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Andrew Orsi

BMBS Graduate Entry Medicine

Andrew is the outgoing Coordinator of UoN Community First Responders, a student-led volunteer scheme which runs alongside East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS).

Trained by EMAS to perform emergency resuscitation techniques and lifesaving first aid, the student volunteers work shifts providing a first response to high priority 999 calls.

Under Andrew's leadership, and with support of the University's 'Cascade' funding scheme, the team has secured two new vehicles, as well as fixed storage space meaning valuable equipment lasts longer.

A portrait of Andrew Orsi, a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a blue and white checkered button-down shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green and orange foliage.

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“Andrew has volunteered with the UoN First Responders since 2015 responding to emergency calls, providing often lifesaving treatment ahead of an Ambulance response. During 2017 he stepped up to the role of Scheme Coordinator, under his leadership we have witnessed massive advancement in how the scheme operates.

To achieve all this alongside his studies is truly inspirational, I am proud to work with Andrew and the UoN Responder team.”

James Horner

Community Response, East Midlands Ambulance Service

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Cara Chambers

BA Geography

Cara has tirelessly volunteered her time to support and inspire others alongside her studies throughout her time at Nottingham.

With the IntoUniversity scheme, Cara became a mentor to a secondary school student, building a strong and positive relationship. She rose to the Nottingham 'Consultancy Challenge', working with Robin Hood Energy to identify residents at risk of fuel poverty, and recently took her passion for fencing into local schools – delivering sessions to 120 nine and ten year olds.

A portrait of Cara Chambers, a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing glasses and a denim jacket, smiling. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

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Cara Chambers

BA Geography

“Cara has been a dedicated mentor to Rubin since 2017, meeting with her 45 times over the last two years. A highlight for Rubin has been “being able to talk to someone and having someone to help me”.

Cara has been a great role model, supporting Rubin through academic work and helping her develop her social skills and confidence. Cara has shown commitment to the mentoring scheme, resulting in a great impact on her mentee.”

Ellen Fisher

Centre Leader, IntoUniversity Nottingham East, St Ann’s

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Jesse Lewendon

BSc Biochemistry

As President of Nottingham Marrow, Jesse led a team of student volunteers to sign up bone marrow donors in the crucial 16-30 age bracket.

Jesse's work and enthusiasm saw signups treble, with a record 1,500 volunteers this year and almost £3,000 raised.

He also supported the local campaign to #findamatchforlilya, a local girl from Wollaton with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, organising registration events which signed up hundreds of new potential donors during the week-long campaign.



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Jesse Lewendon

BSc Biochemistry

“Jesse was a key member of Nottingham Marrow this year. As president of the group, he successfully managed the committee and volunteers to lead Nottingham Marrow to their most successful year to date. Jesse’s dedication and passion was second to none, and he went above and beyond his role at every opportunity. It was a pleasure to steward Jesse and watch him grow throughout the year.”

Charlotte Hughes

Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, Nottingham Marrow

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Hemma Sangha

MEng Chemical Engineering with an Industrial Year

A STEM ambassador since 2014, Hemma is passionate about encouraging the next generation of scientists and engineers.

As the Chemical and Environmental Engineering Society's community secretary, she encouraged active volunteers by running workshops to build confidence in running STEM outreach activities, achieving the highest number of registrations recorded in any one year.

Hemma has organised and led activities in primary and secondary schools across Nottingham, as well as campus visits through the IntoUniversity scheme.



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Hemma Sangha

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“My memories of working with Hemma are extremely positive ones. She worked incredibly hard to recruit students to become STEM Ambassadors but, more importantly, ensured they became active and visited schools and worked with youngsters.

In short, she was without doubt one of the most hard working and effective secretaries the society has had in my experience of working with them.”

Phil Hughes

STEM Ambassador Programme Support



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Brittany Lee

BA Geography

Brittany volunteered extensively with local charities as part of her dissertation research into food poverty and social isolation in Nottingham.

She worked particularly closely with the 'social eating' movement which has thrived in Nottingham, aiming to become the UK's first Social Eating City.

As a result of this work, together with her supervisor Brittany launched a long term relationship between the School of Geography and local charities, including prominent donation collection boxes.



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Brittany Lee

BA Geography

“Brittany has a fantastic understanding of the issues around food poverty and social exclusion and I found her insights and enthusiasm contagious.

Social eating programmes are not just about the food, they're about coming together, making friends and combating isolation.

I'm so proud Nottingham has been leading the country on tackling social exclusion, and Brittany's focus on this area has helped us highlight the need to tackle this. ”

Corall Jenkins

Former Nottingham City Councillor for Clifton South



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Aisling Gilgeours

BA Criminology and Social Policy

As part of the Social Sciences Placement Programme, Aisling worked with the B-Global Network, a Nottingham City Council initiative supporting black-owned businesses, which are under-represented in current business-support initiatives across the city

Aisling worked as a business partnership officer, visiting businesses directly to promote the network, increase membership and help understand what the businesses needed. She helped grow the B-Global Membership platform and develop a B-Global Business support directory.



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BA Criminology and Social Policy

“Aisling was a Business Partnership Officer for the B-Global Network based at Nottingham City Council. She played a key and dynamic role in helping to engage the local black business community to help towards growing our local economy in the city.

She was most effective due to her natural display of confidence and effective communication skills and showed initiative and flexibility in achieving our joint objectives.

Aisling, you're a rising star! ”

Councillor Leslie Ayoola

Executive Assistant Small Businesses and Social Enterprise/
Digital Inclusion and IT, Nottingham City Council



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