Correspondence between at Sputnik & (Journalism)
From:
Hi
I hope that you're well.
I don't know if you would be the person I should contact about this and I know how busy you must be, so I'll try and keep this as short as I can.
I'm just looking into the prospect of trying to establish a partnership of some sort with Napier University. Looking at the possibility of students taking up work experience here or being invited in to see how our news and radio department work. Perhaps members of staff delivering talks to students about digital media, journalism, world politics and current events which affect journalism etc.
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Today, the editorial staff of Sputnik works in more than 30 languages, including English, Spanish, French, German, Arabic, Chinese.
Any help at all with this would be great or the possibility of chatting this through with you.
Thanks very much for your time.
Best

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From:

Sent: 25 September 2017 14:37 To: @sputniknews.com

Cc:

Subject: RE: Sputnik International News Agency Partnership - Edinburgh

Hi

Thank you for getting in touch. I have forwarded this on to our undergrad and postgrad programme leaders, who may wish to discuss how they can work with you.

Regards

From: <u>@napier.ac.uk</u>]

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 10:32 AM

To:

Subject: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hi ,

Sorry I missed you the other day. I'd be keen to visit Sputnik's office in Edinburgh and talk to you about possible collaboration in various forms. Let me know if this is possible.

Kind regards,

Journalism Lecturer Programme Leader, BA Journalism Edinburgh Napier University Date: Monday, 23 October 2017 at 10:53

@napier.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students



How are you? Hope you're doing well.

Thanks very much for getting in touch. Good to hear from you.

That would be great. Is there a date and time that would be suitable for yourself and we can see if we can get that organised.

Thanks again.



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From: <a href="mailto:@napier.ac.uk">@napier.ac.uk</a>]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 12:17 PM

10:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students



I am tied up until more or less 20th Nov, but after that pretty flexble (except on Mondays).

**From:** <u>@sputniknews.com</u>>

**Sent:** 23 October 2017 12:21:57

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students



That's great thanks for letting me know.

I will check with the team here and see what date and time works them after the 20<sup>th</sup> and we can see if we can get that organised.

Thanks again

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From: <a href="mailto: @napier.ac.uk">@napier.ac.uk</a>]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 1:53 PM

To:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

Can we say, provisionally, Tue 21st Nov?

<u>@sputniknews.com</u> < <u>@sputniknews.com</u>>

**Sent:** 23 October 2017 13:56:23

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

Yeah let's pop that in the diary provisionally for the 21st. Is there a time that suits you best

#### Cheers

From: <a href="mailto: mailto: mailto:

To:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

midday would be OK

**@**sputniknews.com

**Sent:** 23 October 2017 14:09:25

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

Great lets go for 12.30 then on the 21st November.

If anything changes, then just let me know.

Thanks

From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:18 PM

To:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

will do so. where is your office?

From: @sputniknews.com < @sputniknews.com>

**Sent:** 23 October 2017 15:19:37

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

Great.

It is literally a five minute walk from Haymarket station . I've put the address below for you.

6th floor Exchange Tower, 19 Canning Street, EH3 8EG

From: <u>@napier.ac.uk</u>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:27 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Work experience opps for Napier students



Is it possible to move our meeting to 23rd Nov instead of 21st? I can come at any time between 11-3. Sorry.

Journalism Lecturer Programme Leader, BA Journalism Edinburgh Napier University

From: @sputniknews.com < @sputniknews.com>

**Sent:** 14 November 2017 10:23:48

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students



Hope you're well.

That's no problem at all. Would 2pm on the 23rd be okay for you?

Cheers



From: [mailto @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:31 AM

To:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

I have to be somewhere else by 3pm, so maybe 1 or 1:30 so I don't have to rush.

Journalism Lecturer Programme Leader, BA Journalism Edinburgh Napier University From: @sputniknews.com < @sputniknews.com>
Sent: 14 November 2017 11:48:23
To: Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

1pm is perfect for the 23rd

I shall see you then.

Take care

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From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:52 AM

To:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

Thanks I am looking forward to meeting you and I hope my change of plans has not caused too much inconvenience.

**From:** @sputniknews.com < @sputniknews.com>

**Sent:** 14 November 2017 11:53:10

To:

**Subject:** RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

Not a problem at all , I know how busy you must be.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks again

From: <a href="mailto: @napier.ac.uk">mailto: @napier.ac.uk</a>]

Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2017 10:29 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hi

Just to confirm I am coming to see you today at 1.



@sputniknews.com>

**Sent:** 23 November 2017 10:33:44

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students



Yes, that's great. Looking forward to seeing you then.

our Editor in Chief and our Bureau Chief will be joining us.

Any problems at all, then you can get me on:

Thanks

From: <a href="mailto: @napier.ac.uk"> @napier.ac.uk</a>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:08 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hi ,

It was great to meet all of you last week and as an update from me, I am writing to tell you that we are interested in taking this to the next step. I need you to tell me how this would work at your end, how many students at any one time would you be able to accommodate, who would be supervising them (for us it is imperative they are supervised by experienced journalists) and what exactly they will be working on while at Sputnik (radio, online, the kettle...).

Let me know your thoughts,



<u>@sputniknews.com</u> < <u>@sputniknews.com</u>>

**Sent:** 24 January 2018 11:57:01

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students



I hope that you're well.

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you, it's been pretty hectic here over the last few months.

Hope you had a good Xmas and New Year.

We would perhaps be looking at March/April as a good time for us to take on some students. We need to wait on this being confirmed though.

I think it would work best if we had students doing 1 week of work experience, 2 at the very most. If somebody comes in and really takes to it, then we could look at inviting them back throughout the year etc. I think it would be best for us to have one student at a time to begin with and see how everybody gets on and we can take things from there.

I would help look after them and put together a programme of work for them for the week to make sure they get the best out of it. So I would help oversee everything that they do.

I was thinking before we take on any students and work out how it will be best to do that it would be quite good to have come in and maybe chat to some students like a masterclass, just to see what the interest would be ect.

Let me know if any of that would work for you and we can hopefully take things from there.

Thanks again for your help with this.

Best



From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:17 AM

10:

Subject: Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hi

will get back to you soon.

Thanks,

Journalism Lecturer Programme Leader, BA Journalism Edinburgh Napier University

**Sent:** 29 January 2018 11:20:17

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hi

Sorry to hear that. Hope you're better soon. Look after yourself.

Speak to you soon

Take care

From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 7:02 PM

To:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hi

Apologies for the delay in replying to you.

We are undergoing the five-yearly programme review where decisions will be made whether to seek accreditation for the Journalism course again or not. Until that has been decided I won't be able to make any enter into any new agreements regarding work experience for the students.

I am still very grateful to you and the team at Sputnik for contacting us and I hope to revisit this in the near future, hopefully around the end of the term in April/May.

Regards,

Journalism Lecturer

Programme Leader, BA Journalism Edinburgh Napier University

From: @sputniknews.com < @sputniknews.com>
Sent: 21 February 2018 13:44:32
To: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

Hey

Hope you're well and feeling better.

Thank you very much for getting back to me. Really appreciated.

Yes that would be great. Let's see if we can pick this up again around April and hopefully we can get something arranged.

Hope the review goes well.

Cheers

From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:26 PM

IO:

**Subject:** Re: Work experience opps for Napier students

We certainly will. Just need to get this review done.

Cheers,

From: @sputniknews.com @sputniknews.com>

**Sent:** 21 February 2018 14:26

To:

Subject: RE: Work experience opps for Napier students

I'm sure it will all go great.

Speak soon

Take care

Correspondence with (Placements)
From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]  Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 11:25 AM  To: Cc: ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
Hi
Thanks for your email and interest in working with Edinburgh Napier. forwarded your email to me as I coordinate work placements and work experience programmes for students in our School. I also support the delivery of our employability events programme.
I'll be happy to discuss ways in which we could work together. In the first instance, would you like to meet for a coffee to discuss? Would Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October work for you?
Kind Regards,
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We work to a <u>Charter</u> . For us to hear your views on how we are doing please complete our short anonymous <u>survey</u> .
From:

Really good to hear from you. Hope you're well.

That would be great.

Hi

Tuesday 10th October would work well for me. Just let me know a time and location that would be best for you and I can work around that.

Thanks again

Best



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From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:24 PM

To:

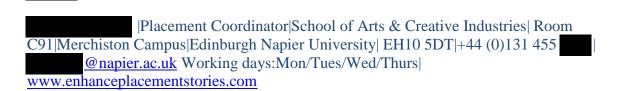
Cc:

Subject: RE: Sputnik International News Agency Partnership - Edinburgh

Hi

Wonderful, I look forward to seeing you then. Please come to our Merchiston Campus on Colinton Road for 11am. Ask for me at the iPoint and I'll come down to meet you.

Kind Regards,



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<u>@sputniknews.com</u> [mailto: <u>@sputniknews.com</u> ]
<b>Sent:</b> 26 September 2017 15:25
To:  @napier.ac.uk>
Cc: <a href="mailto:@napier.ac.uk">@napier.ac.uk</a> ; <a href="mailto:@napier.ac.uk">@napier.ac.uk</a>
Subject: RE: Sputnik International News Agency Partnership - Edinburgh
Hey
That's great. Thank you very much for that.
Look forward to seeing you then.
Take care
From: [mailto: @napier.ac.uk] Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 11:44 AM To: Subject: RE: Sputnik International News Agency Partnership - Edinburgh
Hi en
It was lovely to meet you yesterday and discuss all the potential ways to engage with our students. I shared all the details of our discussion with the Journalism programme team and in the first instance, programme leader for BA (Hons) Journalism would like to come and visit your offices and see how things operate. We can then take forward.
will be in touch very soon to arrange this.
Best,
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From: @sputniknews.com < @sputniknews.com>
Sent: 11 October 2017 11:48
To: @napier.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Sputnik International News Agency Partnership - Edinburgh

Hey

Hope you're well.

Really good meeting you yesterday. Thank you very much for taking the time to see me. Really appreciated.

Thanks very much for sharing that with the team. That all sounds great to me.

**Best** 



**Sent:** 14 November 2017 11:48:57

To:

Subject: RE: Edinburgh Napier

Hi

That's great news, would you mind sending me the student names? It's useful for me to track student placements wherever possible. For a 1 week work placement, at present SACI doesn't have any mandatory paperwork.

I attach a learning contract which can be adapted for work placements in all subject areas. This is a useful tool for you to agree the learning outcomes and it also has a H&S checklist for the employer. However, as I said, we're not required to use this for all 1 week work placements in the school (at the moment) so really it's down to you to use if you want?

Have you visited Sputnik News yet btw? Would you like me to follow up at all? A year 3 journalism student is very keen to get experience with an online news outlet and I was wondering whether we could set something up as a sort of initial trial? Or do you have serious reservations still?

Best,

From:

Sent: 14 November 2017 11:55

@napier.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: Rip It Up: Edinburgh Napier

Hi \_\_\_\_\_,

I am going to Sputnik next week so we'll let you know after that.

It's good to know that no paperwork is needed for these short placements. I guess students can still include this in their total count, as per course requirement.

I have shortlisted eight students (small uptake, so I will give you names once they have been confirmed.

From: " < @napier.ac.uk>

Date: Thursday, 4 January 2018 at 13:04

To: <a href="mailto:@napier.ac.uk">@napier.ac.uk</a>

Subject: Sputnik

Hi

Happy New Year, I hope you had a lovely Christmas? I was wondering how your trip to Sputnik went and if you would like any support in setting up work placement opportunities?

Also, do you have the names of the students going to so I can record?

**Many Thanks** 

From: Sent: 08 January 2018 11:43

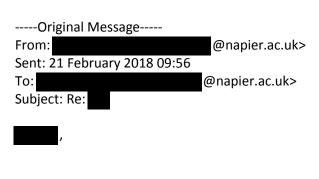
To: <a href="mailto:@napier.ac.uk">@napier.ac.uk</a>

Subject: Re: Sputnik

Hi

Happy New Year to you too. I had a very interesting meeting at Sputnik almost two months ago and in order to proceed (or not) I asked them to confirm a couple of things for me (like what exactly students would do there and who they would be supervised by). I am still waiting to hear back, so will let you know as soon as I know more.

On I am also waiting to hear back from their head of newsroom, to confirm that the students whose names I put forward will start their work experience and when. Again, will get back to you on that as soon as come back to me.



Is that two applications from BA students? I know we have more places to offer, but I believe it is important that students start making an effort to get such places as soon as possible. Just forwarding a CV is not enough in the real world, as we all know.

Btw, I have just replied to Sputnik to let them know that in light of the and schemes (which all came while I was waiting to hear back from Sputnik), as well as ongoing discussions whether to renew our accreditation, which will be discussed at programme review next month, we won't be able to start anything with them. I said we would revisit this in the summer.

Thanks,



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Sent: 11 October 2017 10:52  To: ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
Hi All
I met with from Sputnik News Outlet yesterday and as you know, they're really keen to engage with our students in a variety of ways.
They would like to offer work placement opportunities, class visits to their offices and for staff members to deliver talks to students here on campus. advised that they have many experienced journalists on the team with worldwide reporting experience. They also run a radio station.
It'd be great to hear your thoughts on how you'd like to coordinate work placements. Do you think offering 1 week placements to all eligible students would be useful or do you think offering longer more in depth 3 week placements would be more beneficial?
Who would be best placed as the contact for arranging this and potential class visits or talks?
Obviously Sputnik ultimately is controlled by the Russian Government so it's maybe a silly question but I hope there aren't any ethical issues?
I've said I'll get back to on these points as soon as possible so let me know?
Thanks
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From: Sent: 11 October 2017 11:37 To:  @napier.ac.uk>;  @napier.ac.uk>;

Cc: @napier.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: Sputnik News Agency

,

Thanks for your help here. I will contact and arrange to go and visit Sputnik's office before agreeing to anything. It is good that they have approached us and we should certainly explore this opportunity, especially work placements.

As with all other work placements, we need to see what they do and how they work first. In addition to that, a student of ours who worked at Sputnik painted a completely different picture of what it's like to work there (no professional journalists, poor organisation etc.). Last but not least, Sputnik do have a reputation issue, so for the time being I wouldn't invite them over to Napier until we talk to them and see whether and how we can work together.

Thanks,



From: @napier.ac.uk>
Sent: 11 October 2017 11:41

To: @napier.ac.uk>; @napier.ac.uk>;

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Cc: @napier.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Sputnik News Agency



Ok, great. I'll advise that you'll be in touch to arrange a visit and we can take forward after you've had a chance to review the situation.

Let me know.

Best,

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