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## September 2018

Welcome to the first e-Bulletin for the 2018-19 academic year, bringing you highlights from the 2018 ASET Conference at the University of Nottingham – our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual event. We were once again delighted to welcome more than 175 delegates to consider “Future-proofing placements: sharing success and inspiring innovation”, and to celebrate 25 years of focus on placements.



Proceedings from conference are in prep now and will be available for download from our website at the end of October.

The next ASET e-Bulletin will be issued w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> October – copy deadline 19<sup>th</sup> October.

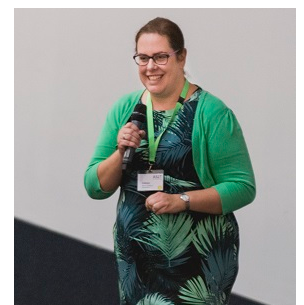
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## 2018 ASET Conference

*By Sarah Flynn, ASET Chair and Associate Director of Learning and Teaching (Workplace Learning and Degree Apprenticeships), Learning and Teaching Innovation Centre, University of Hertfordshire*

Once again a fully booked event, the 25<sup>th</sup> ASET Annual conference, proved to be a mix of engaging, enjoyable and useful sessions. Our membership were as generous as ever in sharing the good practice that goes on in their institutions, a fact that was remarked on by the many delegates who joined us for their first ever ASET conference.



*Sarah Flynn*

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We have always known that the strength of ASET is our community, and we remain proud to be the leading forum for delegates to showcase their creativity, collaborate on challenges and contribute ideas so freely. We appreciate that our membership looks to us for guidance, as an authoritative voice, to help them deliver high-quality support for their students and employers alike.

By releasing two new Viewpoints (see below), on troubleshooting for placements and crisis management, and through the offer of five professional development taster sessions, we hope that conference sent our delegates into the new academic year feeling more informed, confident and energetic!

Thank you to Dr Paul Greatrix, Registrar, for providing such an enthusiastic welcome on behalf of the University of Nottingham. We are extremely grateful to all our speakers and workshop presenters for such interesting and useful sessions.



*Dr Paul Greatrix*

I would particularly like to thank our keynote contributors; Jane McNeil, Executive Dean for Learning and Teaching at Nottingham Trent University, Lizzie Brock and Amirah Hajat of RMP Enterprise, Lisa Gray of JISC and Maddy Woodman and Jordan Funk of Henley Business School.

Our Student Insights Panel was an opportunity to hear from an amazing group of students about their experiences with work based learning, how we can best support and empower our students and aim to future-proof them for both their careers and lives.



*ASET Trustee Vianna Renaud Chairs the Student Insights Panel*

Our gratitude also extends to our conference sponsors;



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### #ASET18 – Twitter challenge

We were delighted to welcome the worthy winner of the #ASET17 water bottle challenge (from Anglia Ruskin University), to conference this year, and to launch this year's #ASET18 challenge. Incorporating our eco-friendly ASET coffee cup, delegates are invited to tweet their photos using #ASET18 for a chance to win a full conference place at next year's event.

So get those creative juices flowing and next year's free place could be yours.

Photos must be tweeted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### Are you ready for the #ASET18 Coffee Cup Challenge?



Tweet @ASETOnline your pictures of your coffee cup using #ASET18 and you could win a FREE 2019 conference place for you or a colleague from your institution. Whether it is from a cool or far-flung destination, or from every placement visit you go on, send them in.

Photos must be tweeted before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
ASET will select a winner, all decisions are final

### ASET Viewpoints

ASET Viewpoints are short statements outlining ASET's view on current and pertinent topics in the sector and can be a useful introduction for new staff and a welcome support to the more experienced. Topics are determined through input from our members. The latest in our ongoing series of ASET Viewpoints (11 & 12) were informed by discussions at our recent Regional Hub events and were distributed to delegates at the 2018 ASET Conference. They are available to download from the ASET website and below.

Troubleshooting for Placements – [Everyday Troubleshooting](#)

Troubleshooting for Placements – [Crisis Management](#)

### Wall of Fame

Following conference where the Trustees heard of so many personal and professional accomplishments, we thought it would be wonderful to be able to share your achievements with a wider audience.

With this in mind ASET would like to showcase your stories as a regular feature in your ASET members' e-Bulletin and on our website, to focus on the great work staff are doing, and as an important aspect of future

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proofing placements is to raise awareness, particularly with the key decision makers at your institutions, we would like to help you to do this.

To be part of this new initiative, please send us news of your achievements. This could be a publication, conference presentation, collaborative project, and community and/or industry engagement success. Send to the ASET office [aset@asetonline.org](mailto:aset@asetonline.org) with a photo or web link for further information, and we will help you to showcase your work. The deadline will be the same as for the e-Bulletin submissions. We look forward to hearing more about your successes!

### 2018 Student Competition



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**2018 ASET Student Competition**  
**Your Chance to win £400**

Calling all students who have recently completed a placement  
Celebrate by sharing your experiences in an inspirational way for a chance to win £400



If you came to conference, you will already have details for how to enter this year's Student Competition and entries are already flowing in. The competition is now open to all ASET member institutions, so please do encourage your returning students to enter. Full details are on the [ASET website](#) on the ASET Competitions page, along with this year's **entry form** which must be downloaded and completed in full by the student entering and supported by you.

There are once again two categories for entry:

- Placement/Internship/Work experience undertaken in the UK or Ireland
- Placement/Internship/Work experience undertaken overseas

Entries must reach the ASET Office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 12noon.


### 2019 ASET Bursaries

The [2019 ASET Bursaries](#) were launched at the 2018 Conference in Nottingham. For 2019, two bursaries will once again be awarded:

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### The Summer Project Bursary

For a **current undergraduate** to carry out a project examining an aspect of your institutional practice, or exploration of a new initiative, with the goal of sharing with the ASET community.



#### 2018 ASET Summer Project Bursary

For small-scale projects on Work Based and Placement Learning



### The Student Research Bursary



#### 2019 ASET Student Research Bursary

For small-scale research into Work Based and Placement Learning



For a **current student or recent graduate** to carry out a clearly defined piece of small scale research designed to grow the body of research into work-based and placement learning.

Full details for both bursaries and details for how to apply, using the 2019 Bursary Application form are available on the [ASET website](#). All applications must be emailed to the ASET office by 9am, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

## Staff Development Workshops

Support for our workshop programme has been tremendous this year with most sessions fully booked and record numbers of delegates attending. Don't forget, if there is a topic you would like us to introduce to the programme we would love to hear from you. And if you think your institution can offer facilities to ASET as a workshop venue, do get in touch with us at the ASET Office.

Booking is open now for the Autumn programme: [BOOK ONLINE](#)

Find out more about each session below, and check out our introductory videos from Nicola. Workshops at a glance...

Date	Location	W'shop No.	Title
10-Oct	City, University of London	11	- An Introduction to Work Placement Management (IWPM)
15-Nov	Cloth Hall Court, LEEDS	12	<a href="#">Supporting International Students with Placements (SISP)</a>
27-Nov	Cloth Hall Court, LEEDS	13	Widening Participation and Placements (WPP)

### 11. An Introduction to Work Placement Management (IWPM)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (10am-4pm) City, University of London, LONDON  
£175 ASET members/£250 non-members

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This introductory session on the broad topic of work placement management will provide guidance for the support of work placements by practitioners. Participants will be furnished with a basis from which they can develop their own plans and manage the day-to-day problems likely to be faced in their jobs. This is aimed at work placement managers, officers, administrators and academic placement tutors, particularly those with little experience, who are new to their role, about to be appointed, or those wanting a refresher course. This session is designed to introduce all the fundamental aspects of working in the field. The workshop is intended to be flexible and responsive to participants' needs and interests and therefore emphasis may vary between topics. As well as opportunities for discussion and dialogue, the workshop will also enable time to network with other delegates too.

*Last day for booking on this workshop is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*

### **12. Supporting International Students with Placements (SISP)**

Thursday 15th November (10am-4pm) Cloth Hall Court, Leeds Beckett University, LEEDS  
£175 ASET members/£250 non-members

International student participation in placements is high on the agenda at many UK Higher Education Institutions. For some international students, studying in the UK is a highly desirable means to support their future employability prospects. International students' participation in placement remains low in some areas, with students citing obstacles – both perceived and real - to successfully securing a placement. International students' support requirements can differ from UK domiciled students, and can be greater. This workshop, facilitated by experienced placement professionals, will examine strategies to help prepare international students in securing placements, as well as ways to support them whilst on placement.

It will also look at the advice and guidance that can be provided for employers to persuade them of the value of offering placements to international students. The day will be interactive, including networking opportunities with other delegates and workshop facilitators. You will be encouraged to share experiences and examples of good practice from your institution.

*Last day for booking on this workshop – Thursday 8th November*

### **13. Widening Participation and Placements (WPP)**

Tuesday 27th November (10am-4pm) Cloth Hall Court, Leeds Beckett University, LEEDS  
£175 ASET members/£250 non-members

Discussions surrounding widening participation and the social mobility of our students are perennially on the agenda, nationally, in the HE sector. For those of us on the ground, what can we do, practically, to increase the take up of placements by students from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds? How can we reach out to and better engage students with employability and to support the development of their social capital? Furthermore, what solutions can we share to engage employers in order to further these broad aims?

In an interactive day of participation and dialogue, our course leaders will facilitate discussions on ways to support the employability of disadvantaged students and ways to overcome challenges and barriers to participation in placements.

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Delegates will have the opportunity to network and to build their own tool-kit of ideas and suggestions to take back to their institutions.

*Last day for booking on this workshop – Tuesday 20th November*

### **BOOK ONLINE**

#### **Bespoke Workshops**

We are pleased to be able to offer ASET member institutions the option for a bespoke workshop session, specifically tailored to your needs. This can be a cost effective choice for your team and we can work with you either as part of an ongoing team building programme or as a one-off refresher or introductory session.

- *Are you undergoing a department/team restructure?*
- *Have you been set a new challenge that you need support with?*
- *Would your team benefit from a refresher?*
- *Are you sure best practice is being followed across your institution?*
- *Do you need help to look at a fresh approach?*

#### **Costs**

##### ASET member institutions

Fees for bespoke sessions are fixed at a daily rate of £100 per delegate (with a minimum fee of £1500 per day) wherever you are in the UK.

##### Non-member institutions

Fees for bespoke sessions are set at a daily rate of £150 per delegate (with a minimum fee of £3000 per day) wherever you are in the UK.

If you would like to talk about ideas for a **bespoke workshop**, contact Debbie at the ASET Office [aset@asetonline.org](mailto:aset@asetonline.org).

#### **NUE Awards 2019**

Next year's NUE Awards will be upon us before we know it. Entering the NUE Awards means more than just a trophy. It means rewarding your team for all of their hard work and having a spotlight on how many students you have inspired.

Emily Timson, ASET Trustee and Employability Manager (Engineering, Maths & Physical Sciences) at the University of Leeds has shared what winning not only one, but two awards



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at the NUE Awards 2018 meant for her team and university. Why not take a leaf out of Emily's book and nominate your team this year?

[Emily's blog](#)



### WACE Conference 2019

Our colleagues at WACE have asked us to share news of their next world conference:

*“WACE and the University of Cincinnati, the host for the 21st WACE World Conference, are excited to formally announce the dates for the World Conference which will be held August 3-7, 2019 on the campus of the University of Cincinnati in the Cincinnati, Ohio USA. WACE and the University of Cincinnati World Conference Planning Committee have been working for the past several months to plan a World Conference that embraces the changing landscape of CWIE by offering new opportunities for people to interact and present at a World Conference. Along with these new opportunities, we will continue with the WC program tradition of seeking presentations that highlight new and innovative work in the world of CWIE. In the next few weeks, WACE will release the formal Call for Abstracts. The Call will contain information about the Refereed Paper process with specific deadlines as well as the abstract submission deadlines for non-refereed papers, workshops, panels and Academic Posters as well as less traditional types of presentations. The latter will be outlined in more detail in the formal Call and are designed to provide a variety of ways to learn and share that inspire engagement, innovation and evolution! The University of Cincinnati, birthplace of co-operative education in 1906 and current home to an outstanding CWIE suite of programs, is excited to be the host for the 21st WACE World Conference. Consider joining us in this modern, cosmopolitan city for a unique learning experience that will showcase CWIE along with the many social and cultural offerings of the city and region.”*



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### And Finally

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