

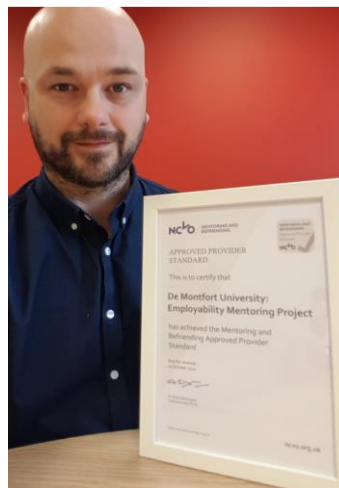
## First cohort of the project year experiences group mentoring

The new academic term saw our latest cohort of student mentees engage successfully in group mentoring. A pilot cohort of mentees was recruited, inducted and prepared for Employability Mentoring prior to our main recruitment drive for mentees in November. Employability related topics included networking, developing self worth, developing confidence and professionalism. These topics allowed mentors to share candid perspective, unique insight and tactical expertise to help students develop their awareness and understanding of industry. Huge thanks go to our mentors Jeff Stephenson, Joanne Mawbey, Dave Bryant, Sally Tann, Steve Perks, Sam Carruthers, Jolanta Obszynska, Adam Nightingale, Patrea Andrews, Mariana Gashi & Douglas Flemington.



# Employability Mentoring Newsletter No.14

## Welcome to our November 2018 edition



### Quality assured mentoring!

The project is proud to announce that for the second successive time we have secured a nationally recognised quality assurance mark for our mentoring work at De Montfort University. We achieved our first accreditation in 2015 and have again successfully secured this latest accreditation for the next three years. The accreditation awarded by the NCVO, underlines our commitment to quality work and sends a clear message to those who wish to engage in mentoring with us, that we provide high quality mentoring experiences.



### Partnership with the Matt Hampson Foundation

The autumn term saw the initiation of one of our latest and proudest partnerships. We are teaming up with the Matt Hampson Foundation to offer mentoring to students who are part of DMUs Thrive programme. By working with Student Welfare we aim to identify students who would value the opportunity to be mentored by Matt Hampson and his team to help them better prepare for life's challenges. We ran training with Matt and the team in October and are now looking to develop the recruitment of students ready for the project in the new year. Huge thanks to Matt, Tommy and Daryl from the Foundation!





### Training mentors ready to help!

At the end of the summer we ran our latest interactive mentor training to help prepare our professionals for their own mentoring experiences. The session provided quality time for mentors to work together on a range of activities to help develop skills and awareness ready for Employability Mentoring. Look out for further training in 2019 for our new mentors.

### Thanks & farewell to Durgha Ramji

This term we bid a fond farewell to Durgha Ramji who has been working with us on the project since summer 2017. Durgha has been a great addition to the project inspiring a zest for learning, innovation, excellent interpersonal work with students and a real passion for employability. I want to thank Durgha for her time, effort and insight on the project plus her significant contributions in helping us to achieve our latest quality assurance standard. Thanks Durgha!

### Leicester Castle mentoring



Our work with Leicester Castle Business School continues to grow each year. Here we prepared and trained over 30 masters students to engage in a range of group mentoring experiences. Students learned from the perspectives of our mentors on how to prepare for working as a professional. Our thanks go to Jeff, Aabida, Elizabeth, Michael, Patricia Chris, Steve, Dipti, Dave and Devica for their time & insight!

### Law group mentoring begins!

This term saw the creation of a new partnership with the Law School to offer Employability Mentoring in group settings to law students. The opportunity provided our students the chance to engage with our mentors who work as solicitors, to ask questions about the realities of working in a legal setting. Huge thanks go to Amy Amison, Mariana Gashi and Emma Bush for their valuable perspectives!



### A word from the Project Manager

It's been a full on start to the new term, fresh off the back of our accreditation success. We are promoting to even more students than ever, delivering even more employability sessions than ever, and we are engaging with a wider audience thanks to new partnerships.

We are providing even more effective employability and mentoring education to students which is massively improving engagement and conversion. We have new project stages to help embed learning and prepare students for their one to ones with mentors and we are looking at further co-creation with students to help ensure we keep providing the best quality experience.



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Cheers! Andy

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