

STAFF UPDATE

Exclusively for staff at The University of Manchester

NEW INTRANET LAUNCH

The University of Manchester's new staff intranet is set to launch later this month.

A wealth of information ranging from human resources to health and safety and job opportunities will be available from the StaffNet homepage at the click of a mouse.

The new and improved StaffNet will combine content and functionality providing the work-related information staff have said they want which will also be easier to find.

The project has seen an in-depth consultation process with staff around the University. The results of this process have informed the new intuitive, task-based structure which will be easier to navigate.

Intranet Project Manager Kate Lawson explains; "Staff have told us what they wanted; we have listened and the results have been fed into StaffNet's restructure.

For example users will be able to access an employment section which integrates information from HR, pensions, trade unions, staff training and finance. There will also be a section on personal support which brings together information on the Counselling Service, first aid, childcare and other related topics.

The online Guide to the Administration has also been re-developed making it quicker and simpler to use, for example users don't need to know which Directorate a particular office is based in to find a specific service.

"The user-testing doesn't end here. The development of StaffNet will be an on-going process and a programme of user-testing has been planned following the launch," said Kate.

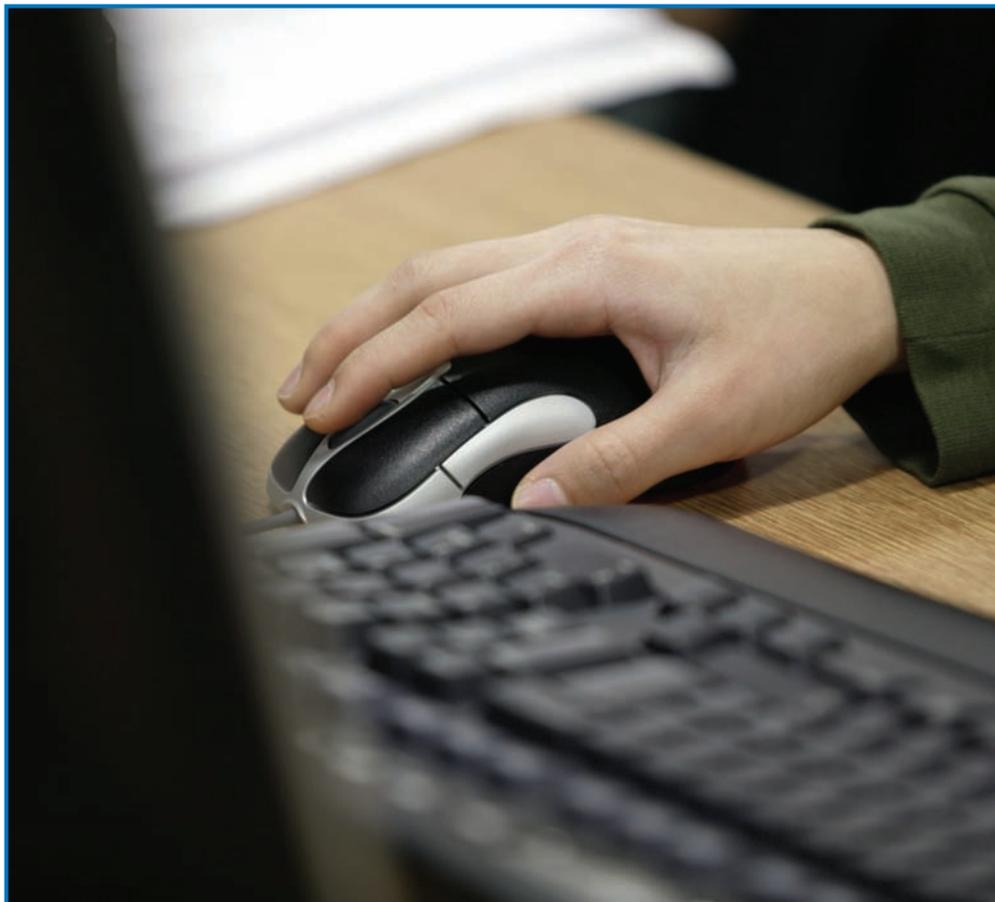
The intranet team has not only restructured the central StaffNet site, but have worked with staff

around the University to transfer devolved intranets into the new task-based structure.

Work has also been done to re-develop StaffNet and StudentNet and several office sites. The aim is to create dynamic, searchable documents and policies section, and a user-focused A to Z list of sites for StaffNet and providing support for internal websites is currently under development.

Staff will receive further information about the launch later this month.

If you would like to participate in user-testing the brand new StaffNet please contact kate.lawson@manchester.ac.uk



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NEW MBS DIRECTOR

The new Director of Manchester Business School is Professor Michael Luger who joins from Kenan-Flagler Business School, part of the University of North Carolina.

Professor Luger said: "This is a unique and exciting opportunity to help Manchester Business School achieve its ambition of becoming the best Business School in the UK, and among the top ten in the world. I was attracted to the position by the size and scope of the School, and by the vision and energy of the University's leadership."

Professor Luger's research interests cover economic development issues including infrastructure, research and technology parks, university impact, clusters, tax incentives, workforce dynamics and competitiveness in the new economy.

Before joining the Kenan-Flagler Business School, Professor Luger spent 12 years as chairman of the Department of Public Policy and was the Carl H. Pegg Professor of City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina. He has taught at Duke University and the University of Maryland. He has also worked at the Greater London Council and is a former Director of Planning for the Model Cities Bureau in Scranton, Philadelphia.

Professor Luger is keen to promote Manchester Business School as a world-class School on the international stage and his first trip as an ambassador for MBS was to Japan and Korea in early February.



ENID MUMFORD CELEBRATION EVENT

Wednesday, 28 March 2007
11am - 4pm

Manchester Business School (MBS) is holding an event to honour Enid Mumford, who sadly died last year. Enid was Professor of Organisational Behaviour at MBS and a recognised world leader in the application of socio-technical concepts to information systems development. She was one of the first winners of the LEO Award for Lifetime Exceptional Achievement in Information Systems. The event will reflect on and celebrate her work.

The presenting panel will include academics from the University of Manchester and MBS as well as Bath University, LSE and Westminster Business School.

If you would like to attend this event or would like further details please contact Janine May email: janine.may@mbs.ac.uk or telephone 0161 275 2917.



MOVES

There have been a number of staff changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences:

Will Myddelton, Graduate Development left the University on the 2nd February to take up a new post at the University of London.

Simon McKenna from Corporate & External Affairs will be leaving the University on Tuesday, 20 February to take up a position at The University of Huddersfield.

Julie Cowley has joined the Teaching & Learning Office as PA to the Associate Dean (T&L) and as T&L Assistant she can be contacted on 55707 or email j.cowley@manchester.ac.uk

EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Reader

In a special eight-page supplement, included with this month's issues of *Staff Update* and *UnLife*, you can find out about how the campus is getting an £8 million facelift between now and the summer of 2008, thanks to a major landscaping project.

Running alongside the current building work, more than half of the southern campus will be affected. Planning permission was granted by Manchester City Council just before Christmas and work begins in a couple of weeks.

The new Public Realm works include planting more than 200 new trees as well as the creation of new cycle and pedestrian routes.

This month also sees the launch of the new and improved intranet which will provide staff with a wealth of information and news.

Lisa McCarthy,
Internal Communications Manager,
Editor Staff Update



BA MEDIA FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

Applications are now being invited for this year's BA Media Fellowship scheme. The scheme provides a unique opportunity for scientists to see how science becomes news and take part in the process, by spending 3-8 weeks on a summer placement within a media organisation.

The aim is to come away better equipped to communicate your research and expertise to the public and to colleagues, as well as learning to work within the conditions and constraints of the media to produce accurate and well-informed pieces.

Practising scientists, clinicians, social scientists and engineers are eligible to apply if they have a minimum of two years' postgraduate experience and are a resident of the UK. For more details or to access the application form please visit www.the-ba.net/mediafellows; the application deadline is 18 April 2007.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Academics are being encouraged to take part in a shadowing scheme which pairs scientists with MPs.

MP for Bolton South East Dr Brian Iddon visited the University in January as part of the Royal Society's MP-Scientist Pairing Scheme, which matched him to the School of Pharmacy's Professor Nicola Tirelli.

As well as allowing MPs to develop their understanding of key scientific issues, the Scheme offers research scientists unique access to the corridors of power.

Dr Iddon is a member of the Science and Technology Select Committee and Vice-President of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, and his talk 'Science in Parliament' provided unique insights into science's role and influence in the Palace of Westminster.

"It is very important for those involved in science and technology policy-making to maintain contact with the evolving academic environment," he said.

Professor Tirelli, who visited Westminster in November, said: "This scheme is extremely useful and should be exploited more often by senior academics. It offers invaluable experience of the ways in which political and public perceptions of scientific issues can be influenced."

The scheme issues calls for participants each year. For more information please visit

www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=1142

STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Staff are being asked to remind students to take part in the third annual online Student Satisfaction Survey which is launched on 5 March.

Students are given the opportunity to provide feedback on their whole student experience, ranging from their programme of study to the quality of the catering and their use of the Student Services Centre.

There are three surveys – for undergraduates, taught postgraduates and research postgraduates. Students can access their own survey quickly by logging into their Portal, or by going directly to

www.manchester.ac.uk/studentsurvey

For further information contact: studentexperience@manchester.ac.uk



CHILDCARE SURVEY

The University, in partnership with SureStart, the Government's childcare agency, is actively considering the steps it might reasonably take to provide support to staff with responsibility for arranging childcare. Whilst it is clear that access to high quality and affordable childcare is a high priority for working parents, the type and method

of delivery required varies considerably because of individual circumstances.

In order to assist the University in determining what support it might offer, it would be helpful if you could spend a few minutes completing the questionnaire:

www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet

ROCKER HELPS CELEBRATE GAY HISTORY

Rock star Tom Robinson was one of three guest speakers invited to the University as part of a national celebration of gay history.

The musician and broadcaster was asked to speak about his sometime controversial life by the University's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Staff Network to mark LGBT History Month.

Born in Cambridge in 1950, Tom's hits included 2-4-6-8 Motorway and (Sing if you're) Glad to be Gay, which reached number 18 in the UK singles chart.

In 1986, news that the one-time gay activist was to marry a woman and start a family made headline news.

Tom has since become an advocate for a wider sexuality than his initial 'gay campaigner' label allowed and, some 20 years after the notoriety of Glad to be Gay, he released the album, Having it Both Ways.

Tom has gradually become better known as a broadcaster than a musician and has presented programmes on all of the BBC's national radio stations and currently fronts two shows on Radio 6 Music.

Tom spoke to staff on February 23, the day after Laura Doan, professor of Cultural History and Sexuality Studies and author of Fashioning Sapphism: The Origins of a Modern English Lesbian Culture, talked about masculine fashions for women in the 1920s and how we make sense of sexual lives of the past.

Finally, crime writer Jenny Roberts, author of Needle Point and Breaking Point featuring lesbian detective Cameron McGill, read from her third book Dead Reckoning to round off the month's celebrations.

CAMPUS SOLUTIONS: ADMISSIONS

The University is investing £43 million in the Information Systems (IS) Programme to replace all of the major business applications over seven years. This is arguably the most ambitious and largest scale single project of its kind ever undertaken by a UK University. Its aim is to review and improve business processes, introduce new business systems and upgrade the technical infrastructure.

In *Staff Update* over the coming months, we'll be taking a closer look at some of these new systems – from the point of view of the people who use them. We'll be assessing their pros and cons and whether they are indeed making a positive difference to people's working lives.

One of these is the new student system – Campus Solutions - which offers a single application dedicated to supporting the administration of all student-related activities – from application and registration, through to examinations and graduation. This month we'll be looking at it from the point of view of those involved in admissions.

Staff Update spoke to Kate Middleton, who is Undergraduate Admissions Office Manager in the Faculty of Life Sciences and Paul Arrowsmith, Admissions Officer in the School of the Environment and Development.

Campus Solutions was introduced in October 2005 – before that Kate had used the Oracle system for around seven years. "There was a big

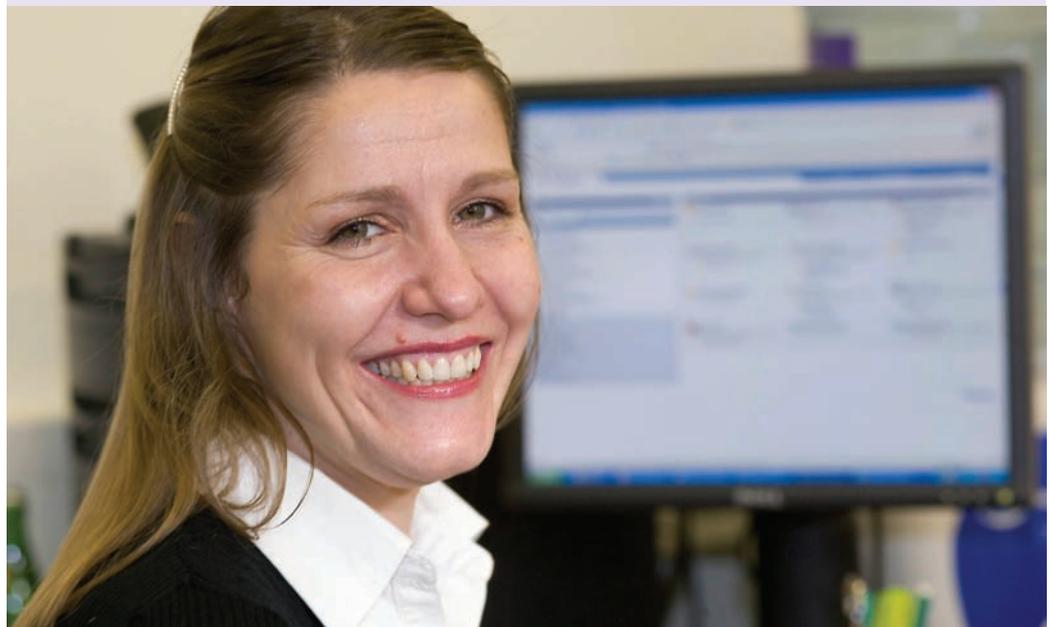
learning curve at the beginning," admits Kate. "We did receive some training but we were right up against the deadline for confirmation of applicants. This meant that at first, we weren't comfortable with how the system worked and we tended to take 'the long way round' to make sure we were doing things right. This definitely increased our workload.

"Having said that, the Campus Solutions helpdesk team were very supportive, as was the admissions helpdesk, which helped us with some of the technical issues we had at the start," added Kate.

One of the future developments suggested by Kate is the incorporation of a flag to indicate whether applicants have been invited to or attended an open day. Kate is responsible for organising these events and says: "With Oracle you could enter a flag against an applicant's name, so you could tell straight away whether they had been invited to an open day. You can't do this with Campus Solutions."

Kate is also not happy about the fact that you can't access 'live' data from the system – you can only get hold of data which is at least a day out of date. "We need a better reporting tool – I know this is an ongoing concern which affects all Faculties and which needs to be solved."

Kate Middleton, Undergraduate Admissions Office Manager





*Paul Arrowsmith, Admissions Officer
School of Environment and Development*

Helen Barton, Head of the Planning Support Office and the new Project Sponsor for Campus Solutions commented: "I know that the issue of reporting is of concern to users and am keen to improve the situation."

But there have been improvements from the new system. Campus Solutions has helped the team to meet one of their targets – which states that overseas students should be made an offer within three days of their application. Said Kate: "We are good at meeting this target and we use the 'checklist' aspect of Campus Solutions to help us. This tells an applicant that a decision on their application has been made and has speeded the process up considerably."

Kate also likes the checking system on Campus Solutions which means that all offers made are cross checked to ensure that the correct information is included in the offer. Another positive is that fact that you can reply in 'bulk' to applicants – for example, those whose applications have been rejected.

So it's fair to say that Kate's experience of Campus Solutions has been mixed so far. She believes that the potential is there, but that lots of work still needs to be done to make the system more useful.

In contrast Paul Arrowsmith's experience has been more positive. He said: "We are a newly formed team and Campus Solutions was

launched at about the same time as we came together. This meant we didn't have any long-established systems in place, so we decided to ditch how we had been doing things and adopt Campus Solutions totally. There was some risk attached to this decision, but I think we're glad we did it.

"It is a very adaptable system – of course it doesn't do everything we want it to do and it will probably take years to reach full functionality. Having said that, it has helped us to streamline our processes so there are no specialisms in our team now – every member of the team can step into each other's shoes whether they look after undergraduate or postgraduate admissions.

"Before, we were struggling with the volume of applications as we are the third largest School in the University. By using Campus Solutions we are spending less time on administration and more time speaking to applicants and offering better customer service. As a result our conversion rates have gone up dramatically," he added.

Do you have any suggestions for improvements or questions about Campus Solutions? If so contact Alison Charles, Senior Undergraduate Admissions Officer at A.Charles@manchester.ac.uk or Jane Hardman, Senior Postgraduate Admissions Officer at jane.hardman@manchester.ac.uk.

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WANTED

Academic seeks 2-3 bed house or flat South Manchester (Didsbury/ Chorlton) from mid March for long term rent. Please contact green.maia@googlemail.com or phone 07977 445428.

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COURSE FOR PARENTS WITH ANXIOUS CHILDREN

If you know a child under ten who displays symptoms of anxiety, such as extreme fears, phobias, frequent worry or distress at separating from their parents, a new skills development course for parents could offer a breakthrough.

Providing psychological treatments for children under ten with anxiety disorders is difficult, so a team from the School of Psychological Sciences is investigating a new approach: a course which helps parents develop the skills to give their child the best chance of becoming a confident, mature adult.

Participating parents will either undertake a weekly two-hour session at the Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility on Grafton Street for ten weeks, or receive a thorough assessment and detailed advice on how to get the right help for their child.

The course is designed to be fun and covers techniques for raising children's self-esteem and dealing with fears and worries, as well as strategies for managing difficult behaviours calmly.

Parents interested in participating should contact the team on 0161 275 2599 or pacman@listserv.manchester.ac.uk, or via www.manchester.ac.uk/pacmantrial.

NESTA FAMELAB

Anyone working in or studying science, technology, engineering or maths who wants to share their passion with the public is invited to join the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) network of science communicators and have the chance to win: a masterclass in science communication, an international tour of speaking engagements and an internship with Channel 4 worth £2000.

You will have just three minutes to inspire and enlighten the public and the judges at one of these regional heats: Tue 6 March, London, Dana Centre; Sat 10 March, Cardiff, National Museum Cardiff; Sun 11 March, Plymouth, The National Marine Aquarium; Sat 17 March, York, National Railway Museum; Sat 24 March, Glasgow, Glasgow Science Centre; Sat 31 March, Oxford, Science Oxford; Sun 15 April, Belfast, Black Box

Grand final: Sat 9 June, Main Arena, Cheltenham Science Festival

GO WITH THE FLOW

Reader in Mathematics Dr Matthias Heil and Intensive Care Medicine specialist Dr Paul Dark are hosting an international meeting to develop understanding of fluid-structure interactions on April 2 and 3.

The multi-disciplinary meeting of the EPSRC's Physiological Flow Network will welcome speakers from maths, engineering and medicine, to speak

about their work in this field. Fluid-structure interactions are important in health areas such as intensive care life support, lung medicine and high blood pressure, where the fluids in a patient's blood vessels and lungs interact with the vessels that contain them.

Students and colleagues interested or working in this field are invited. For more information please contact matthias.heil@manchester.ac.uk or paul.m.dark@manchester.ac.uk, or visit www.physflow.net.

WOOD STREET EASTER EGG PROJECT 2007

Once again Wood Street Mission will be handing out Easter Eggs to children at Easter time. Last year, the University collected 800+ Easter Eggs which were purchased by members of staff, in addition to monetary donations.

If you wish to give an Easter Egg(s) or make a donation towards the Project to help them pay for the extra volunteers needed to help distribute and collect the eggs, please contact Muriel Shingler or the Treasurer at the following email addresses so that arrangements can be made to collect them no later than 22 March:

muriel.shingler@manchester.ac.uk or by telephone: 0161 306 2523

rose.underwood@manchester.ac.uk or by telephone: 0161 275 8851

CONGRATULATIONS!



Rachel Horsford, Head of External Relations in the Faculty of Humanities, and her husband Stuart had a baby girl - Penny Charlotte Horsford (pictured below) - on 1 February 2007, weighing in at a respectable 8lb 10z.



Congratulations also to **Fiona Campbell** from the Planning Team in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences who gave birth to a baby boy, Thomas, on 1 February weighing 8lb 11oz.

Please send brief information on weddings, births, achievements and other good news stories, along with a photo if you have one, to uninews@manchester.ac.uk - or call 0161 275 2112.

CAMPUS CLOSE-UP



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Welcome to the family



Can you guess what this month's image is? Send your entries to uniads@manchester.ac.uk before 15 March. The winner will get a free meal and drink at Kro Bar.

Last month's winner was Bridget Gribben from the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health who correctly identified the image as being of the Contact Theatre.

FOOT NOTE

Staff who work on the Fallowfield Campus may be pleased to hear that SPORT has designed a safe and easy to follow two-mile circular route around the campus to walk or jog. The map, which is clearly marked on a new SPORT leaflet, has been created to give staff and students a suggested route for a lunch time stroll or jog.

To launch the new initiative, SPORT is organising a led walk or jog (you choose which group you would like to join) around the route on Wednesday, 7 March, starting from Owen's Park reception at 2.30pm. Everyone who comes along will be treated to a free FoodOnCampus fresh fruit salad, a bottle of ONE water and a free pedometer!

No need to pre-book, just turn up on the day. For more information contact health.fitness@manchester.ac.uk or call 55985

Maps are available from racks around Fallowfield.



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