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From Russia with love for UEL Open Day



UEL's School of Psychology at Stratford

More than 800 visitors from all over the UK and as far afield as Greece and Russia came to UEL's Open Day on March 8.

Paul Lowe, who travelled all the way from Yorkshire with his parents, said: "I applied to UEL because it's got a great reputation for creative industries and because it is close to central London, but more affordable and relaxed."

Christina Arsenievich from St Petersburg, Russia and Alex Konstantinidis from Greece are looking forward to studying civil engineering. "The Open Day's been brilliant so far and I really like the campus," said Christina.

With the abolition of up-front tuition fees, visitors found out all about the new system of grants and loans, as well as UEL's new Progress Bursaries and Achievement Scholarships worth £1,000.

UEL is rated as London's leading post-1992 university, and in the top five post-1992 universities in the UK by The Guardian University Guide 2005/06. It is also among the top 15 universities in the UK for graduate starting salaries, according to The Sunday Times University Guide.

Carrying the Torch for London 2012

What will the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games mean for East London? And how can we learn lessons from previous host cities?

Newham residents gathered at Stratford Town Hall on March 7 for a public debate with speakers including Tessa Sanderson CBE, academics and community workers.



Tessa Sanderson CBE, David Powell and Anwar Akhtar on the panel

Professor Phil Cohen, Director of the London East Research Institute at UEL, presented the findings of Carrying the Torch, an in-depth investigation of local peoples' attitudes to London 2012.

On March 30, Sports Minister Richard Caborn will be among the speakers at an international conference called Host Cities: Education, Culture and Regeneration at ExCeL London. For details visit www.uel.ac.uk/hostcities

Diversity conference



Human resources directors from leading companies came to UEL in March to discuss issues of diversity in the workplace. They were addressed by Julie Hutchinson from the East London Business Alliance, representatives from Newham Council and Femi Bola, Head of Employability at UEL.

In brief

Marketing students win Thames Water award

With London facing another dry summer, enterprising students are helping Thames Water spread the word about water efficiency. Sixty students from UEL's Business School worked in teams to develop marketing campaigns aimed at hospitals, schools and leisure centres in Newham.



Piudensiana Makoyo

The winning teams were awarded cheques for £500. Piudensiana Makoyo, who is studying her BA (Hons) marketing degree part-time while working as assistant sales manager at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Docklands, said: "This has been a challenging project that has got us working together and thinking about marketing in different ways."

Evil genius writes again

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TOGETHER Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Making Newham Safer

Parks Constable Stewart Walls chats to a local resident



Pedal power for crime and ASB blitz

Newham Parks Constable Tejae Greaves had not ridden a bike for 20 years when she volunteered for a Metropolitan Police mountain bike training course. But as the old adage goes; you never forget, and since she completed the intensive tuition she has become convinced of the merits of two wheels over four.

"There are so many advantages to using a bike for this job," she says. "Mainly that the public so obviously like to see us cycling. I have noticed that people are far more likely to come and talk to us, tell us their concerns and let us know what is going on in the parks. It's much nicer than being in a car, we can often move faster because we don't get stuck in traffic, and many of the places where people walk can't be reached by vehicles."

Joint cycle patrols with police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Newham Parks Constabulary have been introduced in Canning Town and Custom House as part of Operation Jardin. This crackdown on crime and anti-social behaviour, co-ordinated between the Metropolitan Police and Newham Council, is running in the area during March.



(l-r) Barar Anwar, Daniel Catmull, Tejae Greaves, Stewart Walls, Jesse Booth

Other agencies are also contributing to the operation, which aims to boost the confidence of the community in what are known to be crime and disorder trouble spots.

Drug support workers are out and about in Canning Town and Custom House working with people who are misusing substances and encouraging them to seek treatment. Safer Neighbourhoods police teams have stepped up truancy patrols in the area. The Canning Town Regeneration team has organised walkabouts with police crime prevention advisors and council officers who will deal with lighting and environmental issues that can contribute to crime and anti-social behaviour.

Surveys of residents and business people in Canning Town and Custom House will be analysed to determine how effective Operation Jardin has been. Both Newham Council and the Metropolitan Police hope that as well as reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the area, they can apply the same co-ordinated approach to improving safety in other parts of the borough.

During February, Newham Council's Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour team, working in partnership with Newham Police:

- Issued one Acceptable Behaviour Contract and referred four youngsters to Newham's Youth Inclusion Support Programme
- Removed 66 abandoned vehicles (87 per cent within 24 hours of reporting) and 213 untaxed vehicles
- Dealt with 324 complaints of noise and served three Noise Abatement Notices which can result in fines and seizures of equipment if breached
- Carried out 37 test purchases of age-restricted goods, one of which resulted in an illegal sale
- Completed ten prosecutions for under-age sales
- Answered 791 calls to the ASB hotline

To report anti-social behaviour, call Newham's 24-hour hotline 0800 731 3300.

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