What's current and coming up?
This summer, the project will evaluate the experiences of mentors and mentees to assess learning and how to improve the project. Mid-way evaluations of mentees’ experiences have been fantastic!

“I found out that mentoring is not just about employability but is also about becoming the best you can be in every aspect of life. The actions I took away from the group mentoring sessions were to get myself out of my comfort zone and to make my own opportunities to get to where I want to be. This will help with my employability because I will become a more well-rounded person and it will boost my confidence and increase my self-belief. I am grateful that this kind of scheme is available at DMU. Thank you Andy!” Kam

New project film to recruit mentors
We have been working with DMU alumni and talented film maker Josh Penlington to shoot our new mentor short film, which we will use to promote the scheme to our alumni and wider networks. Using iconic images of the campus both old and new, we aim to show professionals how rewarding it can be to get involved with the project and to ‘give something back’ to students.

Our film maker Josh said "I had such a great time filming with Andy Morris again back at DMU. The wealth of experience and knowledge the mentors and mentee's have, that are on the Employability Mentoring scheme now is amazing. Having had the opportunity to work with just a handful of them over a small period of time, it's safe to say anyone wanting to taking part in this project will not be disappointed!"

Huge thanks go to all the mentors and mentees who voluntarily gave up their time, enduring more than a few retakes!
Finally, sincere thanks to our brilliant Film maker Josh Penlington of JPenlington Media for his outstanding attitude to film making and looking after the cast throughout.
A word from the Employability Mentoring Officer

Summertime at DMU means that whilst there are less students on campus, the work doesn’t stop. At the end of our most successful project year to date, its time to take stock of where things are at and look to build on the great work so far. Thanks go to all our mentors for their support. For more information contact andy.morris@dmu.ac.uk or on 07909 000127. Thanks all!

‘Dare To Be Mentoring’

In June we began the process of evaluating the ‘Dare To Be Mentoring’ scheme. This was launched with the support of Baroness Doreen Lawrence OBE, to help us to learn alongside our BAME students about barriers to attainment and how mentoring can help us address them. We received great student feedback including:

“I have learned to control my nerves. I was shy before but not so much now!” Rahi

“I know I now have presence.” Ben

“Its like having a mirror and now have learned about my character” Mehul

“Its like having a guide in a rollercoaster of a year both mentally and physically” Fatma

Using student talents to improve access to Employability Mentoring

In the last project quarter we have been assessing the accessibility of the project for students as we are keen to ensure what we provide is open to all. To do so we secured the talents of one of our current students, Charles Bloch through his company ‘VIP Audio’. Whilst we do great work here, we understand that there is more to do and what better way to do it than in co-creation with a student at the helm? Charles undertook an audit and made recommendations based on his assessments that got straight to the heart of the project.

By exploring our processes within our IT interface, face-to-face presentations, hard copy literature and also by talking directly with students, he has identified areas for further development of good practice in relation to accessibility.

Charles commented that “already the project has been given a whole new perspective when faced with disabled students, and we hope to make the experience as beneficial as possible from start to finish for those students that wish to disclose to us that they have a disability.”

Many thanks to Charles for his hard work, professionalism and our partnership!

Our Careers and Employability webpages can help you!

If you’re a current student, graduate or alumni of DMU there is great support on hand from Careers and Employability. All of our offers can be found on our excellent webpages on DMU’s main site.

If you are a mentor on the scheme but not an alumni of DMU you can still find out more about our work and get involved in other areas of our work. Our webpages are a great resource for signposting your mentee to get help internally if they need it. The webpages are designed to help a student, graduate or alumni no matter what stage they are at in their career planning. Find out more about how you can use us to get the best out of yourself by visiting:

www.dmu.ac.uk/careers

Charles Bloch from VIP Audio (and Carlo)

Our Chancellor Baroness Doreen Lawrence OBE