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Futureproofing: The Way Forward update

Following on from the staff roadshows in September, there will be a dedicated section in my Update on how we're moving forward as a University. If you were unable to attend one of the roadshows, you can access the presentation, FAQs and other information on the dedicated web pages [here](#)

The Strategic Plan Review Team is leading on our next steps, and there is a schedule for Faculties and Directorates to have their independent review meetings which you can find on the web pages above as well. Common themes are coming out already from these sessions which cross over Faculties and Directorates, including how we recruit and

nurture applicants, digital and systems and organisational development and culture.

There are four sub groups to the Strategic Plan Review Team also that are regularly meeting to take priorities forward and report back to the Team.

- Academic Investment and Disinvestment.
- New Markets and Delivery.
- Students First and Statutory Returns.
- Faculty External Income Growth.

Terms of reference for the Strategic Plan Review Team and sub groups are also available on the web pages.

New Professors and Readers

We have issued a call for applications from internal candidates for the roles of Professor and Reader for a March start. We welcome applications from members of staff with a distinguished profile and as women are under-represented in the professoriate, applications are particularly welcomed from this group. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 21 November 2017 and should be sent electronically to [REDACTED]

[Further details](#) and guidance are available.

Please note that there will be a further call for applications in December 2017. In December 2017 staff will also be able to apply for promotion to the new Associate Professor and Professor roles which are part of the proposed Teaching, Scholarship and Professional Practice profile.

Freedom of Speech Code of Practice

A reminder to staff please that we must follow the Freedom of Speech Code of Practice for any event held on our campuses or any that we are associated with, such as through sponsorship. Before a speaker is advertised, the organiser must complete the relevant parts in the Request for the Approval of an External Speaker form. You can find more details and the form [here](#)

Crystal Lecture 2017

The prestigious Crystal Lecture takes place at City Campus this evening - this is a great opportunity to hear from Val Wright, an internationally acclaimed innovation expert and alumni of the University. All welcome - find out more [here](#)

Career Development Week 2017/18

Bookings are now open for students for the second University-wide Career Development Week, which runs from 12 – 16 February 2018. Please do encourage students to book

onto this fantastic programme of over 200 events and activities, many colleagues have been and are working hard behind the scenes to deliver this activity. There have been over 1,250 bookings so far. Students can book online at the CDW web page [here](#).

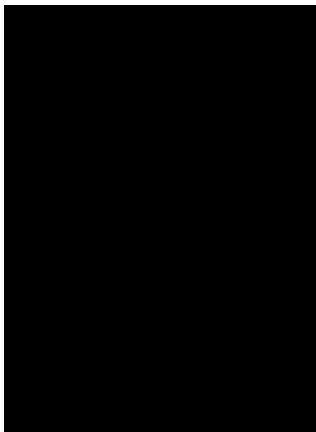
The evaluation of the first CDW is available [here](#)

Stonewall survey

The University of Wolverhampton is a proud advocate for equality and diversity. Please do complete the annual Stonewall Staff Feedback Survey, it's a short online survey which collects feedback about staff experiences in the workplace and forms part of the Workplace Equality Index. The deadline for completion is Friday 3 November 2017 and you can complete it online [here](#)

To complete the survey, you will also need the University's four digit code which is **1709**.

Staff successes



Congratulations to Dr Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, Faculty of Arts, who received the '[Outstanding Contribution to Sikh Studies' award](#) from the Non Resident Indian (NRI) Institute at the recent Pride of India Awards at the House of Lords, London.



Accommodation Services are finalists in the 'Student Accommodation Team of the Year' category at this year's [Student Accommodation Awards in December 2017](#).

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Research news



Katie Wood, Senior Lecturer in Computer

Dr Simon Maddock, Lecturer in Conservation Genetics, is amongst a group of scientists to [discover a new species of caecilian – a worm-like amphibian – on an island in the Seychelles.](#)

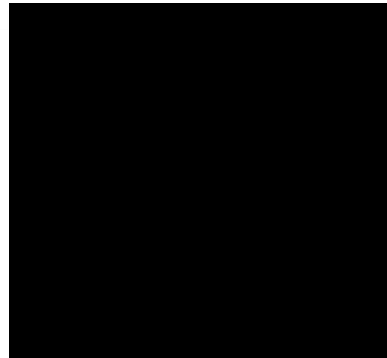
Dr Stuart Connor, Reader in Social Welfare, has authored [a new report on the global forces that could shape the future of the Black Country.](#)

Science, and Nigel Birch, Knowledge Transfer Business Development Director, have [presented at a prestigious international conference – CyberMaryland 2017 – in the US this month.](#)

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Dr Stefano Vaglio, Lecturer in Animal Behaviour, is working to [improve the welfare of primates in captivity across Europe.](#)



Dr Peter Robinson, Principal Lecturer and Head of the Department of Marketing, Innovation, Leisure and Enterprise, is leading a team of researchers on [a project about the economic impact of Leicester Cathedral.](#)

West Bromwich Albion sponsorship

Our new [two-year sponsorship deal with West Bromwich Albion](#) further extends our partnership with the Premier League Club, and our presence across their influential channels.

Estates update

There's a great new social space in the basement of the Wulfruna Building, City Campus – this is proving really popular with students and staff.

In response to student feedback, a new fleet of five double decker buses will soon be with us on campus.

Acclaimed architect and University Honorand George Clarke joined us for a [showcase of our Springfield Campus and provision.](#)

The new £10 million Science, Technology and Prototyping Centre [showcased its facilities to potential tenants](#) recently.

The first apprentices have [joined the University's Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills – with a focus on building skills for the future.](#)

Our University of Wolverhampton in Stafford provision is due to open next month.

Inaugural staff alumni event

Members of staff who are alumni of the University of Wolverhampton are invited to the inaugural alumni staff network on Thursday 14 December in the Chancellor's Hall, Wulfruna Building, City Campus.

To book, please click [here](#).

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