

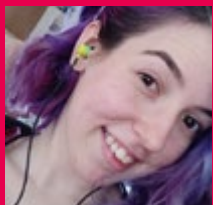
This is the final issue of KC Connect for 2020/21 and it is all about your achievements. It has been an unusual year to say the least but you have shown tremendous resilience and determination. This issue celebrates just some of the rising stars in our KC Community.

NEW STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE TEAM

We are pleased to introduce the new Students' Union Executive Team for 2021/22.

The Students' Union promotes, represents and protects the interests of all students, by amplifying your voice and giving you the power to create positive change.

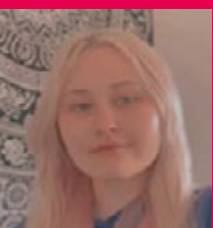
Being an active member of the SU is a great way to enrich your college experience; there are lots of opportunities to meet new people and make friends. We will be recruiting for the positions of Environment and Sustainability Officer and Communications Officer in September. If you're interested in these roles, email studentsunion@kirkleescollege.ac.uk to find out more.



Grace Woodyet – SU President

"Hi everyone, I'm Grace, Student Union President for 2021/2022. I am currently studying Hairdressing at Pioneer Higher Skills Centre and aim to go into teaching hairdressing in the future.

I am a very competitive person and love performing. I danced competitively up until leaving high school and then went on to compete internationally as an all-star cheerleader. I am a very chatty person and love making new friends so, if you see me around college, please do say hi!"



Amelia Olejnik - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer

"I'm very passionate about learning new languages, I can speak and write Polish and currently learning German. One of

my favourite hobbies is playing the piano. One of my proudest achievements is when I helped raise a large amount of money for charity with a bake sale."

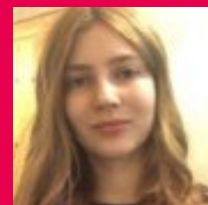
Craig Wiles – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer

"Hi, my name is Craig Wiles. I am 39 years young and am married with two children. I am currently studying Animal management at Taylor Hill. I have always had a passion for animals, each year I attend Crufts as well as compete at the Great Yorkshire show.

I owned a small holding whilst living in France then due to a major accident which has affected my mobility, I was unable to carry on my dream in France. I currently volunteer at a local cat charity during my spare time and I am also a Good Sam's responder with the NHS. I always pride myself in working to the best of my abilities, I am a very approachable person and I am totally against any form of discrimination."

Leighton West - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer

"Hi, my name is Leighton and I am nearly 22. I have been at college since leaving school at 16. I am deaf and have a physical disability. In my spare time I like to play Minecraft, cooking, but also eating out."



Amelia Gaughan - Activities and Events Officer

"Hi, I am Amelia Gaughan and I am a first-year business student. I am passionate about everyone at college feeling heard. I enjoy

playing the ukulele and listening to music. I am an optimistic, creative and organised person."

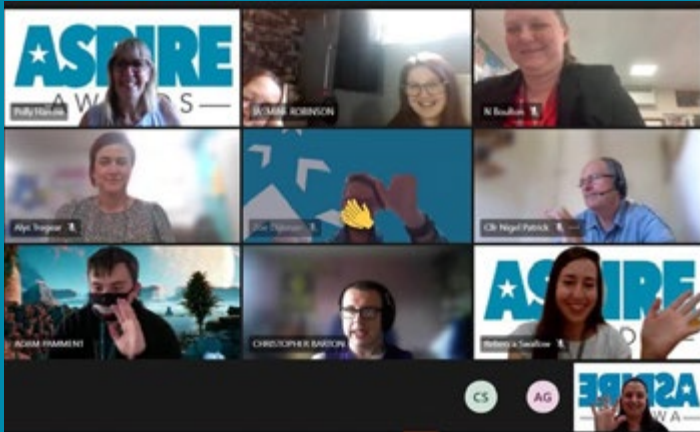
ASPIRE AWARDS 2021

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On the 8 and 9 June, we celebrated the achievements of some of our students at the ASPIRE Awards. These students were selected by staff to receive a special recognition award for their achievements this year. The event was hosted online where we were joined by the Mayor of Kirklees, Cllr Nigel Patrick and our new Principal and Chief Executive, Palvinder Singh.

Congratulations to: Hussain Turner Butt, Sean Roberts, Keeley Louise Lucas, Heather Rajendran, Elvis Gowthorpe, Clara Jean Andrews, Isha Ahmad, Jordan Beach, Adam Pamment, Naima Shahzad, Jasmine Lord, Chris Barton, Hannah Ahmed and Anna Lister.

This is only the beginning for you all – well done!



FIGHTING FOR A CAUSE WITH CONSCIOUS YOUTH



Conscious Youth are researching whether the events of the past 12 months have made young people more confident to voice their opinions and fight for causes they are passionate about.

We're looking to hear from young people aged between 11 and 25 to gather insight on how they feel about posting on social media about causes that matter to them. From climate change and racism in the UK to feminism, we want to know which issues young people feel more confident sharing their viewpoints on and why.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

THE COLS 2021

College Outstanding Learner Success Awards

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COLS AWARDS

The COLS Awards are back! This week, we will be presenting the winning students with their prizes for making outstanding contributions in college this year. Keep an eye on our social media @KirkleesCollege and our website to see the full list of winners.

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AOC VOLUNTEERING

Three Kirklees College students have recently volunteered to deliver some food parcels to local foodbanks as part of the AOC Sport Leadership project. The three volunteers carried 27.7kg of food over a distance of 12.38 miles from Huddersfield to Holmfirth. A huge well done!

