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## Royal reception for student Ephraim and his research

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex showed particular interest in the work of Bangor University Masters student Dr Ephraim Kisangala, a **Commonwealth Scholarship student** from Uganda, who she met at a London reception recently.

Ephraim, a GP in Uganda who is studying **Public Health and Health Promotion** at Bangor University's **School of Healthcare Sciences**, was invited to meet the Duchess of Sussex at an Association of Commonwealth Universities event to announce the Duchess becoming the Association's Royal Patron.

Ephraim says: *"I was invited to the event and considered whether I should attend. I was a little nervous beforehand, but discussing my work with the Chair of the Commonwealth Association of Universities calmed my nerves. I was introduced to the Duchess briefly and she asked about my research, she came across as a most humble individual, and was smiling and attentive. She later came back to me for a more*



*Dr Ephraim Kisangani with Meghan, Duchess of Sussex at the Reception in London*

*indepth conversation about the problems faced by menstruating women in refugee camps in Uganda."*

Commenting on what he's been learning he says: *"The teaching and curriculum on my course is very flexible. This enables me to choose topics which are related to Ugandan healthcare problems. This ensures that what I learn at Bangor is particularly relevant when I return to Uganda."*

Ephraim's dissertation supervisor, Dr Jaci Huws, Senior Lecturer, and Director of Internationalisation

at the School of Healthcare Sciences said: *"Ephraim has shown a real desire to learn about sustainable programmes of health. He is passionate about improving the health and well-being of displaced people, particularly those living in rural and remote areas of the world. We are extremely proud of all his achievements."*

Dr Kisangala was nominated for his Scholarship by the Windle Trust International, a charity that promotes education among people affected by conflicts and refugees.

### In this issue of our newsletter...

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## Staff News



### We welcome Nayel Chowdhury to the International Education Centre in Bangor!

Nayel Chowdhury from Bangladesh recently joined Bangor University as the new International Officer for South Asia.

He will be responsible for student recruitment in South Asia including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

This will involve the management of recruitment agents, developing country specific promotional campaigns, attending overseas exhibitions and developing institutional links.

Nayel has worked in the education industry for several years in both recruitment and marketing, here in the UK as well as in Bangladesh.

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## Bangor Education Degree leads to further success for educational entrepreneur



*Ayan Aliyeva*

The Winner of a national Entrepreneurial Award attributes her success to a Bangor University **School of Education** Masters course.

Ms Ayan Aliyeva, of Baku, Azerbaijan, has been awarded the British Council Entrepreneurial Alumni Award for Azerbaijan.

In addition to being the founder and CEO of a highly successful and growing education centre, with several branches providing education in Baku, Ms Aliyeva has introduced modernising initiatives, such as professional development opportunities and mainstreaming pupils with special educational needs, both of which have transformed Azerbaijani education.

She says: *"Studying at Bangor University had a paramount impact on the development and expansion of my business."*

Beginning as a part-time teacher, Ms Aliyeva quickly became the owner of the language school where she worked, which was

re-branded the A-Level Education Center. The Center now has six tutorial colleges and education abroad colleges across Baku. She is also Co-Founder of the University Foundation Center.

Recognising the value of continuing professional development, Ms Aliyeva followed a part-time **MA in Education** at Bangor University.

She says: *"Without exaggeration, the degree and the experience I got studying at the School of Education at Bangor University played a dramatic role in my business prosperity and in the development of a number of vitally important programmes in education for Azerbaijani society and the community I live in. In addition to growing my business, I drew up strategies and applied techniques to improve my schools, which benefit both the community and my business."*

**Read more here:**

[www.bangor.ac.uk/news/university/bangor-education-degree-leads-to-further-success-for-educational-entrepreneur-39177](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/news/university/bangor-education-degree-leads-to-further-success-for-educational-entrepreneur-39177)



# Psychology PhD Student dances her PhD for international competition



*Kohinoor Darda*

Bangor University Psychology PhD student Kohinoor Darda has entered an international competition which allows her to explain what her PhD is about.

Kohinoor said: *"In the last couple of years, a lot of people have asked me what my PhD is all about. It's always a challenge explaining my PhD to those outside the discipline of social/cognitive neuroscience. But I found the perfect way to avoid jargon and tell people what I work on when I came across the "Dance your PhD" contest jointly organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Science Magazine."*

The contest challenges scientists and researchers to explain their PhD thesis through the medium of interpretive dance.

Kohinoor, who is a fan of both science and dance said: *"I thought this was the perfect platform to bring both my passions together. I made a video explaining my PhD "Neural Mechanisms of Imitation Control" through the medium of Bharatnatyam, an Indian classical*

*dance style."*

Bharatnatyam is a dance style characterized by an in-depth vocabulary of sign language based on body and hand gestures, and facial expressions and Kohinoor felt that it therefore lent itself beautifully to explaining her PhD thesis "Neural Mechanisms of Imitation Control."

Briefly describing her neuroscience PhD Kohinoor said: *"In day to day social interactions, we all tend to imitate each other, sometimes even without our conscious awareness. This phenomenon is called automatic imitation. My PhD explores the complex neural architecture that underlies the control of our tendency to automatically imitate other people."*

An international student from Pune in India, Kohinoor chose to study at Bangor University because of the quality of research that takes place in the **School of Psychology** and the friendly and collaborative environment it provides.

## Health Services International Research Summer School

**8 - 12 July 2019**

This year Bangor University's School of Health Sciences will be hosting their third 'Health Services International Research Summer School'.

The **School of Health Sciences** Health Services Research Summer School offers participants a unique opportunity to gain access to internationally renowned experts in a range of topic areas, including complex interventions and their evaluation (including clinical trials); realist synthesis and evaluation; health economics, implementation, ageing and dementia, primary care, social care research, language awareness and the service user perspective.

The summer school is aimed at Postgraduate research students/early career researchers who wish to access expert support in health and care research and methodology. Current Masters level/ PhD student or healthcare practitioners who wish to develop additional research skills and gain new insights into subject-specific research and methodology.

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# Spencer Reagon, a study abroad student from Canada tells us about his experience at Bangor University...

"I spent the 2017-2018 school year at Bangor University. I participated in a study abroad program with the University of New Brunswick, which allows undergraduate students to study abroad for one or two semesters at various universities across the world.

Participating in the study abroad program was **one of the best decisions I ever made**. This experience gave me the opportunity to be a part of another country's culture and university community. I am very fortunate to have been given this incredible opportunity and have left Bangor with many unforgettable memories. While being abroad I met so many amazing people from all over the world and gained different perspectives on various languages, cultures and ways of life. The knowledge I absorbed has made me more confident as a person and opened my eyes.

Completing this experience in the United Kingdom will without a doubt increase my employability and enhance my university education. Europe is a leader in many different fields and in my area of **Forestry and Environmental Sciences**, Europe plays a very significant leadership role. The United Kingdom and European Union manage forests and the environment in various ways that Canada does not.

There was never a dull moment in Wales. I was either studying, playing sports, hiking the mountains of Snowdonia, celebrating with friends or travelling around Europe. Outside of the classroom I was a member of the men's rowing crew, men's ultimate frisbee team, and the International Forestry Students Association. Joining these clubs



and associations allowed me to meet many people and face many great experiences. If I did not decide to study abroad I would have not had these adventures or met friends from around the globe.

While abroad I took advantage of every vacation I got and had the ability to travel all over the U.K., Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, and Morocco. I was also selected as a delegate from the UK to represent the International Forestry Students Association in Bonn, Germany at the 2017 COP23 United Nations Framework on Climate Change Conference. Attending this conference was exceptional and enhanced my knowledge and interest in the field of sustainability and climate change. Without the support and funding from my professors and the faculty of **Natural Sciences** at Bangor University this fortuity wouldn't have happened. These

adventures made the year unbelievable. Many of these trips opened my eyes and showed me things I have never seen before.

After returning to Canada I realized that I am more open to various languages, cultures, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and life styles. Leaving UNB for one full year was no easy decision but well worth it and I highly recommend any student to take the step and go abroad. Along with all the amazing adventures there is always bumps along the road. The problems I encountered when I was overseas were overcome and made me grow as a person. This past year has changed me in many ways and is a part of the person I am today. I want to thank the UNB study abroad program for giving me this incredible experience that will not be forgotten. **Don't think about it too much...just go abroad!"**



# National Award for Saudi student

HRH Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf Al Saud, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the UK, held a celebration at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in London in January, in honour of high achieving students from Saudi Arabia.

Osama Alruwaili a PhD student in Bangor University's **School of Linguistics**, received an award for being the **Best Saudi Students Club President in the UK**.

This award shows recognition of the important work Osama carried out in supporting Saudi students who were studying at Bangor University.

The Bangor Saudi Students Club has given an excellent



*L-R: HRH Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf Al Saud and Osama Alruwaili*

representation of the University; congratulations Osama.

## Competition winners from South Korea



*Students from Dankook University*

In January our **School of Language, Literature and Linguistics** had the pleasure of teaching thirteen students from Dankook University, South Korea. The students entered a university wide competition to win the chance to study with us at Bangor for five weeks.

We regularly teach a group of students as part of our Summer School, but this is the first time we have had a group in the winter. The students loved Bangor University because they found it *"quiet, peaceful, and full of very kind people"*.

We have really enjoyed teaching them and wish them all the best in their future studies and travels!

## Staff News



### We welcome Kylee Wang to our Beijing office in China!

Kylee Wang recently joined Bangor University's Beijing Office as a Marketing Officer.

Kylee's role in the Beijing Office will include the responsibility of delivering the degree programs and non degree programs, including the study abroad and summer school program recruitment activities.

She will also be responsible for liaising with and developing a relationship with the local schools and universities so as to assist in the cooperation of student activities.

She will also be responsible for liaising with agents regarding the updates of student offers, updating with university news including English language information, new courses etc

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# Meet our student interns for 2018/19...

We have three student interns who started working with us on their International Experience Year last summer, they are Samuel Dickens, from the UK, Aditi (Dot) Saigal from India/UK who will both be carrying out their internships at the International Education Centre, at Bangor University and Sum Ming Lee from Hong Kong who will be carrying out her internship in our China Office in Beijing.

Each week we will introduce you to each one of our interns and this week it's **Sum Ming Lee (Joyce)!**

**Name:** Sum Ming Lee

**Country:** Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
People's Republic of China

**Course you're studying:** Music BMus (Hons)

**Internship:** International Marketing and Recruitment (China Office, Beijing)

**What made you choose to study at Bangor University:**

The Music program was perfect for me since I have always wanted to do music composition.

**What made you decide to apply for the 'International Experience Year':**

Working in Bangor University Beijing Office was a perfect opportunity for me since I have always wanted to work in the higher education field. Another reason for applying for a position in Bangor University's Beijing office is that I have always wanted to learn Mandarin and Beijing is the Best place for learning Mandarin. Living in a Mandarin speaking country is the best way to learn the language. During the internship, I did translation for all the undergraduate and postgraduate course leaflets, I also did a live translation for Dr. Iwan Llewelyn-Jones' Piano concerts and master classes during his visit to Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. One of the best things about doing this internship is that my level of Mandarin has significantly improved. From now on my first language is Cantonese, second language is English and Mandarin is my third language.



*Sum Ming Lee*

**Describe a typical working day:** To be honest there has not been a typical working day since I arrived in Beijing in August. Half of the time I would be working inside the office doing paper work and half of the time would be working outside the office, including visiting different University partners, visiting agents, attending education fairs and doing recruitment activities. For example, today I might be doing translation for the leaflet, tomorrow I could be working on UCAS Direct contact service, the day after I might be in Shanghai doing translation for a concert.

**What do you enjoy the most about your internship:** I enjoy meeting new people, working with universities, learning Mandarin, and visiting different cities in China.

**Would you recommend the internship scheme to other students?** Yes, the best way of learning is by doing it.

**How do you think it will add value to your degree?**

I am sure the skills that I have learnt and the connections that I have built during the internship will absolutely benefit my future career path.

**In the next issue we will meet our third and final intern, Aditi (Dot) Saigal from India/UK.**



# NEW Undergraduate courses for 2020

We have some exciting new undergraduate courses coming up for our September 2020 intake\*:

- BA Business
- BSc / MSci Adventure Sport Science
- BSc Marketing with Psychology (*offered from 2019*)
- BSc Psychology with Forensic Psychology (*offered from 2019*)
- BA Liberal Arts
- BA Political Studies
- BA Creative Media
- BSc Computer Science with Game Design
- BSc Digital Technologies
- BSc Wildlife Conservation
- BSc Zoology with Ornithology
- BSc Zoology with Primatology
- BSc Sports Science and Business Management
- BSc Sports Science and Marketing

\* Subject to validation

## Available online for April Intake!

### 'Postgraduate Certificate in Bank Management & Technology'

Announcing the launch of the professionally accredited **Postgraduate Certificate in Bank Management & Technology** - an exciting new Postgraduate Qualification **available online** and delivered through the expertise of Bangor University Business School.

Designed for bankers and other financial services professionals the programme offers the fastest study route to gaining the prestigious Chartered Banker designation upon completion of 12 months of study and is a hallmark of excellence for all those within the profession. The first intake will commence in April 2019 with a 50% discount available for sponsored students.

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# Meet us in your country in 2019

We shall be visiting the following  
countries between February - April 2019

India	-	February	Bangladesh	-	March
Italy	-	February	China	-	March
Malaysia	-	February / March	Spain	-	March
Singapore	-	February / March	Romania	-	March
Vietnam	-	March	Greece	-	April
Pakistan	-	March	Saudi Arabia	-	April

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