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Careers team update

Hello everyone

Up Festival 2019

I'm really pleased to share that Up Festival is back for 2019 to kick start spring progression week at the college. This is a week long programme of events (4-8th March) celebrating National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week and showcasing positive progression for all. Students can find out about further education, progression within the college, apprenticeships, Higher Education, employment, enterprise and self-employment. The theme is a music festival and there are headline acts and fringe events across the college over the week. For more information please visit <https://www.sheffcol.ac.uk/up-fest> There is also a moodle site dedicated to Up Festival and the link to it is on the webpage. Staff can sign up to bring groups of students to events using the booking forms in the moodle site and students can be encouraged to sign themselves up for any of the talks, workshops or events. There will be a Progression Fair 11.30-1.30 at 3 of the main campuses over the week so please do encourage students to get involved! Posters will be going up and watch out for the loyalty cards coming soon! Students can collect stickers for participating in events and attending the Progression Fairs which can be traded for a free burrito (Street Food Chef are returning by popular demand!) and feedback will be submitted into a prize draw.

*****To make this week even better we need you! Any curriculum areas wanting to promote internal progression or showcase their exciting study programmes can run events as part of this week. Last year staff offered taster sessions, had stands at the Progression Fair and ran interactive activities to raise interest in their areas. If anyone is interested there's still time to get involved please email me and I'll add you to the line-up!*

UCAS and HE

Applications have now opened for full-time undergraduate student finance for the academic year 2019/20. Students can create an account now and start their applications. For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>. If staff would like to book a HE student finance talk please complete the booking form or sign up for one of the finance talks taking place at Up Festival!

We are looking ahead at next year already and would like to make the UCAS process better for both students and the staff involved. I am setting up a UCAS Apply 2020 working group to make the process more efficient and a smoother process for all. If you have been involved in UCAS, or know someone who is, and want to contribute to this group please email your expression of interest by the 8th of March. Everyone is welcome and we would particularly ask that both tutor mentors and teaching staff volunteer as both contribute important elements to the process. We will also aim to have student involvement.

Events and Resources

The Sheffield Careers Fair is taking place on Friday 1st March at the Novotel Sheffield Centre Hotel. For any students looking to progress into employment following completion of their current study programme this might be a great opportunity for them to meet employers. The event runs 10-2 and to find out more and book a free ticket please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sheffield-careers-fair-tickets-53293775116>

The next free-to-attend webinar from Cascaid and Barclays Life skills is taking place this Thursday (28th). You can register now for free and the topic is “how taking part in social action can improve employability”. Barclay’s life skills is a comprehensive set of free to download tutorials, lesson plans, activities and resources.

Careers Team updates

We have created a new referral form for staff to refer students for careers advice and guidance. The rationale behind this is that often when staff book students in for a careers appointment the students often don’t attend, whereas when the student books it for themselves the attendance is a lot higher. Please submit the referral forms to CEIAG@sheffcol.ac.uk. Students can continue to book themselves in for careers appointments using the online booking system

Thank you and see you at Up Fest!

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