 February 2014. Further details including daily parking rates, and all parking facilities available on campus for staff, students, and visitors, are on the [intranet](#).

## Views

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### Birmingham Professional mini-conference

**Date:** 1 April 2014  
**Time:** 9.00am–2.00pm

This year's mini-conference will be on the theme of 'Professional Heroes: Supporting the Academic Endeavour.' The Birmingham Professional project team are looking for ideas for workshop sessions and volunteers for speakers: if you have any ideas or would like to be involved in delivering a session then please get in touch with the [team](#).

### Birmingham Student Survey (BSS) and Postgraduate Experience Survey (PTES)

BSS and PTES both launch on 17 February. Now in its fifth year, BSS is aimed at all non-final year undergraduates and shares common questions with the National Student Survey. PTES, an annual national survey conducted by the Higher Education Academy, aims to assess the experience of PGTs and identify areas where improvements can be made. All eligible students will be sent an email inviting them to complete the survey, and your help in encouraging them to complete would be greatly appreciated. Visit the [intranet](#) for further details.

## Events

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### Go Green Week

**Date:** 10–16 February

The University will be celebrating Go Green Week 2014 with a wide range of events for staff, and students. Activities include the launch of a car share scheme, various debates, workshops and talks. For the full schedule visit the [intranet](#).

## Winterbourne revisited

**Date:** 13 February

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Venue:** Winterbourne House and Garden

This [lunchtime lecture](#) by Leverhulme Trust-funded Artist in Residence Sara Hayward follows her residency at Winterbourne throughout 2013.

## Valentine's Day on campus

Why not treat your loved one to a romantic candlelit dinner in the Terrace tea room at Winterbourne on Friday 14 February? With a glass of bubbly on arrival and a chance to wander around the exhibition rooms after hours, it is sure to be an unforgettable experience. Call 0121 414 3003 and choose option 4 to pay the pre-booking deposit or [email Winterbourne](#) to find out more. The menu can also be viewed on the [Winterbourne website](#).

## Barber Institute events

New Art West Midlands (NAWM) returns this month for its second outing at the Barber. A feminist re-interpretation of Little Red Riding Hood, the urban landscape, and the relationship between art and medical science are just a few of the diverse subjects explored in this year's exhibition. There are also NAWM-inspired events:

*The Who, What and Where of Contemporary Art* (26 February, 1.10pm): explores the concepts and practices of contemporary art movements.

*Contemporary Art Study Afternoon* (5 March, 1.30–4.30pm): NAWM curators and exhibiting artists will come together for a series of lectures and discussions considering the challenges and opportunities facing new artists.

## Premier Squash League

**Date:** 18 February

**Venue:** Munrow Sports Centre

UBSport are proud to announce that James Willstrop, the current world number 5, will be on campus to compete in the prestigious international Premier Squash League (PSL). UBSport, currently placed fifth in the league, will take on Willstrop's sixth-placed AJT Pontefract in what promises to be an exciting match. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for students and U-18's. The final PSL home game of the season takes place on 11 March; save up to 50 per cent by buying a combined ticket for both games. For more information and to book tickets visit the [University website](#).

## Spring Biology Lectures

**Date:** Various dates

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre 101, Haworth Building

Do you have an interest in Biology or know an A level student who would benefit from a taster lecture? The School of Biosciences is running a series of evening lectures open to the general public, but particularly aimed at students studying Alevel Biology. All lectures are free of charge, but booking is required:

*What Can Water Fleas Tell Us About Evolution?* 24 February, Professor John Colbourne  
*Living with Climate Change*, 10 March, Professor Jeff Bale  
*Heart Attacks by Stopping the Humble Platelet*, 17 March, Dr Mike Tomlinson

To book a place contact [Rachel Wrigglesworth](#) or visit the [website](#).

## Creative Minds at Birmingham

**Date:** 26 February  
**Time:** 5.45pm  
**Venue:** G15, Muirhead Tower

The School of English, Drama and American & Canadian Studies Writers and Artists Distinguished Speaker Series will welcome poet and writer Kathleen Jamie, where she will speak and read from her collections of works. Kathleen's poetry collections include *The Tree House*, which won both the Forward prize, and the Scottish Book of the Year Award; *Jizzen* which won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Award; and *Mr and Mrs Scotland are Dead* which was shortlisted for the 2003 Griffin Prize. Further details are on the [University website](#).

## Working with industry seminar

**Date:** 26 February  
**Time:** 12.00noon  
**Venue:** BizzInn, 2nd Floor, Birmingham Research Park

The aim of this seminar is to give you the opportunity to better understand how to develop productive relationships with industry. Using your research knowledge to work with industry can be an incredibly satisfying way of gaining impact from your work. Not only do you get to test your ideas in real world situations, but the work you do is likely to feed back into your research and open up pathways for further collaboration and students placements. Visit [eventbrite](#) to register.

## Alumni event

Celebrate the fantastic contribution that alumni, supporters and friends make to our university at a not-to-be-missed event at the centre of campus on Thursday 27 February. Be sure to drop by the area outside the library to experience the excitement first hand and keep track of the intriguing developments as they unfold on the [Alumni Twitter feed](#). Further details are on the [University website](#).

## Medical and Dental Sciences Inaugural Lecture

**Date:** 5 March  
**Time:** 4.30pm  
**Venue:** Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre

Professor Angus Dawson, Professor of Public Health Ethics in the School of Health and Population Sciences, will deliver his inaugural lecture on *My Health, Your Health, Our Health: Ethics at the Heart of Public Health*.

## Robert L. Trask Lecture 2014

**Date:** 6 March  
**Time:** 5.15pm  
**Venue:** Lecture Room 2, Arts Building

Guest speaker, Dr Jule Goikoetxea, will analyse the Basque democratisation process in a lecture entitled '*Nation, state and demos-building in the Basque Country*' in this lecture organised in collaboration with the Basque Institute Etxepare. Dr Goikoetxea has worked

as a Research Fellow at the University of Queen's (Canada) and at the Politics and International Relations Department of the University of Cambridge. Visit the [GALBASCAT](#) blog for details.

## Great Read at Birmingham (GRAB) conference

**Date:** 12 March

**Time:** 2.00pm

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre 101, Haworth Building

The GRAB Conference will feature a series of short talks around the theme of *The Incredible Human Journey – Past, Present and Future*. It is an opportunity to hear from some of our inspirational academics and to get involved with the Great Read at Birmingham 2014. Keynote speakers include Professor Alice Roberts, Dr Jeremy Pritchard on Darwinism, and Dr Nick Hawes on human intelligence and robotics. There will be opportunities for book-signing and lots of interactive elements. Visit the [intranet](#) for details.

## Professor Alice Roberts – Cadbury Research Library lecture

**Date:** 21 March

**Time:** 1.10pm

**Venue:** G15, Muirhead Lecture Theatre

Professor Alice Roberts will give this lecture titled *The Art of Anatomy*. Afterwards Alice will be signing copies of her books in the Muirhead atrium, alongside an exhibition she has guest-curated. The exhibition, running until 6 June, showcases the fascinating fusion of representations of the dissected human body with art from the time of Vesalius onwards; in works that acted as both medical textbooks and instructions for artists and sculptors. The lecture is free and open to all but registration is required [special-collections@bham.ac.uk](mailto:special-collections@bham.ac.uk).

## Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers

**Date:** 13 May

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Bramall Music Building

The Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers will be performing with their full concert of thundering rhythms on huge taiko drums, in a spellbinding display of pure energy and sheer athleticism. 2014 is an important year for the group who will be celebrating 20 years of performing in the UK. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to catch them live. Tickets can be purchased from [THSH](#) or by calling 0121 345 0492.

## Opportunities

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### Ideas Lab screen test invitation

Academics who would like to go at presenting their subject in front of the camera are invited to come along for a tryout with [Ideas Lab](#). Whether you've never been on camera before or have some experience and are interested in taking the next step, they can help. Ideas Lab can also enter you into the Sheffield Doc/Fest Specialist Factual New Talent pitch, a chance to show an international panel of commissioning editors your presenting skills, and tell them about your research. Ideas Lab are also submitting ideas for new Radio 4 programmes to be broadcast in 2015. If you have an idea based on your research or area of expertise, do get in touch. Please email [Sam Walter](#) for further details.

## U21 awards for staff and students

Please see below for opportunities for you and your students to receive funding to support travel to our U21 partners:

- U21 Undergraduate Research Conference, Shanghai Jiao Tong (with the theme of 'Food Safety'), 7–11 July, deadline 7 March
- U21 Museums and Collections Award, University of Melbourne, Summer 2014, deadline 7 March (only open to College of Arts and Law students)
- U21 Staff Fellowships, deadline 14 March
- Fudan University International Summer Session, 28 June – 26 July, deadline 21 March
- Korea University International Summer Campus (ISC), July – August, deadline 21 March
- U21 PhD Scholarships, deadline 28 March

Visit the [intranet](#) or contact [Matt Clulee](#) for further details.

## UBSport express classes

BODYCOMBAT™, BODYATTACK™, BODYBALANCE™ and BODYPUMP™ express classes are a great way to get in shape when you are pressed for time. Most of us can find a spare 45 minutes a few times a week, even during the busiest time of year, meaning you don't have to forsake your fitness goals for a hectic schedule. UBSport offers express classes throughout the week based on the Les Mills™ programme, plus express classes for Spin, Pilates and Abs. Visit the [UBSport website](#) for timetables and to book classes.

## Participants needed

Stop smoking study: would you like to give up smoking? A research group at the University are testing new ways to quit. For more information call: 0121 415 8019 or [email](#).

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