

HopeTimes

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Winning the university debate

Professor Pillay took part in the opening event of Free Thinking 07 - Radio 3's Festival of Ideas, held at The University of Liverpool on Friday 9th November. He was one of six speakers on the panel, brought together to discuss 'What's the point of university?' and consider whether 'university is there to get you a well-paid job, to turn you into a civilised citizen or to give you three years of fun?'



Teresa Sepede, a recent Hope graduate, joined the audience for the debate and writes: "To begin with Hope's Vice-Chancellor & Rector, Professor Pillay; NUS President Gemma Tumelty; businessman Dougal Paver; Liverpool University's Public Orator, Professor Kelvin Everest; President of the University's Student Debating Society, Ellen Inglis, and Janice Swan, a representative from a learning disabilities organisation, each addressed the audience briefly.

Gemma talked about university being an opportunity, promoting social justice and being an instrument for social mobility. She made a very good point that university should not be a means to an ends as people have become obsessed with usefulness rather than value.

Janice, who hasn't been to university, has a successful career and she made the point that university is not for everyone. She felt that there was a danger of valuing academia at the expense of other

study and training opportunities.

Professor Pillay stated that university gathers together the people of the world and that its primary principle is to educate. University has no analogy in the market place and it is something above and beyond that. He went on to say it is driven by truth, meaning and purpose and not just financial considerations, - a place where students are valued as individuals in their own right not seen as customers.

Dougal employs 24 recent graduates and felt that they all contributed to his organisation. He believed university had equipped his employees for the challenges to come in a rapidly changing world.

Ellen, who is studying Law and French at Liverpool, said her ambitions to come to university were not just for academic reasons but for the other opportunities available that allowed her to meet people from all walks of life. She saw university as a vehicle for progress, not just for individuals but for society as a whole.

Finally Professor Everest suggested that university has an important role to play in developing and maintaining the national infrastructure. That university is essential for global competitiveness and is a unique place which will provide society with the skills needed to survive.

After much discussion, the audience voted Professor Pillay, Helen, Gemma and Janice as the four speakers who were considering the purpose of university in its fullest sense and not just thinking for the economy.

The next round of the debate involved these four speakers. The discussions that followed gave additional insight into overall visions and knowledge on the matter and, once again the audience voted for the viewpoint they could relate to most. Choosing their top two favourites, it was Professor Pillay and Janice who went through to the final round. From six down to two, both speakers made valid points but it was Professor Pillay who was nominated by the majority as the winning speaker with his view of university having a level of importance to society above and beyond its value in economic terms".

News in brief

An Honorary Award for Chiara Lubrich

As part of Hope's traditional celebrations to mark Foundation Day 2008, there will be an award of an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity to Chiara Lubich, founder and elected President of the Focolare Movement.

It is expected that Professor Pillay will travel to Rome to make the award to Chiara, who is now in her 80s. Chiara founded Focolare in Italy in 1943. Today the Movement it is present in 182 nations reaching over five million people in a variety of ways linked to its focus of spiritual and social renewal.

New Appointments to strengthen Student Recruitment



Emma Fereday, Nancy Cooke and Kirsty MacDonnell

The University has strengthened its international team with the appointment of Nancy Cooke as International Recruitment Manager.

With a background in international marketing, teaching and educational counselling, Nancy is responsible for the recruitment of international students to Hope's wide range of degree programmes.

On the home front Emma Fereday and Kirsty MacDonnell have joined the Marketing team as Recruitment Assistants. They will be working closely with Dave Sennett, Schools Liaison Officer, on UK undergraduate recruitment.

Promoting Hope

Hope has recently appointed a new PR agency, Kennedy Spinoza Vesey, to work with the University to help implement its communications strategy.

Kennedy Spinoza Vesey is an award-winning company based in the North West and, over the next twelve months, it will be working closely with the University's Marketing team. It would be helpful if members of staff and students would e-mail editor@hope.ac.uk with details of any newsworthy activities and events that might be worthwhile to promote.

Top Liverpoolian delivers Seminal Lecture at Hope

Professor Steve Molyneux, one of the world's leading experts in e-learning, visited Hope during November.

Professor Molyneux, who was recently voted one of the 800 people that had put Liverpool on the map (in the Liverpool Echo's 800 List), challenged traditional learning practices and discussed technology in education during his presentation to staff and students.

An expert in the use of information and communication technology to support education and training in the UK, Professor Molyneux considered the challenges to learning we face in the 21st century.

Liverpool and Hope are going **baa-nanas!**

On Monday 19th November, The Cornerstone hosted the launch of the Go Superlambananas project which is likely to be the most amazing display of public art to arrive on the creative scene in the city. It promises to be one of the highlights of the Capital of Culture year.

For ten weeks next Summer, residents and visitors will find flocks of the customised replicas of Liverpool's best-loved Super Lamb Banana sculpture, and individual sculptures, strategically placed in unusual and interesting places. A specially designated Go Superlambanana trail will wind its way from Birkenhead to Bootle crossing Liverpool city centre and, what's more, three Superlambananas will be appearing at Hope.

This mass-participation public art event will culminate in a unique Capital of Culture parade followed by a gala auction when 75% of the money raised from the sale of the sculptures will go to the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal for 2008/09.

Professor Bill Chambers, Provost of Hope at The Cornerstone said, "Liverpool Hope is delighted to be part of Go SLB. This event offers our students and our many Merseyside school and community partners to become involved in an exciting international public arts project".

Liverpool Hope's Fine Art & Design Level 0 students celebrated their creative involvement in this new and dynamic project. Stefan Evans said, "Everyone

got involved, we're just honoured to be the first ones here at Hope to work on a project like this and get to paint our very own Superlambanana".

Fellow student, Sarah-Jane Harrison added, "We wanted to include a strong Beatles sentiment and that's why our SLB is painted in a Sergeant Pepper outfit. It's been fun and exciting".

Organisers, Wild in Art, who successfully managed the Cow Parade event in cities across the globe, are looking out for designers and sponsors for the event and has the support of the City Council, the Culture Company and the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo. The University's Superlambananas will be seen at The Cornerstone and at Hope Park with one of the sculpture dedicated to The Big Hope conference.

Sally Ann Wilkinson, Director of Wild in Art said, "This creativity will showcase the breadth of the region's artistic strengths and, through community participation, will celebrate the characteristics and sense of humour that this wonderful city is famous for around the world".

The original Super Lamb Banana artwork was created in 1998 by the Japanese artist Taro Chiezo to highlight the dangers of genetically modified foods. Its significance to the city is that historic wealth is due in part to the trade in lambswool and import of bananas.

Details of a competition to design the Hope Superlambananas will be announced on Hope Virtually Daily shortly. So if you are interested in this exciting new project and want to be part of Liverpool's history -go bananas!



Councillor Warren Bradley, Leader of the City Council, at the launch at The Cornerstone



Steve Gatley, Councillor Bradley, the Hope students and their handsome creation



Adding the finishing touches



Professor Bill Chambers and a flock...

Hope's Cultural Community Developments

Recently the University's proposal to create a Museum of the History of Chinatown gained City Council approval. The Chinatown Project is being led by Professor Gregory Lee, of the Arts & Humanities Deanery, and it is hoped that the Chinatown Museum, a celebration of the history of Europe's oldest Chinese community, will open in 2009.

The Chinatown Project forms a part of the activity of the Liverpool Centre for the Study of Global Cultures. In November, Liverpool Hope and partners moved a stage nearer the formal opening of the Centre when a consultative and



Professor Gregory Lee

networking event was held at the University. Some 200 local community groups were invited to attend. Speaking before the event, Dr Terry Phillips,

Dean of Arts & Humanities, said, "We are pleased that the Chinatown project is underway and are now looking forward to the launch of the Centre for the Study of Global Cultures itself. It is essential that the Centre makes a relevant contribution to the life of the city so, having spent time on the planning stage, we now want to ensure that the development will meet the needs of community groups within the city".

The proposed Centre will provide both a physical and virtual presence offering the vision of a new and celebrative multiculturalism to promote genuine interaction without loss of identity. It will celebrate the uniting force of a shared citizenship of the city and provide a venue for a permanent exhibition of art and artefacts representative of our varied cultural traditions.

The Centre will also establish itself as a hub for performance, intercultural dialogue, conferences and accredited and non-accredited education and training courses.

The Liverpool Centre for the Study of Global Cultures will be formally launched later this academic year.

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding

Hope was pleased to welcome visitors from Stella Maris College, Chennai, India, for the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.



Professor Pillay and Sr Anamma Philip sign the Memorandum of Understanding

Currently the University and the College are investigating the feasibility of research collaboration in Computational Biology and Informatics and the joint supervision of PhDs in areas of Computer Science. Dr Atulya Nagar, Deanery of Business & Computer Sciences, and Dr Penny Haughan, Dean of Sciences & Social Sciences, have been active in pursuing this partnership.

Stella Maris College is under the direction of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and Sr Anamma Philip, the Principal, was accompanied by Sr Ordetta Mendoza, Head of Bioinformatics, and Sr Florine, Senior Administrator, on her visit to Hope.

The Big Hope News

Cherie Booth, wife of the former Prime Minister Tony Blair, has agreed to be a speaker at The Big Hope conference next June.

A former Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University, Ms Booth currently serves as a Governor of the London School of Economics and The Open University.

Matt Baynam, The Big Hope Project Coordinator, said, "We're absolutely delighted that she's going to come. As soon as we thought of The Big Hope, Cherie Booth was very near the top of our most wanted list. She's well known for her faith and her humanitarian values; and both those things are right at the heart of what the Congress is about. She's been really positive about the project from the outset".

Ms Booth has become one of the best known Liverpoolians of the modern era. She grew up and was educated on Merseyside before embarking on her outstandingly successful career specialising in human rights law.

Business Leaders' Breakfasts go from strength to strength



Jane Davies (2nd left) at the latest Business Leaders' Breakfast

November saw the 14th successful Business Leaders' Breakfast held at Liverpool Hope University. The theme 'Leading the Way' provided the latest information about informed, independent and impartial business and training support available to organisations within the North West.

Some 160 delegates attended presentations given by Kirsty Evans of the Learning Skills Council, Donna Edwards, from Business Link Northwest, and Professor Fred Mahoney from The University of Liverpool, representing the Northern Leadership Academy, before enjoying breakfast in the Hope Park Refectory.

The Business Leaders' Breakfasts are held every six weeks and are organised by the Centre for Leadership Development. The Centre, based at the University, is a pioneering partnership between the University and the other

three local higher education institutions - Edge Hill University, Liverpool John Moores University and The University of Liverpool. It is a one-stop point of contact, which aims to meet the personal training needs of current and future business leaders, enabling them to out-perform competitors and boost profitability and productivity.

Speaking after the event, Centre Director, Jane Davies, said, "We are delighted by the ever-growing popularity of our breakfast events which are designed to be inspiring as well as provide a forum for business leaders to mix and mingle. Employer engagement, university knowledge transfer, business support and the skills agenda sits at the heart of the Centre for Leadership Development's strategy to support leaders with personal and business growth".

The next Breakfast will be held at Hope on Wednesday 12th December. The theme will be Driving your Business with Energy and Passion and the speaker will be Molly Harvey who will impart her knowledge and expertise on visioning techniques and the 4Es strategy which have proved effective in creating successful businesses.

For more information, please visit www.centreforleadership.co.uk or contact The Centre for Leadership Development on: **0151 291 3888**, e-mail: leadership@hope.ac.uk

Inaugural Professorial Lecture Programme Underway

This year's Inaugural Professorial Lecture programme began in November with Professor Mary Mills' lecture entitled "Urban Imaginaries in Old Testament Prophecy".

The topic of the lecture derived from current research concerning the interface between cultural geography and biblical studies. One particular part of cultural geography is concerned with urban studies, not simply in terms of planning and material environment but also with regard to the concept of city and its impact on human social identity. The lecture considered portrayals of city life in Old Testament prophecy and the production of 'urban imaginaries'.



Professors Pillay and Mills after the first lecture

The next lecture in the series will be given by Peter Clough, Professor in Inclusive Education. His lecture "Must we include Everybody? Animating the Inclusion Agenda" will take place at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12th December in the Senate Room at Hope Park. If you would like to attend this or any other lecture in this year's interesting and varied programme, please contact a member of the Events team on **0151 291 3567** or e-mail events@hope.ac.uk

News in brief

Compact Events at Hope

Following three successful Compact events during the last academic year, Liverpool Hope is hosting a further four events in 2007/08. The events are organised by the Liverpool Compact Education Business Partnership and their School Liaison Manager, Debbie Kendrick said, "We are delighted to work with Liverpool Hope University as it gives us a wonderful opportunity to showcase further/higher education options as well as a wide range of careers. This ensures students are able to make a more informed choice about their futures".

The first event, held recently, was attended by approximately 1,000 Years 11 and 12 students from Technology Colleges - Alsop and Archbishop Blanch High Schools; Calderstones School; and Holly Lodge and Notre Dame Girls' Colleges. Apart from talks about University, representatives from Hope and the other local universities, the Liverpool Community College, Connexions and the Armed Forces were present at the Careers Fair.

Catholic Independent Schools Conference

Professor Bill Chambers and John McCarthy, Director of Marketing, Recruitment and External Relations will attend the 18th Annual Conference of the Catholic Independent Schools to be held in Leeds in January 2008. The University's presence at the Conference will support its continuing initiative to work with faith schools throughout the UK.

The Turner Prize

The annual Turner Prize exhibition, which is usually held at Tate Britain, came to Tate Liverpool this year to celebrate the Capital of Culture.

As the University is a supporter of the gallery, Professor Pillay and other members of the University staff have been invited to the Award ceremony which will be held on Monday 3rd December.

The annual contemporary art award always provokes debate and is widely recognised as one of the most important and prestigious awards for the visual arts in Europe. The exhibition runs until Sunday 13th January.

Hope in the Emirates

Jean Clarkson and Paul Rafferty, Senior Lecturers in Education, visited Dubai in November.

The University has two cohorts of students there who are studying for Hope's MA in Education. The programme is being delivered through a mix of contact sessions and distance learning.

Hope is also delivering a Continuing Professional Development programme to staff working in Indian schools in Dubai.

If you have a story you would like including in a future edition of Hope Times, please e-mail editor@hope.ac.uk

Exploring Different Routes to Peace

Associate Professor of Political Psychology, Dr Neil Ferguson, who is Hope's Director of The Desmond Tutu Centre for War & Peace Studies, was invited to a very special meeting in London recently. Here Neil reflects on its significance:-

On 31st October 2007 Colin and Wendy Parry Ball met Gerry Adams in London. So what was the significance of these three people coming together in an office block in Canary Wharf? Wendy and Colin Parry are the mother and father of Tim Parry, who along with Jonathan Ball was killed when two IRA bombs exploded in Warrington town centre in March 1993, Tim was only twelve and Jonathan only three years old. Gerry Adams is the President of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, the organisation that brought their son's life to a very premature close in 1993. The bombs on Bridge Street, Warrington killed Jonathan instantly, while Tim died from his wounds some five days later, an additional 54 people were injured, four of them seriously. The location of the meeting was also very poignant as the building was built on the site of another IRA bomb attack in 1996 which killed Inam Bashir and John Jeffries, two newsagents and injured another 39 people.

So the act of Colin and Wendy Parry



Dr Neil Ferguson

"to talk, to reach an accommodation, to seek compromise, and from it, make lasting progress"

reaching out to Gerry Adams, and the community of Canary Wharf providing a safe location for them to meet was not lost on the speakers and guests who were invited to witness this small step towards reconciliation between Britain and Ireland, almost ten years after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

Colin Parry and Gerry Adams were given time to talk to the audience about different paths to peace. Colin laid out the work of the Tim Parry and Jonathan

Ball Foundation for Peace, talked about his life after his son had been murdered and discussed how we all had to make choices, some choose to kill and some choose to be proactive "to talk, to reach an accommodation, to seek compromise, and from it, make lasting progress". He also movingly spoke about his emotions surrounding the meeting with Gerry Adams and now "inviting Gerry Adams to join me tonight was not (as you might imagine) easy for me (and my wife)...but... it was infinitely easier than holding my son as he died". In response Gerry Adams restated the IRA statement of regret from 2002 and offered a fulsome apology to Colin and Wendy for the death of their son, he also called for a victim-centred truth process to help Northern Ireland deal with its bloody past. Perhaps the enormity of the occasion was also not lost of Gerry Adams, as the majority of his speech was a defence of Republican violence, his own version of his truth about the past, with an acknowledgment that the time for violence was over.

This coming together of three people, illustrated the need for dialogue in resolving conflict, demonstrated the moves towards a settlement between Britain and Ireland that have been made, but also indicated that there is still a long road to travel before Northern Ireland's two communities can move past their partisan history and embrace a shared future.

Improving the Quality of Provision for Young Children

The first candidates to achieve Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) with the North West Early Years Transformation Group celebrated their achievement at a presentation evening held at Hope.



Professor Pillay with members of the Education Deanery teaching team

The Group, which comprises Hope together with The Universities of Chester and Cumbria, saw 17 of its students from across the North West achieve the highly-regarded status.

Through a rigorous process reflecting their academic and practical expertise, the Group support Early Years practitioners helping them become leading experts who will be able to drive changes which will improve the quality of provision for young children. Working closely together, the three partner institutions believe that the shared expertise and wealth of experience in working with practitioners at graduate level, enables them to support the candidates effectively.

Kathleen Orlandi, Hope's Manager for EYPS provision said: "We share a philosophy in that we all want high quality Early Years professionals who are keen to drive change and who have the knowledge and expertise to do so effectively.

The EYPS initiative is an opportunity for us to have a part in bringing about that change. The newly awarded professionals know that this is not the end of the journey, but the beginning of a new phase in their professional lives, in which they will continue to be reflective practitioners who engage in research and support others in their professional development".

The programme is available across the whole of the North West and, although there are four pathways to this status, each candidate has a unique package to suit their own needs.

For further information about the programme, please e-mail EYPS@hope.ac.uk or telephone Lin Dooley on 0151 291 3363.

Hope welcomes Frank Field

Following an invitation from Dr Tony Finnegan, Senior Lecturer in Health & Applied Social Sciences, the Rt Hon Frank Field, MP, visited Hope recently to talk to Sociology and Politics students about current issues in social welfare. This was his second visit to Hope.

Frank Field has been an MP for his Birkenhead Constituency since 1979. During his long and varied career he has been a Director of the Child Poverty Action Group during the 1960s and 70s and in the 1970s was a Director of the Low Pay Unit. During his time in the House of Commons he has been a front bench spokesman on education and social security and also a Minister for welfare reform within the Department of Social Security. He is active in the area of Pensions and Social Welfare and has written extensively on both subjects. Since 2001 he has chaired the Church Conservation Trust. Speaking after the visit, Dr Finnegan



Meeting Hope students

said, "The talk proved lively, stimulating and provocative and was followed by a spirited Question & Answer session with our students. Frank commented very favourably on the interaction with students, who he believed to be both knowledgeable and interested in the subject of welfare. Such was the warm welcome Frank received; he has agreed to visit again next year".

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Raising Money for Children in Need

The Students' Union arranged a fund-raising day and evening with an Irish theme for this year's Children in Need Appeal.

During the day students were out and about round the Hope Park campus. Their collection raised over £1,300 and they, and their friend, Pudsey, certainly brought a colourful diversion to a dull November day.

Congratulations on a great effort!



Gráinne McCann, Colin Taylor, Pudsey, Kieran Parnham, Tom Handley, Darren Batey and Joanne Simpson

On the Ball - Hope's Women's Gaelic Football team

When Liverpool Hope's Athletic Union realised a hefty population of players were Irish, a group of students got together to form what soon became and still stands as the most successful sports team at Hope, Women's Gaelic Football.



Hope's Women's Gaelic Football Team

With Men's Gaelic doing extremely well, it is the ladies repeated success that has established their place firmly on the sports map.

Wining the British Sevens competition for the last three years running, Women's Gaelic also won the British University Gaelic Football League, the British Championships and were Reserve All-Ireland Champions. If you thought that was impressive, they were invited to enter the Dowd Cup and McNally Plate weekend, where they took home the plate and attained five All-star medals. They also hold eight British All-stars medals and two All-Ireland All-star medals.

But that's not all, ten of the girls were chosen to play in the Railway Cup team, which consists of the best players picked from various counties to compete in an annual Gaelic competition, which was held in Scotland last year. One of the ten Hope girls selected was made captain.

To top off an immense year for Women's Gaelic; they received a final honour last April when they were awarded with Team of the Year by Liverpool Hope's Athletic Union. Now President of Women's Gaelic, Mairead McAuley says, "It was an award greatly deserved due to the hard work and dedication of the team".

With members from Co Antrim, Donegal, Dublin, Cork and counties in between, this family of friends are a tightknit group of lads and ladies who share an endless passion for Gaelic football.

A degree is not enough!

Liverpool Hope graduate Pam Tully talks about her work experience gained through Business Bridge:-



Pam Tully

"Straight out of the classroom and into the cauldron. That is what it can feel like when you leave behind student life and graduate. You are bursting full

of knowledge to share but no employer will touch you unless you have some work experience. But how can you get experience if no one will give you a job?

One answer to this is Business Bridge, a

unique joint initiative between Liverpool Hope University and other leading universities around the North West. Business Bridge specialises in providing students with the experience they need from reputable employers.

Without Business Bridge I would not have found work experience as a copywriter with a company called Forum Technik. Working closely with their PR company and web designer, my role was to provide eye catching copy for their entire website. I got the chance to assist at a marketing event where I met with potential clients, promoted the business and designed flyers. To follow this up I designed an e-flyer that was sent out to businesses after the event, offering lunchtime seminars and more information about the product.

I continually spoke to journalists and professionals alike building my own contacts list, which I could never have achieved without working there.

One of the main benefits of this Business Bridge project was the fact that, unlike other work experience I've done, I was treated as an actual member of staff, and importantly for me I was paid for my work. Business Bridge acts as a free brokerage service for students and all of their projects are paid. The company was very flexible; allowing me to work around my university timetable ensuring I never missed any lectures or valuable study time.

Even if you achieve a good degree, this may not be enough. Employers want you to prove you can deliver the goods without having to hold your hand along the way. There is no excuse for not getting out there and gaining some experience, the Business Bridge website currently has over 60 projects to which you can apply." If you're interested then please contact Career Development at Hope or check out the Business Bridge website www.business-bridge.org.uk

Remembrance at Hope

On 8th November the Students' Union held a reflection for Remembrance Day. Over 40 students attended the reflection alongside senior members of management including Professor Pillay, Bishop Ian Stuart and Dr Ian Vandewalle.

For me Remembrance Sunday is a day that should be remembered by all, many of us have family members who were involved in both the world wars and as I sit here writing this article, I can think of four

close friends and family who are involved in conflicts across the world today. With the hustle and bustle of the 21st century and in particular student life it is very easy to forget and take time to look outside our own busy lives.

This year I felt it really important for us all to gather and really understand and take time to give thanks to all who have fought injustice in the past and also today. Liverpool Hope SU is very committed to offering students time to reflect and gather as one, and the Remembrance reflection allowed us to do just that.

I remember, and still enjoy today, spending time with my grandparents and hearing all their stories of the Second World War, I remember my grandma telling how

when they heard the air raids warnings, they used to go up the park as they both hated the shelters, her memories of the noise, the light and seeing the destruction happen as she sat on a bench at the top of the park - her description, passion and sadness on occasion really allows me to respect the past.

These are stories and memories that can only allow us to understand just a little of the devastation which occurred and how community spirit was stronger than ever. These stories and seeing the destruction in the world today is why we need to stand still for ten minutes and truly reflect and give thanks.

Darren Batey
SU President

Green Hope

A Green Christmas?

Are you dreaming of a 'green' Christmas? Well if you're not you could be contributing to the estimated three million tonnes of waste that will be produced over Christmas this year.

A massive 60% of our household waste could be recycled or composted, but most of it is still deposited in landfill sites. We need to find ways to not only recycle more, but also to reduce and reuse our waste.

What better time to change our habits than during the Christmas period; a new approach for a New Year! Having a Green Christmas doesn't mean less fun, quite the opposite in fact. Take inspiration from some of the great ideas below that can enhance your holiday festivities and help to ensure a better Christmas for everyone for many years to come.

Presents

Make your own presents - they may take time and imagination but they can be personalised, unique and mean a lot more to the person receiving them.

Treat people to a special experience instead of an item - try theatre tokens, annual membership of a gallery or a weekend at a spa.

Take your own re-usable shopping bags with you when you do your Christmas shopping.

Indulge with a local, organic hamper made up from the local farmers market or give gifts of locally-brewed beer or organic wine.

For budding eco-enthusiasts, 'Save Cash and Save the Planet', published by Friends of the Earth and Collins, is packed with ideas on how you can save money and help the planet.

www.savecashsaveplanet.co.uk

Cut down on the stress of choosing presents if you've got a big group of people to buy for, by organising a 'Secret Santa' - agree a gift budget which everyone must stick to, pick one name each out of a hat, then everyone only has to buy one present.

Decorations

The greenest way to decorate your home for Christmas is to use old decorations. Edible decorations are also good and can be fun to make.

www.greeneyedfrog.co.uk has a large selection of decorations sourced from ethical suppliers and made from sustainable materials.

Indoor strings of Christmas lights don't use a lot of energy. If you really want to cut your energy use, you should swap your ordinary light bulbs for energy saving ones, which use a fraction of the energy and last on average 12 times longer. If every UK household installed just one energy saving bulb, they'd save over £80 million per year.

Wrapping Paper

This is one of biggest sources of waste every Christmas with more than 8,000 tonnes being used each year. Hand-made Fairtrade wrapping paper from Nepal is available for £1.99 a roll at www.greeneyedfrog.co.uk and a number of 100% recycled varieties can be sourced from www.naturalcollection.com

Recycled brown paper can make simple, stylish alternative and can be bought from shop.wwf.org.uk

Cards

Last year we sent around 744 million Christmas cards. If all these were recycled instead of thrown away, it would help to save the equivalent of 248,000 trees. Cards can be recycled by The Woodland Trust which has boxes in supermarkets, M&S and WH Smith.

Try e-cards - you can still get your Christmas message across but it's free and you don't have to send them early to ensure they arrive on time! Friends of the Earth, Hallmark and Yahoo all have a selection of e-Christmas cards.

If you must purchase and send cards choose charity cards and wrapping paper which have some recycled paper content and donate proceeds to a good cause.

Christmas Trees

If you buy a real tree, and more than six million of us do, check with your local council if they will recycle it. Many local authorities grind the trees into wood chips and use them to mulch gardens or parks, instead of dumping the trees in landfill sites.

Fake trees may keep your house tidy by not shedding their needles but they will more than likely have been made in poor working conditions from a petroleum-based product.

Other alternatives are available too, www.Tree2mydoor.com sell living baby Christmas trees which can be planted in the garden for 11 months of the year and brought inside in a pot at Christmas time.

Food

If you can, opt for seasonal local food and drink. A traditional Christmas dinner uses seasonal British produce and buying your food from a local market or grocer helps the local economy and cuts down on 'food miles', which contribute to climate change.

Buy loose rather than pre-packed vegetables - it'll help cut down on waste packaging.

If you're having a party, avoid serving food and drink on disposable plates and cups - they will just add to our growing mountain of waste. Borrow extra crockery from neighbours. Many wine shops lend boxes of wine glasses, if you're buying supplies from them.

It's tempting to over-buy food at Christmas, but save yourself some cash by trying to plan menus for the holiday season. The average family wastes around a third of the food they buy.

Instead of throwing away all those sprout peelings, why not put your vegetable leftovers in a compost bin? Around 4,000 million sprouts are bought in the week before Christmas, so there's a lot of composting just waiting to happen.

Adapted, with permission, from the Friends of the Earth website www.foe.co.uk

Check out the Green Guide for Christmas at www.greenguide.co.uk



Christmas at Hope

Recycling...

As one of the main focuses of its new Environmental Policy, Liverpool Hope University is looking into the amount of waste it produces. Waste monitoring data has been collected for the academic year 2006/07 and will be used as a baseline for future target setting. Last year the University spent over £40,000 on waste disposal, sending over 250 tonnes of waste straight to landfill. Only 10% of the waste produced by the University was recycled as the only current facilities are for glass from the

Students' Union and hi-grade white paper from offices and the Library.

As a supporter of sustainable waste management, the University intends to significantly increase the percentage of waste that it recycles and to provide recycling facilities in both residential and non-residential areas. New schemes for recycling more paper waste, aluminium cans and plastic bottles will be introduced in December with others to follow in the New Year. The new recycling schemes will be accompanied by a recycling procedures guide advising staff and

students on where they can recycle each different item of waste and what to do with recyclable items that we don't have collections for.

...and Cycling at Hope

As a part of its developing travel plan the University has arranged for regular cyclists to use the changing and washing facilities at the Sports Hall. The use of these facilities will be strictly limited to registered cycle users. Use of the covered cycle shelters near the new student accommodation at Hope

Park is also available through the Accommodation Office.

To register for the cycle scheme, please email travelplan@hope.ac.uk with contact details.

Do you have any green tips you'd like to share? If so, please email editor@hope.ac.uk

News from The Cornerstone Festival...and its Director

This year's Festival got off to a great start with sell-out performances of Hope's Visiting Professor of Popular Theatre, John Godber's new play Sold which premiered to critical acclaim in October.



John Godber after the performance

This incredibly moving play about modern-day slavery within the sex industry, which was written by John and his wife Jane Thornton in just two afternoons, was well-received by audiences. Speaking after the performance, in a talk back session with the cast, John Godber spoke about the play's theme, saying "The fact of the matter is, it's alive and it's out there, we felt strongly about this and wanted to respond to it".

The first musical event of the Festival was a tenth anniversary celebratory performance by Ensemble 10/10 - the Liverpool Philharmonic's contemporary music ensemble. The University has had a long and fruitful association with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra which culminated in the announcement of a unique partnership at the University's Foundation Day celebrations earlier this year.

The concert by Ensemble 10/10 was of music specially composed for the occasion including a piece by Festival Director and Professor of Music at Hope, Stephen Pratt. The work entitled Double Act is included in a new CD of Stephen's work which has been released by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra on its RLPO Live! label.

The title work of the album - a song cycle called Lovebytes - was nominated for a British Composers' Award by the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters in 2004 and the CD also features Stephen Pratt's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, which was first performed at the Liverpool Philharmonic in 2003.

Stephen said: "The University and I have worked closely with the Liverpool Philharmonic for many years and I am thrilled that they have recorded and released this work. It is incredibly exciting to have a CD of your own work produced. When it came to choosing a CD cover, I knew that my colleague Peter Dover - who also works in the University's Arts & Humanities Deanery - would have a fantastic picture for it".

The CD can be purchased directly from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic on-line store on the RLPO website www.liverpoolphil.com/content/Musicstore and costs £6.



A Glimpse behind Lisa's Work

Lisa Ashcroft's 'The Big Shimmer Thrust' presents passion, honesty and personality in what is a dynamic and incredibly fascinating solo exhibition.

Engaging viewers with luscious colours and lavish textures, her paintings, prints and sculptures celebrate and reflect the last ten years of her work.

"My interest is how I merge urban culture and perception; the way we look at the world, building up an image from different fragments of travel (looking and reacting to culture) and humour (universal language). I try to embrace, yet challenge aesthetic traditions and their critical interpretations."

Lisa experiments with non-traditional mediums such as glitter, sequins and gloss paint creating compositions that appear child-like and innocent. These elaborate and delicate paintings actually mask the true meaning behind her work which represents the more corrupt and sinister side to life.

"The viewer is drawn into the work by the sublime, found in either the sparkle of glitter or the sumptuous textures and vivid colours in which the 'cute' layered appearance camouflages the crude and seedy (mimicking our own consumer culture)."

Alongside her artistic career, Lisa works full-time as a Homeless Officer for Preston City Council which happens to be the catalyst for her creativity, "My working day crosses into my studio practice. I see this as a positive response

to a challenging environment".

This captivating artist has travelled around the world and reveals that the most inspirational place to her is Blackpool. "I have so many memories as a child etched into my head. It's only when you go back when you're older and start to see behind the glitz and the funfairs and realise it's actually a very different place with areas which are deprived and depressing."

Working closely with a charity out in Australia, Lisa, a Fellowship Award winner, will be immigrating with her husband down under to work on projects with aboriginal artists. 'The Big Shimmer Thrust' is Lisa's last exhibition in England - so it's an exhibition not to be missed!



Health Promoting University: A Healthy Settings Approach for Liverpool Hope?

by Dr Anne Coufopoulos



The University is currently working towards becoming a Health Promoting University. As Senior Lecturers in Health at Hope, Margaret Coffey and I will be working with third year health undergraduates

in the New Year to carry out a needs assessment of what staff and students think a Health Promoting University at Liverpool Hope should look like.

What is a Health Promoting University?

A Health Promoting University works to integrate health into its organisational structure and aims to:

- Create healthy working, learning and living environments
- Increase the profile of health in teaching and research, and

- Develop healthy alliances in the community (Doherty & Dooris 2006)

Essentially a Health Promoting University is more than just places where health education / promotion activities take place, it's about much more than this. It involves using a whole systems approach and it should represent a commitment to integrate health within the cultures, structures, processes and routine life. This reflects a holistic model of health. There are also certain values that should be embedded within the approach - these being empowerment, equity, partnership working and sustainability. These values very much reflect the mission here and should Liverpool Hope be established as a Health Promoting University, it would be a unique feature of the University.

What can the staff and students of Liverpool Hope contribute?

Firstly in order to reflect the true essence of health promotion, there needs to be consultation with staff and students of the University on what they think are the key priorities for health promotion at Liverpool Hope. From January 2008 onwards third year Health undergraduates will be asking staff and students what they would like to see in a Health Promoting University. Your views will be a fundamental and important part of the development process and the outcome of the proposed needs assessment will allow students to devise an action plan to take forward these ideas.

Watch this space!

Hope diary dates for December 2007 and January 2008

Christmas @ Hope

Wednesday 5th December

Students' Union Winter Ball at 7.30pm at the Adelphi Hotel. Tickets cost £25 and are available from Darren Batey, SU President, in Derwent House.

Thursday 6th December

Carol Service at 7.30pm in the Senate Room.

All students and staff are invited to this special service, planned by the University Chaplaincy with a group of students, and featuring wonderful music led by Hope Park Voices. We celebrate the coming of Christ as light of the world with carols and reflections, in the magical candle-lit atmosphere of a winter evening. After the service, mulled wine will be served in the Chaplaincy.

Wednesday 12th December

Christmas Service at 1.30pm in Our Lady of the Assumption Church (Bishop Eton) on Woolton Road. Lunch follows in the FML Foyer.

Sunday 16th December to Saturday 5th January

Holiday arrangements and social events programme for International students who are resident on campus. Full details will be available on Hope Virtually Daily and from Hall Tutors.

Christmas in Liverpool

Sunday 16th December

Liverpool Nativity at 8pm
This BBC Three production will be a re-telling of the Christmas story on the streets of Liverpool city centre with a cast of 300 and music from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. More information is available on Hope Virtually Daily and on the BBC website.

Cornerstone Festival



This year's Festival runs until Saturday 8th December. Brief details of the December

events follow. For full details, pick up a Festival brochure or visit www.hope.ac.uk/cornerstone/festival



Saturday 1st December

North Liverpool Community Justice Pantomime Cinderella at 4pm
La Serenissima at 7.30pm

Monday 3rd December

Two Similar at 1pm
Olga Zituhina Dance Company at 8pm
Band Night 2 at 9.15pm

Tuesday 4th December

Food for Thought 5: Paul du Noyer at 1pm
Liverpool Hope Dancers: New Dance Works at 7.30pm



Wednesday 5th December

James MacMillan workshop at 2pm (at Hope Park)
In the Penal Colony at 4pm and 7pm
Lewis Wright Quartet at 8.30pm (at the View 2 Gallery)

Thursday 6th December

Hope Music Students' Lunchtime Concert at 1pm
Song Writers' Showcase at 6pm
Comedy Night starring Gary Morris at 7pm



Friday 7th December

Vice-Chancellor's Lecture: Michael Elliott at 1pm
Enigma Theatre at 6.30pm
River Niger Orchestra at 8pm

Saturday 8th December

Final Concert with members of the Royal

Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra with the choirs of Liverpool Hope, The University of Liverpool and the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7.30pm

All events will be held in The Cornerstone unless otherwise stated. For the Festival Box Office, please ring **0151 291 3578**.

Cornerstone Gallery

Lisa Ashcroft - The Big Shimmer Thrust Exhibition to Friday 21st December
Open daily Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

See **A Glimpse Behind Lisa's Work** on page 7.

Foundation Day Celebrations



The University's Foundation Day celebrations will be held on Wednesday 23rd January. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving and, for the first time, a Graduation Ceremony at Hope Park. The Service will commence at 12 noon and there will be a buffet lunch at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Foundation Hour

Foundation Hour is held each Wednesday during term-time. It's an opportunity to find out more about an aspect of Hope life. Foundation Hour lasts about 45 minutes with some time at the end for questions with some time at the end for some lunch. The programme for December and January is as follows:-

James MacMillan: The Artist and Belief
Wednesday 5th December in Lecture Theatre L.

Christmas Service
Wednesday 12th December at 1.30pm in Our Lady of the Assumption Church (Bishop Eton) on Woolton Road. Lunch follows in the FML Foyer.

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Quartet Concert
Wednesday 16th January

Professor Robin Wilson: A mathematical reflection
Wednesday 30th January

Unless otherwise stated, Foundation Hour is held in the Lecture Theatre Complex.

Inaugural Professorial Lecture Programme

The next two Lectures in the 2007/08 series are



Must we include Everybody? Animating the Inclusion Agenda

Peter Clough
Professor of Inclusion Education
Wednesday 12th December

Christian Education and Contemporary Culture

Bart McGettrick
Professor of Education
Wednesday 30th January

The Lectures will begin at 5.30pm in the Senate Room, Hilda Constance Allen Building, Hope Park.

STRIVE Charity Event

On Thursday 6th December STRIVE Fitness will be holding its Annual Charity Event for this year's chosen charity Leukaemia Care UK.

Individuals will be asked to row as far as they can in a time allocation of five minutes. Sponsorship sheets are available from the Fitness Desk. It's £2 to enter and donations of any size will be more than welcome.

Contact Strive Fitness on **0151 291 2911** for more information.

The Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies

The Absence of Defiance in Social Psychology

Dr Mark Burgess, Oxford Brookes University
Wednesday 16th January at 5pm

The seminar will place in Room AJB 007 in the Alexander Jones Building.