

# OWN YOUR FUTURE CAREERS EVENT

Year 9 to Year 13  
Seize the opportunity and discover  
your future career path

23 November 2023

6:30pm - 8:30pm



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# Welcome to our Own Your Future careers event for students in years 9-13

We have a number of professionals from a variety of fields for you to speak with individually, in addition to education providers of routes into these careers.

There will be one presentation in the Lecture Theatre as follows:

7:15pm Jack Weller, University of Sheffield  
Why University? Choosing a Course & University

Please take the opportunity to find out as much as possible about the roles in which our visiting professionals currently work, as well as their paths into these roles.

We would like to express our gratitude to them all for giving so generously of their time this evening.

We hope you will enjoy the evening and find it of value.



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# **Safa Abedrabbo** **Digital Learning and Organisation Development Manager** **British Red Cross**



Safa, serving as the Learning and Organisational Development Manager at the British Red Cross, specialises in developing digital learning systems and shaping data-driven strategies. With a Master's in Business and Human Resources earned in 2008, she built a strong foundation in Tunisia before relocating to the UK in 2011.

Following a well-deserved career break to focus on family and raising her daughter, Liana, Safa joined the British Red Cross in 2014. In her role, she has successfully managed significant projects and large teams, notably implementing an L&D strategy for international staff and the introduction of an HRIS system.

Since 2020, Safa's leadership has been pivotal in driving the organisation's digital learning strategy and transformation, working closely with a team of skilled learning designers and technologists.





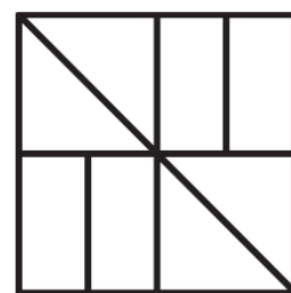
## **James Albert** **Director, Deal Advisory** **KPMG**

A career management consultant, James leads projects for KPMG with a variety of 'heavy asset' clients (industrial manufacturing, defence, oil and gas and utilities) to help them improve performance, operationally separate parts of their business for sale or integrate new acquisitions.

James works with a diverse team of consultants at KPMG, to help clients deal with challenging operational problems. He brings together the right skills from across KPMG's extensive breadth of services, to deliver value.

James is based in Forest Hill but enjoys travelling around the world for work and pleasure - as well as scuba diving (when time allows!)

## **Ruta Benetyte** **ARB Architect** **Vita Architecture**



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architecture

Architect is a multifaceted creative profession with a wide breadth of possibilities and responsibilities. A key part of the construction team is seeing the projects from inception through to completion. Working with challenges that scale from city masterplans, skyscrapers, private dwellings, extensions through to small junction details.

During her career Ruta has worked in Lithuania, Russia, and Turkey but in the end returned to London, bringing the versatility and sense of wonder of architecture in those lands. Her experience spans from bespoke luxury domestic developments to large teams of high profile commercial and residential projects.



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# Victoria Barret

## Global Head of Financial Lines Optio

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After reading Business Economics (BSc) at UEL, Vicky started her career at Humphreys Haggas Sutton, a small independent broker, where she joined as a junior broker. This initial role equipped Vicky with the foundational skills and insights into the intricacies of the industry, giving her a fantastic exposure to clients, it also involved lots of travel to the USA, where most of her clients were based.

Vicky was approached by rival broker, Miller Insurance Services, a move that took her to the bustling financial hub of New York. In this global setting, she gained exposure to international markets and expanded her expertise in the insurance landscape.

Returning to London, Vicky joined Aon, a prominent player in the industry. Starting as an Associate Director, she spent 9.5 years with the company. Within this time she had the opportunity to work across many teams and divisions and was once again fortunate enough to travel extensively around the world. At the time of moving on from the organisation Vicky held the position of Chief Broking Officer for Professions. In this role she was in charge of the strategic direction and management of the broking team.

In the role prior to her current position, Vicky made the shift from broking (representing clients interests) to underwriting (assessing and pricing risk). This transition led Vicky to The Hartford, where she held the role of Underwriting Manager. In this role, Vicky was responsible for managing the underwriting team, setting the underwriting appetite as well as managing relationships with key stakeholders both internally and externally.

Vicky is now the Global Head of Financial Lines for Optio, a leading MGA. In this role she is in charge of multiple teams, in the UK and Dubai.

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# **Zara Berry** **(Sydenham Alumna, Class of 2005)** **Head of Individual Membership, External Relations** **Chatham House, International Affairs Research** **Institute.**

Zara has worked at The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House for over 13 years and is now Head of Individual Membership, which is part of the External Relations fundraising and partnerships team.

Chatham House is a world-leading policy institute with a mission to help governments and societies build a sustainably secure, prosperous and just world.

Before joining Chatham House Zara studied for an undergraduate degree, BA (joint hon.) History and International Relations at the University of Reading, where she subsequently studied for her postgraduate degree, MA International Relations. Zara is a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and during her time at Chatham House, achieved a professional certificate in Marketing. After leaving university Zara entered a temporary role at YouGovStone, then a subsidiary Think Tank of the polling company YouGov, gaining experience in market research and understanding customer behaviour, as well as in building client relationships and in delivering excellent customer service and member benefits.

At Chatham House, Zara started in her department's events team, driving sales for commercial conferences before moving into a role that covered marketing and selling the institute's events and membership more broadly. Today, as Head of Individual Membership, Zara's primary focus is to acquire and retain a diverse body of individual members. These self-selected members, who form a diverse audience, provide Chatham House with the necessary income to challenge speakers and ideas, deliver its mission and maintain its status as an independent think tank covering the world's most critical issues.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/>



## **Tom Bill** **Head of UK Residential Research** **Knight Frank**

Tom oversees all research on UK residential property markets, from country houses to prime central London. He has presented at events around the world and is a regular media commentator, appearing in print and on radio and television to analyse how economic data and political events shape the property market.

Before Knight Frank, Tom was a journalist for ten years and in his last role was responsible for the property coverage across Europe, the Middle East and Africa at Reuters News.

## **Mirella Breda** **Chief Creative Officer** **Lime Pictures**



Mirella is the Chief Creative Officer for Lime Pictures – a tv production company consisting of three labels: Lime Pictures (*Hollyoaks*, *TOWIE*, *Celebs Go Dating*), Lion Television (*Horrible Histories*, *Homes Under the Hammer*, *Arctic From Above*) and Wise Owl (*When Tina Turner Came to Britain*, *Amanda Owen's Farming Lives*).

Mirella oversees the Unscripted division – the Production Teams that make shows like *TOWIE* (itvBe) and *Celebs Go Dating* (E4) and the Development Teams that come up with ideas for new shows such as our upcoming series *Vinnie Jones: In the Country* (Discovery).

Mirella has worked in television for over 20 years' producing, developing and commissioning TV. She has worked for the BBC, ITV and C4, from prime-time entertainment (*Stars in Their Eyes*, *Total Wipeout*, *Comic Relief*, *Soccer Aid*) to reality juggernauts (*Big Brother*, *Castaway*) to daytime quizzes (*Tenable*) and factual formats (*Mary Queen of Shops*, *Masterchef* and *Dragons Den*).

# **Lola Cookman** **(Sydenham Alumna, Class of 2018)** **Producer** **Work Editorial**

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Work Editorial is an offline commercial edit house based in the hustle and bustle of Covent Garden with studios in both LA and NYC.

As producer Lola takes care of everything from commercial and music video, to tv, long and short film projects, with the help of the team of production assistants. The wide range of film style covered means Lola is kept on her toes and learning new ways to produce daily

Being client facing, Lola has worked with the likes of STORMZY, Jorja Smith, FredAgain, Burberry and more this year while also having been shortlisted for British Arrows best new Producer award

Lola's day to day tasks cover reading scripts & treatments; pitching editors for work; booking and scheduling the editor's diaries; quoting and negotiating costs for and invoicing commercial/promo content for a wide variety of high profile clients; managing and tracking cost efficiency of individual projects; identifying and developing new business opportunities and successfully maintaining existing relationships; project management and allocation of resources on projects.

Lola used her knowledge learned on the APA masterclass course to try her hand at producing other areas of the industry including sound and VFX

It is vital that everyday Lola is organised, able to communicate well verbally, confident working on her own projects, and at ease when speaking on the phone. Before working in edit, Lola tried her hand in sound design but that's a whole other story...





# Emma Draude

## Founder and Managing Director ed public relations



Emma has worked in books and culture PR for 30 years. She started her career as a Publicity Assistant at the newly created Headline Books and worked in-house for 3 years before being head-hunted by a specialist publishing PR agency. After 15 year agency-side, with the last 7 years as Deputy Managing Director, she founded EDPR, a communications company specialising in books, culture and inclusive storytelling.

In 2018, Emma won the British Book Awards Campaign of the Year for her work on *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, and since then EDPR has won numerous awards including the PPC's Best Debut Campaign 2021 for Caleb Femi's *POOR*, Best generic Campaign for Elmer's 30th Anniversary, with additional shortlisted campaigns including Emma Dabiri's *What White People Can Do Next* and Abi Morgan's memoir *This is Not a Pity Memoir*.

EDPR's current client list includes the prestigious Carnegie Awards, BBC National Short Story and Young Writers' Award, Wainwright PRize, Wimbledon Bookfest, Penguin Random House, Knights of, Simon & Schuster, Walker Books, and Profile Books.

[www.edpr.co.uk](http://www.edpr.co.uk)

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# **Vanessa James**

## **Fashion Design & Production Company Director Parasel Ltd**



PARASEL

Vanessa has over 30 years experience working in the fashion industry from shop floor to Design and Production Director. She has worked across different levels of fashion, from factory sample room management, high street mass market, diffusion fashion collections, through to presenting catwalk collections at London Fashion Week, and has designed both men's and women's wear specialising in outerwear.

Vanessa started her career in jersey wear for a high street retailer, then progressed into casual wear (specialising in outerwear & denim), but has also designed into knitwear, softs and tailoring. She has worked with factories in India, China, Turkey, Portugal, Italy, Lithuania, Spain, and the UK, travelling the world to research trends, colour and silhouette directions and to carry out fabric sourcing and development from San Francisco to Tokyo. Vanessa has also presented her collections in Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, Amsterdam, New York and London to wholesale showrooms, retailers and international press and journalists. She has designed collections into fast fashion high street chains, specialist designer denim collections, collaborations with celebrities, diffusion level designer level, and haute couture/ one off pieces.

Vanessa's job as a designer is exciting and fast paced. Every 6 months the seasons change and she has to be aware of general global as well as more localised trends. She researches competitors online as well as bricks & mortar, keeping on top of catwalk trends and constantly sourcing raw materials and trims for newness. Vanessa has to know what silhouettes and shapes are en vogue, then designs into categories according to brief, starting with fashion illustrations, fine tuning into flat sketches and finally creating technical packs to hand over to either pattern cutters or factory sample rooms. Vanessa creates initial garment specifications and is involved every step of the way from initial prototype all the way to the final pre production sample ahead of bulk manufacturing, carrying out fittings on fit models and assessing product development for commercial value. She has also been heavily involved in the production, logistics, marketing, graphics and retail aspects of the business. Although her job is creative, Vanessa has to be wholly aware of critical paths, price points, company margins and making a product commercially viable.

Vanessa now owns her own company, Parasel Ltd, (with her husband who works in global accessories hardware product development and manufacture), and works with UK brands designing collections and producing for them all over the world.



**Aurea Garrido**  
**Vice President Legal**  
**CNN, part of Warner Bros.**  
**Discovery News and Sports**

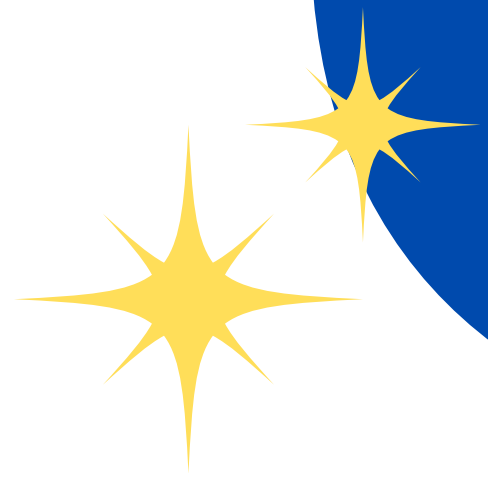


Aurea is responsible for the legal department that handles all commercial activities of the worldwide news channel CNN internationally (this excludes USA). From advertising, sponsorship and licensing news content to broadcasters all over the world to supporting the newsgathering teams reporting the news from the field.

Aurea is a qualified solicitor and studied law, business and media in Spain, the Netherlands, and the UK.

**Jemma Johns**  
**Consultant Obstetrician and**  
**Gynaecologist**

Jemma qualified as a doctor from University College and Middlesex School of Medicine in 1994. She specialised in obstetrics and gynaecology with a special interest in early pregnancy loss and assessment of gynaecological conditions using ultrasound. She undertook a postgraduate research degree in this area. Jemma has been a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at King's College Hospital since 2007 and lectures and publishes widely on her specialist area.





## **Cyprian Njamma** **Executive Director - Multi Asset Solution**

Cyprian is a qualified Actuary with focus on providing investment strategy advice to pension schemes, charities, endowments and other institutional clients.

Cyprian is currently an Executive Director within an Investment Bank in the City of London.

He's passionate about personal finance and the importance of financial education to students.




## **Hannah Parrish** **Small Animal Emergency Veterinary Surgeon** **BVetMed PgC(SADI) CertAVP(ECC)** **MANZCVS(ECC) MSc MRCVS.**

Hannah graduated from the Royal Veterinary College (University of London) in 2010. Following graduation Hannah worked in small animal general practice in Newcastle and Sunderland for 3 years. Hannah then moved to Glasgow for 18 months where she completed a year long internship at a referral hospital followed by a position at the University of Glasgow teaching final year students during their primary care rotation.

Hannah returned to London where she has worked in general practice as a locum, a centre providing small animal diagnostic imaging (ultrasound, CT and MRI) and in emergency practice for the last 6 years.

Over the last 6 years Hannah has completed post graduate clinical qualifications in small animal diagnostic imaging (SADI), emergency medicine and critical care (ECC) and a master's degree in veterinary epidemiology and research at the University of Liverpool.







# **Helen Peters** **Surveillance Programmes Manager** **UCL**



Helen has worked at UCL for 14 years and is now the Manager of two national maternal and paediatric surveillance programmes for NHS England: the Integrated Screening Outcomes Surveillance Service (ISOSS) and the Children's HIV and AIDS Reporting System (CHARS). ISOSS and CHARS are based at UCL Great Ormond Institute of Child Health (ICH). ISOSS collects, analyses and reports on data on all pregnancies to women diagnosed with HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis B and their children. CHARS conducts longitudinal follow-up of all children seen for HIV care.

Helen's background is in epidemiology and data management, having gained an undergraduate BSc degree in Statistics and a Masters in Biometry (focusing on Medical Statistics) both at the University of Reading. During her studies she developed her interest in the application of data in real-world situations.

Helen embarked on her career at UCL as a Research Assistant in Statistics looking at childhood obesity using large population-level cohorts. UCL ICH offered an opportunity to become highly skilled in the use of child and maternal health data, working with world-leading experts in domestic and global epidemiology. Helen then developed an interest in the health challenges facing women and babies living with infectious diseases, working on long-standing projects looking at HIV in Eastern Europe as well the UK's National Surveillance of HIV in Pregnancy and Childhood, (NSHPC).

Helen moved her focus fully to the NSHPC, developing her career within the team to become manager. She has overseen and driven significant developments in the way the data in this field are collected and processed, and this success has led to the expansion of the programme to cover data collection for other infections. Both surveillance services (ISOSS and CHARS) are considered nationally and globally to provide gold-standard data. Helen regularly presents at national and international conferences, as well as contributing to UK clinical guidelines through dissemination of data and sitting on committees.

[www.ucl.ac.uk/isoss](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/isoss) and [www.ucl.ac.uk/chars](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/chars)





# **Shams Rahman**

## **Partner**

### **Edwin Coe LLP Law Firm**




Shams is a partner in the Property & Trusts litigation department. He joined Edwin Coe in September 2014, having previously worked at other leading London firms following qualification as a solicitor in 2000.

Shams is recognised for his expertise in litigation tactics and strategy, his pro-active approach and using excellent communication skills to resolve tricky cases. He always focuses on the wider picture and the long term goals of clients. He is particularly valued for his nerve in difficult negotiations and for understanding the commercial and business needs and objectives of his clients.

Shams is an accomplished team leader and has successfully led major cases through to mediation, trial and appeal. He is experienced in using alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation where appropriate to achieve the best results for his clients.

Shams has expertise in all aspects of property litigation, including both commercial and residential and landlord and tenant. He is also a specialist in trusts litigation and dispute resolution, working as the trusted advisor to both private clients and trust companies on complex matters.

Given his international background (he is dual qualified in Pakistan and member of the UK Pakistan Chamber of Commerce to whom he has presented webinars), Shams is well placed in acting for commercial and high-net-worth private clients worldwide.





## **Charley Scott** (Sydenham Alumna, Class of 1995) TV/Film Producer Shortfilms London



For 20 years Charley was a TV director/series producer working on numerous prime time shows including *Place In The Sun*, *Richard & Judy*, *Come Dine With Me*, following pop band Girls Aloud around the world and much, much more! Charley set up shortfilms.london 3 years ago and has brought all of her skills together from her television days to provide interesting and compelling content for companies. shortfilms.london work across many genres and end applications, such as product videos, about us videos, investment videos, charity films, explainer videos & social videos to name a few. They also work with 2D and 3D animation. Every day is different and Charley feels very lucky to not dread going to work....ever! [www.shortfilms.london](http://www.shortfilms.london)

## **Miller Williams** Senior VP Creative Kobalt Music Publishing UK



Miller has 30 years experience in the music industry working across A&R, international marketing, management, and all aspects of music publishing (A&R/creative, synch, legal, finance, and administration). Some of the writers and artists Miller works, or has worked with include Ellie Goulding, Corinne Bailey Rae, Becky Hill, The Vaccines, Al Shux (writer of JayZ's "Empire State of Mind"), MXM writers (Max Martin, Shellback), DFA (Marshmello), Mr Eazi, Joeboy, IVE, Twice, NewJeans, Knucks, Omah Lay, and Adekunle Gold to name a few.

Miller also has oversight across 40 UK independent publisher clients, as well as finding opportunities for the company's writers and songs in the UK, Europe, MENA, West Africa, and Asia. Miller is happy to share his knowledge of career opportunities within and beyond music publishing.







**Kate Thompson**  
**(Sydenham Alumna, Class of 2015)**  
**HR Advisor**  
**Schroders**



**Schroders**

Kate completed her A-Levels in French, History, and Government & Politics at Sydenham in 2015. She chose to take a year out after school and worked in events in London before going to the University of Warwick. Kate achieved a First Class degree in French Studies, graduating in 2020 after a 4-year degree, including a year abroad in France and Germany. During the summer before her final year of university, Kate completed an eight-week summer internship in Human Resources (HR) at Schroders in London. Following this, Kate secured a place on the graduate scheme and returned in September 2020. During the two-year graduate scheme, Kate rotated across three teams in the HR department in Schroders's London headquarters - Learning & Development, Generalist, and Reward. For the final six months of the graduate scheme, Kate was seconded to Zurich where she worked with the Swiss HR team. At the end of the graduate scheme, Kate secured an HR Advisor role back in London and started this in September 2022.

As an HR Advisor Kate partners with the Wealth Management division, Cazenove, and departments within the Infrastructure division. Typical activities can include supporting managers in their handling of cases of performance management and long-term absences, advising the business on structural and organisational changes affecting their people, and handling employee relations cases such as grievances, investigations, and disciplinaries. Kate also has a particular focus on the year-end compensation review and helps to run the employee opinion survey.







# **Vilna Walsh**

## **Town Planning Consultant/Director**

### **Firstplan Ltd**

**FIRSTPLAN**




Having originally planned to study geography and economics at university, a random summer job at an environmental consultancy working in their highways and planning team introduced Vilna to Town Planning as a degree and career option. The fact that it included aspects of geography, economics, law, sustainability, conservation and heritage, design and architecture (amongst many others) was really attractive to her and led to a very last minute switch to University College London where Vilna secured a BSc and a Post Graduate Diploma in Town and Country Planning.

Vilna initially worked as a research assistant at UCL, and did some work experience for a local authority before securing a job in the private sector working for a town planning consultancy. Once she had been working in planning for two years, Vilna was eligible to apply for membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and became a fully qualified Chartered Town Planner

Working in private practice Vilna predominantly advises developers, landowners and institutions on securing planning permission for development, and prepares and submits planning applications. Developments can include anything from small scale residential proposals through to large scale developments for many hundreds of homes, a retail park, leisure complex, office block or infrastructure project.

Having worked for 6-7 years Vilna took a career break to go travelling for a year. When she returned Vilna was lucky enough to get the opportunity to be involved in setting up a new planning consultancy called Firstplan. Building a business from scratch has been an amazing and sometimes daunting prospect but 20 years later the practice now employs over 30 planners and works across most business sectors.

Vilna now specialises in industrial, minerals and waste development as well as in rail and port developments a challenging sector which she particularly enjoys due to the highly sustainable nature of these projects. Vilna is also involved in the day to day running of the company (something she would never have envisaged at the start of her career) and training of new graduates.



# Metropolitan Police Service

PC Charlotte Homshaw

PC Stefan Jenkins

PC India Okusaga-Hoad



The officers of the Metropolitan Police Service play a vital role in keeping London safe for everyone. Whether that's out on the streets working in and alongside the communities they serve, or behind the scenes delivering a range of specialist policing to protect our capital. It's not easy, but it is rewarding, packed with new and interesting experiences every day. The Met has exciting opportunities for you to join us as a new constable or build on your policing career as an experienced officer

<https://www.met.police.uk/car/careers/met/police-officer-roles/>

**Sean Savva**  
**Applicant Advisor**  
**Escape Studios**

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Escape Studios has been at the forefront of creative education since 2002, supplying the industry with studio-ready talent. Our courses are designed, developed and delivered in collaboration with creative studios

<https://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/>

# Women's Engineering Society **wes**

The Women's Engineering Society (WES) is a charitable company founded in 1919. Over 100 years later, WES operates as a membership society that aims to support women in engineering to fulfil their potential and support the engineering industry to be inclusive. Their vision is of an engineering industry that employs the diversity of the society it serves to solve the biggest societal issues of our time.

WES supports women in engineering at every stage of their career through webinars and events, collaboration with professional bodies, networking, and mentoring. Businesses and institutions are supported to attract and retain women by providing access to a network of talent for recruitment and raising business profiles through equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) collaboration.

WES also founded International Women in Engineering Day (INWED), held on 23 June annually as an international awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focus attention on the amazing career opportunities available in this exciting industry.


[www.wes.org.uk](http://www.wes.org.uk)



## WES representatives:

### **Zhouning Feng (WES)** **Computer Science Student** **University of Southampton**

Zhouning is currently pursuing her Computer Science degree at the University of Southampton. She is immersed in a wide spectrum of topics, from software development and programming to artificial intelligence. Zhouning also worked in the formula student team last year. Zhouning is passionate about exploring the frontiers of technology and honing her problem-solving skills to develop solutions.




### **Ana Gorgyan (WES)** **Director of Engineering** **Independent Power Corporation PLC**



Ana is a strategic Leader in Engineering specialising in transformative offshore wind development, energy storage solutions, and efficient and fast-track heat and power generation solutions, which include power generation on offshore platforms – gas to wire projects, as well as incorporating Carbon Capture and Storage technologies. With 15 years of experience in executing complex projects, Ana has successfully operated across diverse regions, including Europe, West and South Africa, Latin America, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and the Middle East.

In her earlier career, Ana started as a Project Engineer responsible for engineering, procurement, and construction of gas fired power projects, including commissioning and after commissioning support, where there were stringent requirements for health and safety.

Currently Ana is more concerned about energy security issues, including renewable energy sources, zero carbon solutions by implementing CCUS as well as applying balancing power mechanisms.





# Jenny Thompson (WES)

## Senior Engineer

### RCDC



Jenny is a Building Services Engineer specialising in Public Health. She studied Mechanical Engineering with German at Cardiff & Stuttgart Universities where she was first introduced to both Building Services and Public Health. Jenny has, throughout her career worked in firms with a sustainability-oriented approach to building services which has led Jenny to work in both small and large engineering practices. Building Services include all the functional and non-structural aspects of a building design which are needed to make the architectural design work - for example, ventilation, water, lighting, power and heating. This discipline of engineering aims to create comfortable, healthy and smart environments which are energy and water-efficient. Public Health as a speciality focuses on water, drainage and medical gasses - clean drinking water and drainage were the first measures introduced into the built environment to keep everyone healthy and safe. Public health has evolved over the last century to include water conservation and harvesting, as water scarcity has become a pressing issue.

Currently, Jenny is the Public Health Lead and takes an active role in developing internal technical standards at RCDC. She is also still designing and managing the services and sustainability design for construction projects. Jenny's project CV is extensive with some offices for big names like Amazon and JP Morgan, but her favourite projects are those which have wider social reach such as primary schools. Jenny's most unusual design project was a steam-powered laundry for a prison.



## **Ellie Carney** **Student Recruitment Lead** **East London Arts and Music**



East London Arts and Music is the Industry Academy for 16-19-year-olds and is the partner school of The London Screen Academy. ELAM exists to enable talented and ambitious young people to develop careers in the Music, Film and Games Design industries by providing them with the skills and access.

There is no other place like ELAM. Graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2017 across every category, ELAM continues to be the Number 1 institution to study Music, Film or Games Design. So if you are interested in working in world-class facilities with extraordinary professionals, this is the place for you!

## **Leigh-Anna Rezel** **Schools Associate** **The London Interdisciplinary School**



The London Interdisciplinary School (LIS) opened its doors in September 2021, offering an interdisciplinary undergraduate degree that spans beyond the siloed nature of the current higher education system. At LIS, they've designed a curriculum that allows students to study related concepts and theories, across multiple disciplines. This innovative way of learning provides an opportunity to explore multiple disciplinary perspectives, in order to understand and tackle complex problems.

So, whilst at LIS you would:

Focus on complex problems like sustainability and inequality.

Study a range of disciplines like data science, economics, philosophy, linguistics, art, neuroscience, and politics.

Undergo paid internships each summer with organisations like Innocent, WWF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to prepare them for the future of work.

<https://www.lis.ac.uk/>





**Madeleine Kirkham**  
**Educational Outreach Officer**  
**University of Leeds**



Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest universities in the UK. We're part of the Russell Group of research-intensive universities and are renowned globally for the quality of our research and teaching.




**Tahira Basith**  
**UK Schools Liaison Team**  
**SOAS University of London**



Part of the internationally recognised University of London, SOAS is a university specialising in the study of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. We offer a range of unique undergraduate degree programmes, all taught by our world-class academics. From Law to Politics, Development Studies to Music, our programmes, taught from a non-Western, global perspective, offer a wide selection of modules - and elective language classes- which means you can tailor your degree to suit your skills and interests.

Students have access to our specialist library, which attracts scholars from all over the world and boasts an excellent collection of materials and resources. Our cosmopolitan campus, home to a global community of students from over 130 countries, makes SOAS a truly diverse and vibrant place to study, right in the heart of London.





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## **Jack Weller** **Student Recruitment and Outreach** **Officer** **University of Sheffield**

A world-class university – a unique student experience.

Sheffield is a Russell Group university with a global reputation for excellence. Take advantage of everything it has to offer and you won't just graduate with honours – you'll graduate with insight, skills and experience that set you apart. We're in the top 50 most international universities (Times Higher Education World University rankings 2022) and our Students' Union has been voted best in the UK for the sixth year (Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017).

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/>

## **Harold Soto-Chavez** **Operations Manager and Programme Lead** **InvestIN.**

**INVESTIN**

InvestIN is a UK-based organisation that provides students aged 12-18 with an immersive experience of their dream career. More than 45,000 students from over 100 countries have attended their programmes, which take place both in person around the world and live online.

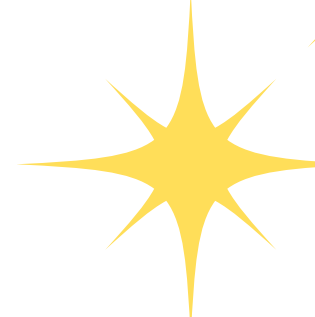
They offer students the chance to experience their dream career before they've even left school. By providing them with once-in-a-lifetime industry experiences and exclusive insider advice on how to succeed they help students to choose their future with confidence and fully maximise their potential.

Sydenham High is a Partner School meaning students receive a range of cost-free benefits, including a 10% discount for programmes using your code **SYDENHAM10**.

<https://investin.org/>

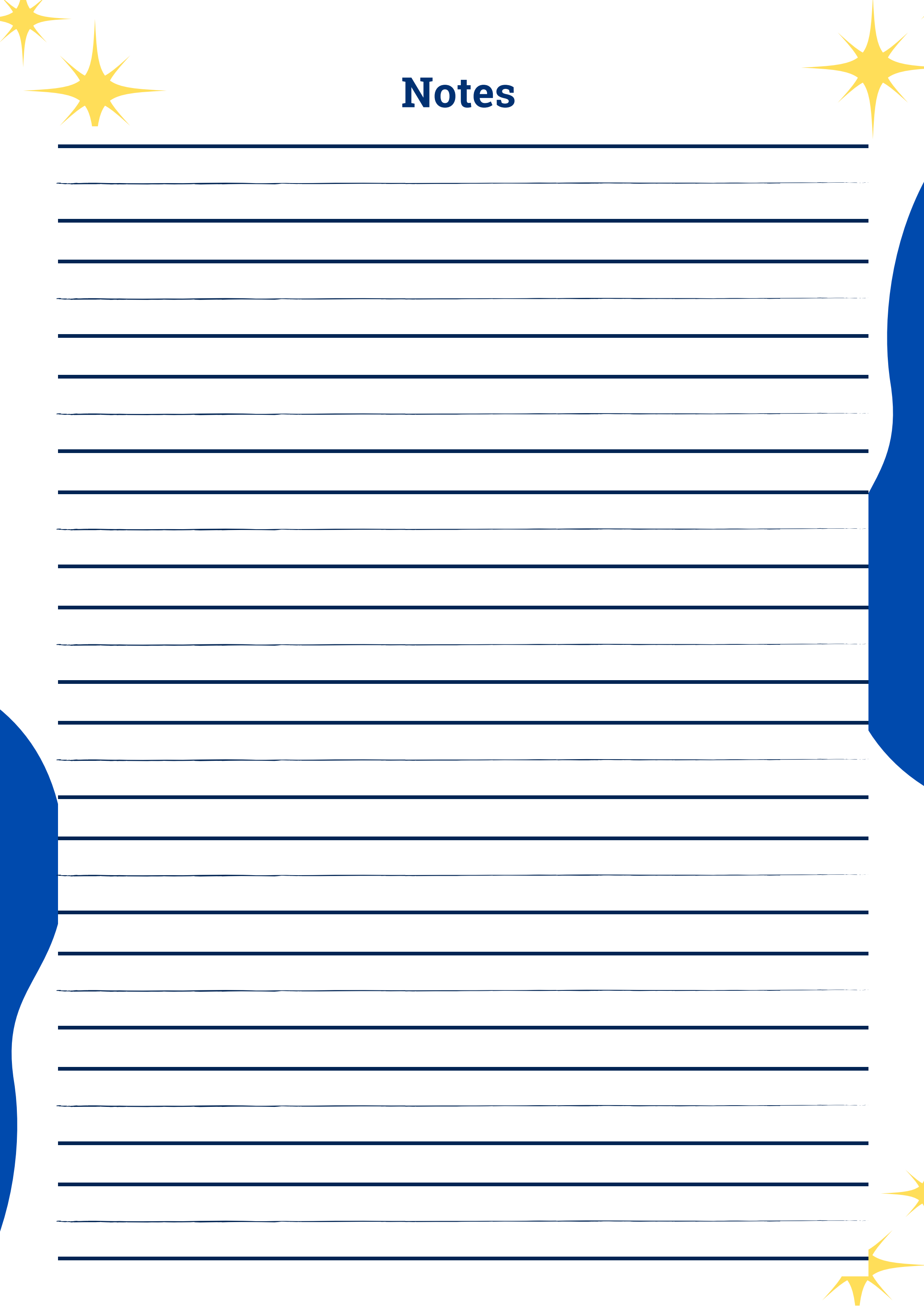


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