Dear Students,

Welcome to the first edition of the Global Opportunities newsletter for 2022/2023!

The Global Opportunities team are here to support you to enjoy a truly global experience during your time at Newcastle University. Our newsletter will keep you up to date with all the latest global opportunities offered by the University and beyond. If you are not already on our mailing list and would like to receive direct updates straight to your inbox, then please join here.

In this issue we would like to introduce our team, our Global Ambassadors and some of the many ways that you can gain global experience at Newcastle University.

If you recently returned from your own global experience you might be interested in our Gone Global competition and if you are joining us in your first year, you could take part in the SDG Global Challenge, being run through the Peer Mentor Scheme.

We will also be revealing the date for our Global Opportunities GO Global Fair so make sure to save the date!

All the best,
Global Opportunities
Meet the Global Opportunities Team!

Global Opportunities is here to help you have an unforgettable global experience during your time in Newcastle, whether that may be a study, work or volunteering opportunity, we are here to help you kickstart your global adventure. Our webpages are full of information about studying and working abroad, as well as other opportunities such as short programmes and virtual opportunities. You can also contact us anytime if you have any questions, comments or need support about any of your global opportunities; please don’t hesitate to connect with us as we are here to support your journey!

Our Global Ambassadors work alongside the team to support other students. They are students who have had their own international experience and want to share their insights and offer peer support to students who are about to undergo their own international experience, and those joining us from overseas. Please look out for an introduction email from our Global Ambassadors, and in the meantime, if you’d like to get in touch you can email them at global.ambassadors@ncl.ac.uk.

**Global Opportunities Drop-Ins**

In-person drop-in (Level 2, King's Gate, no booking required): 2pm - 3pm every Wednesday during term-time, except 19 September - 21 October which will be 11am - 12pm.
Virtual drop-ins are held in our Teams channel every Wednesday during term time from 3-4 pm. You can join [here](#).

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**International Opportunities on Campus**

There are so many global opportunities on campus you can get involved in. From international societies to foreign language learning, you can immerse yourself with these intercultural experiences right on your doorstep!

**NUSU Societies**

NUSU have many societies that you can join to enhance your global and cultural understanding.

**Country-specific societies (Links to an external site.):** Afro-Caribbean, Anglo-Chinese, Anglo-Japanese Society, Bengali, Brunei, Bulgarian, French, Greek and Cypriot, Hispanic, Kuwait, Malaysian, Mauritanian, Pakistan, Polish, Singapore, South Asian, Taiwanese, Tamil and Malayali, Turkish.

You can also join the International Society and meet students from all over the world! There are many other societies with international themes, such as Engineers Without Borders. Visit the [NUSU](#) webpages for a full list of societies. The [Raising and Giving](#) society organises various world challenges throughout
the year that gives you an opportunity to travel as well as raise money for a certain charity! Make sure to look out for their updates on these amazing opportunities, and you can find out more about the challenges they offer here.

Go Volunteer- N.E.S.T

N.E.S.T- North East Solidarity and Teaching. N.E.S.T is an internationally recognised student led project empowering the refugee and asylum-seeking community in the region through a variety of formats such as one-to-one English teaching, group English classes, sports, creative arts and trips into the local area. You can develop intercultural skills, cultural understanding and intercultural communication by volunteering with organisations such as N.E.S.T whilst at the same time making a difference within our community. Find out more here.

Language Learning at the LRC!

Start your global adventure by joining our award winning Language Resource Centre (LRC). The centre helps supports independent language learning through classes and tandem learning (which pairs you with a partner from across the globe!). If you are due to go on an international placement why not get a head start with learning the language of your destination country? If you studied a language previously, you can refresh your skills with a programme that suits your level and availability. There are opportunities for everyone- the LRC has resources for over 100 languages and supports beginners to native speaker level learners! You can even access global TV and film! They are hosting taster sessions for several languages so keep an eye out for updates on their website.
Peer Mentor SDG Global Challenge

If you are taking part in the Peer Mentor scheme then don't miss a fantastic opportunity to take part in the SGD Challenge being held with Radboud University (Netherlands). You'll work with your team to develop and present an idea which addresses one of the SDGs. There is a £1000 cash prize for the winning team and an opportunity to pitch your idea at a global forum. You can find out more here.

GONE Global Competition

Just a reminder that you can still enter our Gone Global Competition. The deadline for this has been extended to 7th October 2022 23:59 (BST). Students are encouraged to tap into their creative flow and share what they enjoyed most and what they gained from their global experience. Content submitted will be used as promotional material in our upcoming Go Global Fair, in November 2022, and should encourage others to go abroad.
The competition has three categories:

- **Photo**: please submit your favourite photo from your international experience with a quote or sound bite explaining what the photo shows, where it was taken, the type of placement you did and why it's your favourite.
- **Video**: make a video sharing what you learned during your time abroad or sharing tips for other students, along the lines of ‘Top three things about studying at Complutense’, ‘My five tips for moving to Heidelberg University or ‘Three things I learned from my virtual study exchange’.
- **Literary**: this could be a poem or a blog post. Examples of blog ‘Adjusting to a new culture’, ‘How to afford a placement abroad’ or ‘My experience studying in Hong Kong as a queer person’.

**How to enter**

1. Decide which category/ies you would like to enter. You can enter as many as you like.
2. Prepare your media. This might mean collating and editing together video clips, editing your photo or writing a blog or poem.
3. Upload your media content via the form provided. You can find this in the original email about the competition. Files should be named with the country and city where you spent your placement abroad and your full name e.g., ‘Paris_France_Emily_Cooper’.
4. You can submit one file per category.

A prize will be awarded for the winning entry in each category. Please see the terms and conditions [here](#), which you need to read and agree before submitting.

You can upload your entries using [this form](#). By submitting your content to the competition, you agree to the terms and conditions attached to this email, which you should read before entering.

If you have any questions, please direct them to ngambass@ncl.ac.uk.
Save the date- Go Global Fair 2022!

GO GLOBAL FAIR
2022

Save the date!

Wednesday, November 2nd 1-4pm

Boiler House

Want to show off photos from your global experience with Newcastle University?
Have any tips for future students?
Submit a VIDEO, PHOTO or WRITING for a chance to win either...

- Instax Mini 11 Instant Camera
- AKASO EK7000 Pro 4K Action Camera
- £75 Waterstones gift card

Enter the competition by 7th October 2022 to be in with a chance!
Save the date for our Go Global Fair where we will be showcasing the great variety of global experiences you can access through Newcastle University, as well as advice on funding and finance, language learning and global opportunities in Newcastle. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet the GO team, Global Ambassadors, external guests including Think Pacific, and colleagues who can support you from across the University. Come along and be inspired to start your global journey!