

Press Release

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Clearing 2015: Media Opportunities

- London Metropolitan University is in clearing this year.
- Media are welcome to film and broadcast from our busy London clearing call-centre.
- Clearing experts with extensive media experience are available for interviews.
- We also have a number of students and graduates who joined London Met through clearing available for interview. These include:

“I wanted to change my course”

Megan Lees, 26, who entered clearing because she wanted to change her course:

“I had a confirmed place at the University of Leeds to study Social Work but I changed my mind and decided that I really wanted to study Psychology. By the time I had made this decision, it was too late to change my applications, so I had the option of applying through clearing.”

Since graduating Megan has been on a two year graduate scheme for a media research agency in central London. “We carry out bespoke research for a number of huge companies such as the BBC, Warner, ITV and Google.”

“I wanted to come back to education as a mature student”

Kiki Tang decided to return to education as a mature student to change her career and explore her creative side. Kiki was offered places at London Metropolitan University’s Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design, and at the London College of Fashion

“I chose London Met because of the Jewellery course,” said Kiki. “I never thought I could apply for university so late but it was made easy at The Cass.”

“It’s been an amazing experience. We have had the best workshops, the tutors are really nice and helpful, and everyone was willing to help you if you needed it. I feel it’s like being in a family at London Met.”

Kiki graduated with first class honours this summer. “I’ve already received a lot of media publicity and won three awards for my final projects, displayed at the summer show and launched my brand; Kiki Tang Jewellery,” she added.

“I wanted to stay near my family”

George Sealey, 22 from Essex, rejected his first choice offer in order to stay in London, closer to his family. He came to London Met through clearing in 2011 to study Mathematics in the Faculty of Life Sciences and Computing.

“I was not too sure what to expect from clearing. However, with some help it was easy enough to call around to the universities to find out their entry requirements. From there it was simply a choice of choosing which university I felt most suited me.”

“It was a late decision to go to university”

BA Youth Work student Charlene Sagoe, 23, applied through clearing in 2012.

“I knew I wanted to go to university but I wasn't very sure about what or where I was going to study. I wanted to study a course that would allow me to help others but I wasn't aware of what was really out there.

“I applied to university late during clearing and spoke to a member of the clearing team about what I was interested in and she told me to take a look at youth work courses.”

The youth work course at London Met turned out to be exactly what Charlene wanted to study.

“Speak to an advisor on the clearing team and they can help get you on the right path.”

“I wanted to study in the UK”

Bianca Giunta, 22, also made a late decision to go to university. The BSc Psychology graduate was living in Italy when she decided to study in the UK. She embraced university life during her studies:

“During my course I co-founded and was president of the University's Psychology Society and got involved in as many university activities as I could, such as being a student academic representative (StAR), being part of the student council; being a Students' Union board member; working as a Student Ambassador and being a coach for first year students as part of the University's new Peer Assisted Student Success (PASS) scheme.

“Now that I have graduated I am starting to work as research intern for the University before starting my Master's.”

Bianca believes that coming to London Met through clearing has changed her life:

“It has given me the confidence and the real world skills I need to progress and develop myself further, and none of this would have happened if I hadn't participated in clearing.”

Notes to Editors

Full profiles, with quotes, are available. Each student is willing to give media interviews.

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About London Metropolitan University

London Met has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men. With over 17,000 students, of which 40% are local, London Met plays a key, socially valuable role in the capital.

Four faculties teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across three London campuses at Holloway, Aldgate and Moorgate.

The University is home to the 'Super Lab' – one of the largest teaching science laboratories in Europe. Students have access to professional facilities, including Bloomberg suites, a mock courtroom and high spec design workshops. Accelerator – London Met's specialist business incubator - was named among the Top Five 'Most Active' accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London's booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2015, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 91.1% of all 2013/14 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation.