

Welcome!

Welcome to our second LECTern alumni newsletter!

I write this at the start of week 9, when I am starting to see students and staff alike anticipating the rest the end of term brings, even if the break includes coursework, dissertations and grant writing deadlines.

As I write, students have just been sent home early from the uni-wide power outages due to Storm Desmond. Thankfully everyone got out safely, but we are now left with a complicated mass of teaching and coursework deadlines to reorganise. We will rebuild!

The end of the newsletter tells of the many ways you can get involved in LEC, but I'd like to highlight the alumni panel events (next term) and the **LEC Careers Blog**. Do get in touch if this is something that you would like to be involved in. Seasons greetings to you all!

Paul Young, Lecturer and LEC Careers and Alumni Officer.



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Alumni ID:

Name:

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Latest Blog



Alumni news

World rankings success

Lancaster University has been ranked 37th in the world for Geography, and is in the top 100 for Environmental Science, according to the latest QS World University Rankings

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Glut Market a great success!

Late summer can be a tricky time for vegetable growers as back gardens and allotments all over the country begin to heave with the weight of excess produce. Lancaster University's Rebecca Whittle explains the thinking behind the 'glut market' which was included in the winning Lancaster University **'Green Gown' Award** application 2015.

[Read more](#)

Exploring nature's gifts to humanity

A mission to show how plants play a vital role in our everyday lives, motivates the Head of Education at London's oldest botanic garden

"Take a plant like bamboo, there are musical instruments made out of it, you can eat it, build a house with it or make your socks from it," says Michael Holland.

[Read more](#)



A profile of Ada Pringle



Business as usual...



In the press...Dr Cris Halsall

Lancaster's first lady

Lancaster University's first female academic is still working at the university half a century later revealing the secrets of the UK's ever changing coastline. When **Dr Ada Phillips** (now Pringle) started work at the newly established University of Lancaster in 1964 she was breaking ground in many ways.

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Big on business impact

Two national awards won by unique environmental research programme which is helping 300 businesses innovate and boost business. **The Centre for Global Eco-innovation**, has won the 'Outstanding Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation Initiative' category in **The Impact Awards 2015**, and also the 'Research and Development' category of the **Green Gown Awards, 2015**.

[Read more](#)

In the path of the polar bears: what it's like to be an Arctic scientist

Stay alert, make lots of noise, and if all else fails, carry a big gun.

The case of Russian scientists trapped in their remote Arctic base by a group of inquisitive yet hungry polar bears does not come as a surprise.

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Upcoming events 2016

LEC Careers Fair and Panel Events



Preparations are now underway for the third annual Lancaster Environment Centre Careers Fair in March 2016 and we're excited that once again it is looking likely that the event will attract the most forward thinking leaders in the environmental sector.

Additionally, the now annual, subject specific panel events provide an alternative connection for our students to the wider world. Alumni and environmental graduates will present the inspiring stories of their postgraduate life paths reassuring our students that although plans are good, you don't always have to stick to one!

[Link to last years' Careers Fair and Panel Events](#)

Ways you can be involved

Are you now an employer looking to host an internship?

Would you like to attend/speak at one of our events?

*Do you have a story to share for our next Alumni newsletter, or **Careers blog**?*

Looking for other ways to be involved?

Please send Paul an [email](#)



Staff Leavers

LEC is sorry to see the following staff leave us, but we wish them well with whatever is next!
Rita Balderson, Ciaran Broderick, Philip Donkersley, Greg Holland, Emily House, Natalie Miller, Louis Neven, Michael Panagopulos, Kristina Pikelj, Nadia Von Benzon, Anne Wilkinson, Guangsheng Zhuang.

New Faces

We are pleased to be welcoming the following new (or soon to start) staff to LEC:
Elizabete Carmo Silva, Andre Melao Alcantara, Douglas Orr, Martin Parry (the photosynthesis team), Kate Buckeridge, John Crosse, Margaret Dixon, Nick Graham, Jonathan Grey, Christina Hicks, Laura Hobbs, Ashley Jones, Edward Malone, Robert Mills, Hanneke Mol, Alex Onojeghwo, Jacob Phelps, Fiona Smith, Gabriela Toledo-Ortiz, Qunming Wang, Michael Whitfield.

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We'd love to hear what you think of these newsletters and what you'd like to see in the future - please send Paul an [email](#).

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