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THE SLA NEWSLETTER

“Throwback to Winter” EDITION



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Christmas network event throwback:

The Christmas network event always brings joy to the SLA Scheme. It is organised for and by the SLAs. SLAs came together as a community, networked, and spread generosity towards one another at this event!

Last Christmas included the following fun activities:

- Games (Limbo, Find the Rudolf, Musical status...)
- Photobooths
- Group sharing

Creating this environment has given everyone a sense of belonging and made the university journey rewarding for all. We had a great time gathering SLAs, Senior SLAs, and the PAL team.



REFLECTIVE CAFE

The Reflective Cafe is a new recurring network meeting to bring the SLA community together, and it includes group discussions, peer support, peer learning, added value of bringing multiple perspectives into the discussion, and an opportunity for.. (good guess) GROUP REFLECTIONS!!

Taking place monthly, at our Reflective Café, SLAs discussed the importance of:

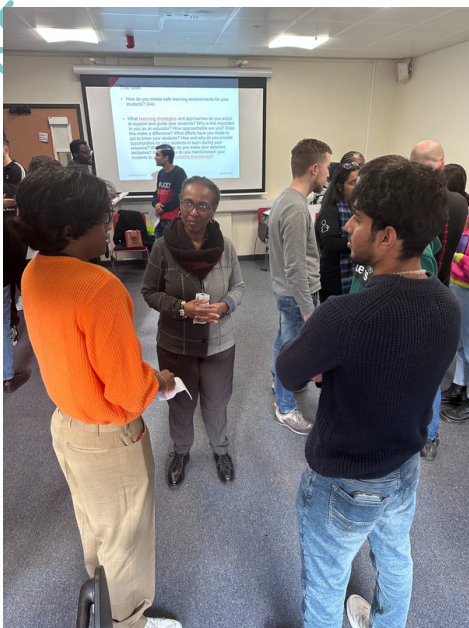
- Creating new experiences
- Sharing new ideas
- Improve our students' experience
- Why and how to reflect
- Rethinking OU blogs



Why is it good to reflect?

- Opens space for self-growth and improvement
- It enables us to cope with new challenges
- It allows us to see how our practice can be improved by questioning our past experiences and identifying positive experiences

Tip: The OU Blog works like a magic tool for reflection!



INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY WEBINAR

TURING

SCHEME

The UK's global programme
to study and work abroad

We were pleased to have our excellent International Mobility Team present this webinar to all SLAs on 7th February 2023.

The webinar provided greater insight into student intercampus transfers as well as student and staff exchanges with international partners, including Erasmus+ and Turing schemes

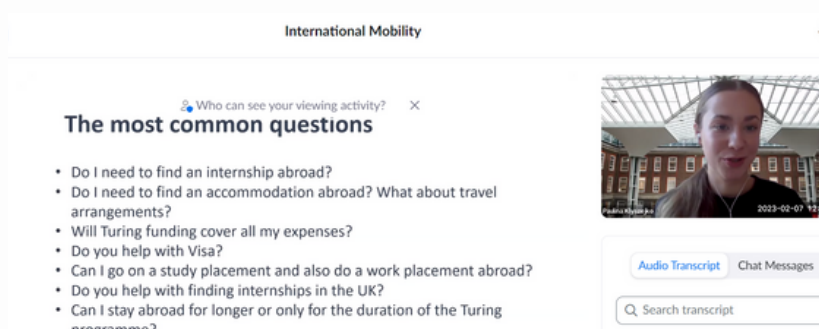
SLA obtained valuable
information on:

Turing Scheme

Accommodation Abroad

Travel Arrangements

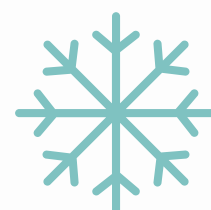
Visa arrangements for
Study/Work abroad



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Simple exchanges can break walls down between us, for when people come together and speak to one another and share a common experience, then their common humanity is revealed."

~Barack Obama~



SLAS OF THE MONTH

A few words from Nick Chandler

(Associate Professor in Accounting & Finance)

"My first seminar was last Wednesday and I had Shontel as my SLA. I wanted to feed back that I thought she did an excellent job – really engaged, asking the students good questions on why the answer is what it is. She has a great manner and really good delivery, that the student's appreciate. She's a real asset and I'm really pleased that she will be supporting me for the year"



A few words from Zainab Kazim Ali

(SL in Maths & Stats, Operational Research)

"Praveen is an outstanding SLA. As well as having initiative and enthusiasm for the role, he is reliable and punctual and, in the online lectures, he has just the right balance of communication with the students and myself. It's great working with him."



“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.”

~Winston Churchill~



We hope you had lots of **fun** and **thank you** for being a role model for your students!
See you next month!

