Alternative Careers Fair
For those careers you may not have considered

22nd April 2015
LICA

Panel Presentation - 12.00 – 13.00
Fair - 13.00 – 15.00
Not sure on your career path?

Want to know what options are open to your degree?

Need some work experience?

Then this is the fair for you.

With employers from the charities, local government, NGO’s, not-for-profit, business and public sectors, and more, representatives will be here to talk work opportunities, about their own experiences, types of career, entry points and day to day working life.
Presentation Panel

12.00 – 13.00 - LICA A28

Volunteering
Cancer Care – Anna Webster, Lancaster Alumni

Business & Enterprise
Enterprise – Simon Harrison, Lancaster University

Performing Arts
Live @ Lica – Alice Booth, Lancaster University

Government
Lancashire County Council – Karl Turner, Children’s Trust Development Officer
Civil Service - Matt Russell, Department for Work and Pensions

Social Work & Mental Health
Think Ahead – Maria Donovan, Recruitment Associate

Law
Lance Mason – Ikraam Khan, Recruitment Officer

Civil Service Workshop

15:30pm – 17:00pm LICA A28

With the General Election imminent, all political parties are having to set out how they would make difficult choices in Government to manage spending. The Civil Service plays a vital role in advising the Government on these decisions and in delivering high-quality public services.

We will be running a short talk on building a career in the Civil Service, along with the mock ‘Spending Review’ exercise to illustrate the role civil servants play in advising the Government and managing taxpayers’ money.’
Exhibitors Fair (A29)

13:00 – 15:00   LICA

**Army- Marc Steventon**

A career in the Army is hugely rewarding in terms of job satisfaction, pay and benefits. It offers the chance to work alongside people you trust and respect.

With over 200 different roles, there’s a huge range of careers to choose from including Logistics, Engineering, Medicine, Law, Languages, IT and many more.

Are you up to the challenge? If so STEP UP and see what we have to offer.

**BUNAC- Sam Miao**

Taking part in an overseas work, intern or volunteer programme with BUNAC, gives you the chance to live, work and travel in a new and exciting country. Working abroad is an opportunity to do something challenging and really worthwhile during time out from work or study.

A BUNAC experience offers a unique opportunity to discover a different culture, broaden your horizons and be truly independent. You will gain valuable new skills for your CV while you have fun, learn more about yourself and undoubtedly make friends for life.

**CancerCare- Anna Webster**

CancerCare is a unique independent charity dedicated to helping North Lancashire & South Lakeland families affected by cancer and other life limiting conditions. Delivered by qualified and experienced staff, CancerCare’s wide range of free professional therapy services are designed to help individuals and their families come to terms with and manage the challenges of a serious health condition and include: Counselling, Hypnotherapy, Alexander Technique, Aromatherapy Massage, Group Activities, Support Groups and a Children and Young People’s Service.

With over 30 years of experience, CancerCare has worked with and helped over 22,000 local people affected by cancer and other life limiting conditions.

All CancerCare services are provided free of charge; possible only through fundraising and generous donations from local people.
Did you know that 73% of employers would employ an applicant with volunteer experience over one without?

CancerCare offers a wide range of volunteering roles that can increase your employment prospects after study; providing references, further training opportunities and a chance to contribute to the local community during your time at Lancaster University.

**Capita Translating and Interpreting - Joanne Taylor**

Capita Translation and Interpreting (Capita TI) is a division of Capita plc, specialising in language solutions. Our translation and interpreting services are available in more than 150 languages, and include services such as website translation, proof-reading, face-to-face interpreting and document translation. We have a large network of 10,000 linguists working with us, and our in-house team work within Project Management, File Engineering, Account Management and Marketing.

www.capitatranslationinterpreting.com

**Careers in Museums - Adrienne Wallman**

I am able to offer general advice on careers in museums and the heritage sector together with general information on postgraduate courses and routes into the profession. However, I do not represent an employer or a recruitment organisation. I have many years’ experience of working in museums and the wider heritage sector and am a member of the Museums Association.

**City Year UK - Anne-Marie Allan**

City Year UK is a national youth and education charity, empowering young adults to ‘be the change’ they wish to see in their communities. We raise the attainment and ambition of children from disadvantaged backgrounds whilst supporting our volunteers to be successful after City Year.

We recruit inspirational and passionate 18 - 25 year olds to act as mentors, role models and tutors to children and young people that need it the most. Full time for an academic year you will make a genuine difference, alongside boosting your own personal and professional development. Every Friday is spent on our Training and Careers course ran in conjunction with our corporate sponsors, giving you to toolkit to succeed.

www.cityyear.org.uk
**Civil Service**

The Civil Service has a 420,000-strong workforce, made up of people from diverse backgrounds and representing almost every skill and profession.

**Anna McKimmie  Human Resources (HR)**

The Human Resources (HR) Profession makes a difference to the way the Civil Service does business, and it’s at the forefront of many of the government’s major policies. Think of any HR job, anywhere in the world, in any organisation and it will be done somewhere in HR in the Civil Service.

You will experience different regions, cultures and working environments, as well as working within both strategic and operational HR. You’ll be involved in specific projects, working with senior civil servants on policy and operational delivery during your time on the Human Resources Fast Stream (HRFS). You’ll have the opportunity to: influence policy and work with important stakeholders- building a portfolio of skills in areas including talent management, employee relations and engagement.

**Matt Russell  Strategic Planning & Performance Management, Dept for Work and Pensions**

(Lancaster University Alumni, BA History & International Relations)

**Creative Lancashire – Isobel Evans**

Lancashire County Council recognises the crucial role that creativity and innovation play in driving the economy and have established the Creative Lancashire team - dedicated to the sector and here to help raise the profile of Lancashire's creative talent.

The Creative Lancashire are here to strengthen existing businesses, support new enterprises and to raise the competitiveness and profile of the creative & digital sector in Lancashire. Our team have the expertise, contacts and drive to help you achieve your potential through providing:

- Creative & digital business support
- Networking opportunities
- Information on finance and funding
- Sector specific advice & guidance
- Advocacy and collaboration support.
**Creativity Works Preston, CWP - Steve Egan**

CWP provides an alternative form of education and training to marginalise young people who need to learn in a different way to the traditional education system that is predominantly academically based to one that is project-orientated.

CWP deliver a post 16 Study Programme in partnership with Preston’s college to 16-18 years old students who are disengaged from education. We also offer a pre 16 Alternative Education programme to referral agencies such as Schools, Lancashire County Council Missing Education team, Youth Offending team and any agency responsible for young people aged 14-16. We offer activities in three vocational areas, all delivered in a work based learning setting: Media- Film and TV, Music Production; Marketing: Promotion and Publicity, Art and Design; Hair and Beauty.

**DWF LLP - Reshma Modasia**

Described by market commentators as "blazing a trail", DWF is one of the UK’s largest law firms and has an award-winning reputation for client service excellence and effective operational management.

Employing over 2,500 people across 12 locations in the UK & Ireland, the firm has core strengths in insurance, corporate & banking, real estate and litigation, and in-depth industry expertise in six chosen sectors including central & local government; energy & industrials; financial services; retail, food & hospitality; technology; and transport. Our client list includes major household names and FTSE- listed companies.

http://www.dwf.co.uk/join-us/graduate/

**Edge Hill - Margaret Postance/ Jane Wood**

Edge Hill University has been nominated for the Times Higher University of the year in 2007, 2010 and 2011.

We are the renowned for our Teacher Training portfolio, offering course across all age phases of Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Further Education. Furthermore in our latest Ofsted inspection we were awarded ‘Outstanding’ or ‘Good’ across all 33 graded areas. We offer full time and distance learning PGCE’s and School Direct to suit your individual needs and our programmes are specifically designed to equip you with the skills you need to keep you ahead of the rest in your professional career. Generous tax free bursaries of up to £25,000 available in some subjects.

If a Masters is something you are considering we offer a vast range of MA’s, MSc, MPhil and PhD across the areas of: Business and Computing, Media, Film, Creative Writing, Conservation, Psychology, Health, Education, Social Sciences, Sport, History, English, Biology, Drama and Performance. Scholarships are also available in some subjects.

Located in the heart of the North West, between Liverpool and Manchester.
**Educate Teacher Training - Simon McConway**

As the second largest SCITT teacher training provider in the UK, Educate has a proven track record of delivering high-quality primary and secondary teacher training with 100% of trainees last year achieving QTS and well over 95% of trainees moving straight into a teaching job after qualifying.

We deliver a highly personalised programme which is built around the individual’s needs and backed up with outstanding support and training.

The SCITT route allows you to select your own school in which to train for one academic year. If you do not have a school in mind, we can help you by offering a school from our database of schools wanting a trainee teacher.

**EE - Daniel Myres**

We’re EE. And we’re showing the UK how technology can make the everyday better. Our people are keeping our customers happy with great service, and our network, which has been named the best in the UK, is keeping their digital lives connected. Empowered, challenged, supported and rewarded, we recognise that our people are the key to our success. And the Sunday Times agrees – voting us one of the Best Big Companies to Work For.

EE is an incredibly exciting business to be part of. And we know it’s the new talent we bring on board now who will build on our success in the months and years to come. We’ve got big plans for our fresh batch of graduates, so if you’ve got the passion and belief to see them through, then this is your chance to be EE.

Join us and you could be a hit in Commercial, Technology, Digital, Brand & Marketing, Customer Service, Business, Finance, Performance, Procurement or HR. Trust us, you couldn’t pick a more exciting time to be EE.

**Enterprise Rent A Car - Catherine Rawcliffe**

Join the Enterprise management training programme and following an initial classroom-based orientation session, you’ll be based in one of our branches, learning all the business skills you need to manage it yourself!

The Enterprise Graduate Management Trainee Programme

You’ll join us as a management trainee and develop skills in all areas, from sales and marketing to customer service and finance. So it really is a general management scheme. There’s also the opportunity to specialize if you find an area of the business you’re particularly interested in, for example HR, Marketing or Finance, to name just a few.
**EY - Jordana Cropper**

Are you future ready?

EY is one of the world’s leading professional services organisations. Our clients are some of the most important global organisations and we advise them on the issues that matter most so you’ll gain first-hand experience of the challenges that are shaping the world.

Our people understand how businesses work and it is their ingenuity, dynamism and creativity that help anticipate and meet our clients’ needs: improving how they work, grow, seize opportunities, and make vital business decisions.

We have ambitious growth plans and are seeking driven graduates who want a stimulating and challenging start to their careers. We will provide the experiences, training, professional qualifications and networks to help your career get off to the best start and put you at the heart of the business- globally. Find out more: ey.com/uk/careers

**Frontier - Annabel Field**

Frontier is an international non-profit volunteering and conservation organisation that runs over 350 conservation, community and adventure projects in over 60 countries across the world. Established in 1989, Frontier has over 25 years of experience in sending volunteers abroad on engaging and capacity building projects. By encouraging the combination of travel with volunteering, Frontier inspires people to step off the beaten path and make their travel meaningful.

**GDR - Richard**

GDR is a specialist public relations and digital marketing agency based in Blackpool. We provide public relations services, communications and brand consultancy, digital and social media strategy and advanced media training. From helping to launch the Corona Extra beer brand in the UK, to handling media for Rod Stewart on his 2014 UK stadium tour, GDR have a diverse portfolio of clients spanning sectors including education, energy & renewables, leisure & tourism, entertainment as well as food & drink.

Other projects undertaken include the Olympic Torch Relay arrival at Land’s End and media management for Rita Ora and other headline acts for Lytham Proms.

GDR currently work to support Lancaster University’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, helping to increase the profile of academic staff and the faculty in national media, showcasing the world-class research to a global audience.

We have over 25 years’ experience the industry, and our team have diverse backgrounds across a range of subjects, including journalism, media, history, politics and business/management.
Lancashire Constabulary – Special Constable Sarah Penman, Special Constable Sarah Manley, Police Constable Ben Rooke

All Special Constabulary officers have the same powers, the same equipment, and receive similar training to a Regular police officer. Specials are asked to perform at least 16 hours duty per calendar month (an average of 4 hours per week), and are part of the wider policing family of Lancashire Constabulary assisting Regular police officers in a variety of duties.

Each Special is aligned to a Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT), which consists of a NHPT Sergeant, Community Beat Officer, Police Community Support Officer and Special Constable.

Officers are also linked to an Immediate Response Team, who deploy to both emergency and non-emergency incidents.

Special Constables are involved with:-

- NHPT work (local neighbourhood issues, etc.)
- Divisional Operations (targeting problem areas, Anti-Social Behaviour, drugs warrants)
- Covering divisional events such as parades, carnivals, local fetes, sporting events
- SCs are also likely to be called to Court as a prosecution witness in connection with the incidents they have dealt with.

www.lancashire.police.uk/

Lancashire County Council - Karl Turner, Emma Taylor

Karl Turner, Children's Trust Development Officer, Lancashire County Council:

I am a qualified teacher and social worker, with 30 years' experience of working in the public sector, including schools, health and the local authority.

My first degree was in Religious Studies and Educational Studies; I also have a PGCE, DipSW and MA in Social Work.

I support Children's Trust arrangements across the County to drive the delivery of children's services through multi-agency working, particularly with a focus on safeguarding. I ensure the participation of children and young people in priority setting and decision making and promote rigorous performance monitoring with partners.
Emma Taylor, Volunteer Service Officer, Lancashire County Council:

The Volunteer Hub represents all services offering volunteer activities within Lancashire County Council.

Some of our volunteer roles include: befriending older adults or those with physical/learning disabilities, gardening/arts/crafts/activity assistants, countryside rangers, library volunteers and Young People's Service volunteers.

The type and range of volunteer activities change frequently and these are updated on our website www.lancashire.gov.uk/volunteer.

For more information, please contact lccvolunteering@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancaster BID- Liz Hickingbotham

The Lancaster Business Improvement District (BID) is a private sector led, owned and managed initiative to create a more prosperous city centre.

We have begun plans to increase footfall and boost customer spend, improve cleansing and environmental measures, and improve marketing and promotion of the BID area. The BID will also provide a budget for special projects to help cover the cost of activity that levy payers themselves want to deliver. www.lancasterunlimited.org.uk

Lance Mason Solicitors- Ikraam Khan

At Lance Mason, we recognise that our success in the industry could not have been possible without one fundamental factor; our people. The staff work as an unshakable unit and are committed to achieving the Lance Mason goals. Every member of staff contributes to the overall prosperity and the business and every person is valued for the hard work they put in.

There are many opportunities for career development at Lance Mason. We always recognise a job well done and we dedicate a considerable amount of time and energy into training our staff to the highest standard. We believe that every member of staff should have an all-around knowledge of the business, whether they are a solicitor, a paralegal, a claims handler, a finance officer or a member of the administration team.

Lanor Productions- Paul Hodges

Lanor Productions is a video production company specialising in time lapses and integrating time lapses into marketing and creative corporate videos. Founded by a Lancaster University Alumnus in 2011 we are now based in the centre of Manchester.

www.lanorproductions.com
Lancaster University Enterprise Centre- Simon Harrison, Amanda Brooks

Whether you’re thinking about personal development, social innovation, or business start-up, it all starts with an idea…

Engaging with Enterprise at Lancaster is a vital investment in your employability. This is true regardless of whether you want to work for yourself or within a public sector or charitable organisation, a local small business or a global corporate. Developing your Enterprise capabilities will equip you with precisely the skills that employers are looking for, giving you the edge on the competition and the confidence to try new things in new ways.

In case you’ve not already started to get involved, there are countless ways for you to engage with Enterprise during – and after – your time at Lancaster. Regardless of your year of study, your course or faculty, there are opportunities to develop your Enterprise skills, from creative problem solving, design thinking, business planning, project management and event management.

To find out about what’s going to be available next year, or to discuss your own ideas for what you’d like to do next, come and talk to us at our stand.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/enterprisecentre
enterpriseteam@lancaster.ac.uk

Live at LICA- Alix Medlyn Davies

As a key public arts venue and commissioning body with a national and internationally recognised body of work and reputation Live at LICA can offer students at Lancaster University in particular a unique opportunity to gain practical work experience in the arts sector.

We have a number of significant success stories, including volunteers that have worked their way up within the organisation to become essential and well paid members of the core arts team: from box office roles to Creative Producer.

Live at LICA’s purpose is to cultivate excellence in and engagement across the performing and visual arts. We support talent through practice-based initiatives and provide audiences and our local communities with opportunities to participate in and engage with the contemporary and inspiring - making their own contributions to cultural experimentation.

Linked to Lancaster University’s knowledge rich environment Live at LICA’s presentation and preservation of the contemporary arts and opportunities for artists, arts professionals and arts research are valued in regional, national and increasingly international contexts. We are also proud of our lead role in the arts ecology of North West England.

www.liveatlica.org
Money for Madagascar - Irenée Rajaona - Horne

Money for Madagascar (MfM) is a Lancaster-based charity that works in the field of international development. It was founded in 1986 and aims to fund community development projects in Madagascar. We have recently relocated our head office from Wales to Lancaster and are aiming to build our local links and support base.

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world. It is also a bio-diversity hotspot where the interests of communities and wildlife are at odds. Yet Madagascar has great potential for development.

We work with and through Malagasy partners believing that they have their own solutions. We look to help build the capacity of community leaders to transform their lives and foster grass-roots sustainable development. MfM is engaged in a holistic programme providing funding for clean water and sanitation; disaster relief; health, education and welfare; environmental sustainability; and individual and community enterprise.

MfM would be very pleased to share information and understanding gained from our experience of working with a range of partners, government and funding agencies in the field of international development. We would also be interested to hear from staff and students at Lancaster University who would like to share their skills and knowledge with us or volunteer/intern with us.

If you would like to get in touch please email us at admin@moneyformadagascar.org

News Associates - Rachel Bull

News Associates is one of the UK's leading journalism schools with our fast-track NCTJ courses officially named the best in the country for the second straight year in 2013/2014. We take pride in our award-winning training – over 90% of our students take up paid journalism jobs within three months of the course ending. You will find our trainees making their mark on the front pages of our national newspapers, presenting and reporting on Sky News, working internationally for some of the most respected names in journalism from Reuters and Agence France Presse and producing cutting-edge multimedia features for Vice and Huffington Post.

From our centres in London and Manchester we offer 20-week full-time courses, and 40-week part-time courses. We also offer the bespoke, year-long, NCTJ Multimedia Diploma in Sports Journalism, which runs every year in September. This course, run in association with national press agency Sportsbeat, offers trainees the practical experience of working as sports journalists within the agency, alongside sitting the key NCTJ qualification. We boast an unrivalled network of successful trainees, meaning that whatever newsroom you find yourself in, you'll never be far from a News Associates alumni, ready to give you advice as you take your first steps into the industry.

www.newsassociates.co.uk
Also on the News Associates stand

**Andrew Porter, Author (Historian) (Lancaster University Alumni)**
Andrew is self-employed Head of Research and is also a published Author

**RedR UK- Elena Oyon**

RedR UK are an international humanitarian NGO which supports aid organisations and other humanitarian actors across the world by developing skills and providing expertise. We act to ensure disaster-prone communities are resilient by giving them practical life-saving skills, advice and support, which help them prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

Our vision is a world in which sufficient competent and committed personnel are available and responding to humanitarian needs. We relieve suffering caused by disasters by selecting, training and providing competent and committed personnel to humanitarian programmes worldwide.

**Runshaw College- Pauline Pennington**

Runshaw College offers a range of courses and professional qualifications for adults, university students and business. Our University programmes include Initial Teacher Education qualifications such as the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), and are provided in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).

Teaching placements at Runshaw College may be available in a variety of subject areas for those interested in studying a full-time Certificate in Education or Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

[www.runshaw.ac.uk](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk)

**Safe Child Africa- Lisa Atkinson**

Safe Child Africa protects and empowers some of the world’s most vulnerable children, including many victims of witchcraft accusations. By standing up for their rights and providing schooling, shelter and healthcare, we’re giving these kids the future every child deserves. If a child is branded a witch, they live in fear of being abused, tortured and even executed. And four in five of them will be made homeless, often because their parents have abandoned them. This will then put them at greater risk of other dangers in the area, such as trafficking.

No one should have a childhood like this – and we’re one of the only international charity working on the ground to stop it. Our achievements include changing laws, starting orphanages, opening schools and helping more than 1 million kids read and write.
With our supporters and partners, we'll continue doing everything we can so that these kids feel safe, happy and hold their futures in their hands.

Careers in international development and the Third Sector are dynamic, varied and plentiful. Lisa Atkinson from Safe Child Africa is also FASS’s NGO in Residence helping to promote student engagement and career pathways into the Third Sector.

**SafeNet - Andrya Prescott**
SafeNet provides a wide range of specialist domestic abuse services for people fleeing domestic abuse in the North of the country and for nearly 40 years in east Lancashire. In Lancaster District there is a 24/7 Refuge provision and the Early Support service providing domestic abuse interventive work for children and young people.

As well as providing a place of safety and high security, support workers provide specialist one to one support work, advocacy, working within multidisciplinary teams, house meetings, learning and developing safe relationships, confidence and self-esteem. All staff apply the policies, protocols and processes necessary for maintaining confidentiality, safety, professional boundaries and high quality support work.

**Santander - Sarah Lonergan**
The decisions we make about our careers are some of the biggest we make in our lives. Especially at the start, we want you to have all the information you need about the banking industry. We want you to have the chance to ask questions and we want you to have opportunities that suit you too.

We are a household name, a growing business and a secure place to be. We are also simple, personal and fair. Because we know that everyone wants something different from their career, we’ve created lots of entry routes – and even more ways to develop and progress once you join us. Find out more about the different schemes on offer at our stand.

**Teach First - Laura McAvoy**
Teach First is an independent charity aimed at addressing one of the UK’s most damaging social issues – educational disadvantage. We recruit exceptional graduates and experienced professionals into a two-year leadership development programme during which they become inspirational classroom teachers in schools facing challenging circumstances across England. Teach First trains and supports these extraordinary people as they find their voice as teachers, mentors and role models to young people whose life opportunities are defined by the quality of the education they receive. At the same time Teach First provides its participants with opportunities to develop their own potential through skills training, leadership development and exposure to leading organisations across the spectrum of education, business and the third sector.

[www.teachfirst.org.uk/graduates](http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/graduates)
The Dukes- Jane Twyman

The Dukes is the only professional producing theatre within a 50 mile radius. It has three performance spaces – The Rake (traditional ‘end on’ stage); The Round (in the round); and the Centre Our Creative Learning Department has a beautiful converted church, also in Moor Lane, which works with many thousands of young and disabled people each year, encouraging them to develop their skills and creativity.

Among the famous names to have trod the boards in past Dukes home grown productions include Dame Harriet Walter, Amanda Burton, Alex Kingston, Andy Serkis, Miranda Richardson, Tamsin Greig and Oscar-winning actress, Gloria Grahame. The Dukes has also been an independent cinema since 1971 showcasing the best art-house, European and classic films.

In 1987, The Dukes introduced walkabout theatre to Lancaster’s Williamson Park and since then 500,000 people have enjoyed the promenade experience, making it the biggest event of its kind in the UK.

The Dukes is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation and also receives annual funding from Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council. Other key stakeholders include Lancaster University through a new Cultural Partnership and the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation.

We have volunteering opportunities in Front of House and Marketing as well as placements through Lancaster University with various departments within our business.

Think Ahead- Maria Donovan

Think ahead is a two-year fast-track scheme for exceptional graduates and career-changers to become mental health social workers. One in four people in England now suffer experience mental health problems, and a third of families include someone with mental ill-health.

Think Ahead’s participants will become leaders in mental health care, making a difference to people’s lives and developing new ways for mental health services to work better.

The Think Ahead programme focuses on frontline experience in a variety of multi-disciplinary teams. Participants qualify as social workers in their first year, and finish the programme after two years with a master’s degree in social work. Think Ahead is supported by the Department of Health.
**UCLAN Publishing and Journalism - Debbie Williams, Amy Binns**

Debbie Williams:
Have you ever thought about publishing as a career? Did you know that the UK is the world centre for book publishing? If you want to find out just how diverse and fulfilling jobs in publishing can be; come along to our stall and find out. You will be able to meet Debbie Williams who has over 15 years’ experience of working in the industry including a stint as Head of Children’s Books for Waterstones Head Office at the time of Harry Potter.  [www.uclan.ac.uk/publishing](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/publishing)

Amy Binns:
We’ve been teaching journalism for 50 years, but we’re still leading the way with innovative, industry accredited post-graduate courses. Our network of graduates gives us an unrivalled network of contacts who not only return to the University to give guest lectures and master classes, but also inform our courses through their professional expertise and advice

UCLan’s MA programmes are intensive, vocationally-oriented practical programmes aimed at getting students into work. We have excellent employability rates, with students walking straight into jobs with companies such as the Sun, the Daily Telegraph, Sky News, Sky Sports, BBC radio and television, Time Out Qatar and many more

Our academic team is recruited from all over the world. Tutors have had years of industry experience before moving into academia and retain contact with industry at the highest level. The curriculum is informed by the groundbreaking research carried out by the academic team and our tutors also deliver professional training for industry organisations.

**Uthink PDP- Mari Ryan**

U Think PDP works with young people from different backgrounds and engages them in urban arts and digital media, as well as providing them with exciting opportunities to develop their leadership.

The ultimate goal is to challenge all forms of poverty, including poverty of identity and aspiration, and to develop a new generation of leaders in the process.

Opportunities are diverse, from transforming an empty shop into a creative space, organising a music festival, or being commissioned by local authorities to carry out key strategic projects. They also do a bit of graffiti art too.