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1.00 - 1.40pm  Human Resources – The Antidote to Work
Heather Hayes, VP, Global Head of HR, Horizon Discovery
A History graduate, Heather will outline the diversity that a career in Human Resources can bring, the different types of work within HR and how she navigated through the corporate worlds to find jobs that she loved and made a difference in. She’ll also reflect on why her History degree and her time at university gave her a head start in the HR workplace.

1.40 – 2.20pm  Career Planning for DHP Students
Regina Jaschke, Senior Careers Adviser, The University of Aberdeen
Whether you haven’t started planning your career, have some ideas or even a specific plan, this talk will help you to find out what opportunities are open to you, how to maximise your chances and how the Careers Service can support you at any stage of planning your career.

2.20 – 3.00pm  A Career in the Media with an Arts and Humanities Degree
David Woods, Creative Director and Partner, Humm Media
A joint Divinity and History graduate, David will share his thoughts on the opportunities available and where to start.
• Why would you want to work in the media industry?
• Using an arts or humanities degree to claw your way into the media
• The skills and qualities you’ll need
• The challenges and changes in the media industry
• Deciding your values – working out the right role for you

3.00 – 3.40pm  Postgraduate Study Experiences
Sarah Hofrichter, MLitt in Scandinavian Studies (Viking and Medieval)
Keith Ruiter, PhD in Early Scandinavian Studies
Current postgraduate students at The University of Aberdeen will talk about their studies; how they found the programmes, the differences of postgraduate study and what their plans are.

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Heather Hayes, MA(Hons) History (1994)
VP, Global Head of HR, Horizon Discovery

Having grown up in Aberdeen, Heather graduated from the University of Aberdeen in 1994 with a History degree in hand. After adventuring round the world with a backpack, she settled back in Aberdeen and kicked off her career by temping on a reception desk for a drilling company. Opportunities came her way and she realised that Human Resources was a great fit for her skills so she packed up again, completed an MA in Human Resource Management in Manchester and ended up moving south to England. She worked in HR roles in the space industry, imaging industry, software and consulting industry, finally landing in Pharmaceuticals and BioPharm where she believes both she in her role, and the industry can make important changes to the health and well being of the world around us. Along this journey she has had many great experiences, she’s managed acquisitions of small and giant companies, supported integrations between rivals, searched and developed the best graduates our universities have to offer, coached management teams in making good decisions for their employees and also faced some of the tougher elements of redundancies and dismissals. She’s been able to work in Beijing, San Francisco, Basel, Vienna, New York and Verona through her career and has managed to share many of these experiences with her growing family who have come on many of these adventures with her.

Sarah Hofrichter, current PhD student

Sarah Paige Hofrichter is a Master of Letters candidate at the University of Aberdeen, focusing on Old Norse Literature. She received her Master of Arts (2015) and Bachelor of Arts (2013) degrees in Creative Writing from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has just recently returned from presenting a paper on the themes of Time and Fate in Eddic Poetry at the Australian Early Medieval Association conference, held in Sydney. Her MLitt dissertation focuses on the AD 536 climate catastrophe, its possible causes, and how it is reflected in the Norse tales of Ragnarok.
Keith Ruiter, current PhD student
Keith is a doctoral student in the school of Divinity, History and Philosophy’s Centre for Scandinavian Studies. Originally from Canada, he came to the University of Aberdeen in 2015 to take up an Elphinstone Scholarship, conducting interdisciplinary research on the phenomenon of deviance in early medieval Scandinavian societies. His work considers issues of normativity, social networks, and tolerance in a medieval context. He has previously studied at the University of Alberta and the University of York and has a professional background in heritage and operations management in Canada and England.

David Woods, MA(Hons) Divinity and History (2006)
Creative Director and Partner at Humm Media
After graduating with from Aberdeen University, and completing a post graduate diploma at RGU, David headed to London to embark on a career in journalism. During the first seven years of his career David wrote for publications including PRWeek, Employee Benefits, Scottish Field, Money Marketing, HR Magazine, Independent Nurse, The Guardian, Corporate Adviser, Management Today, The Economist, The BookSeller and The Independent as well working on TV productions including Don’t Blame Facebook. In 2012, he was shortlisted for Business Journalist of the Year, was awarded Career development journalist of the year and HR journalist of the year and was named as one of the 30 journalists to watch under 30. He was also ranked the number one most influential social media user in the world on the topic of employment law.

David left the world of journalism to take a role with a global publishing company in 2013 in order to launch and edit an international business journal for Duke University. The journal Dialogue currently has a circulation of 440,000 readers in more than 71 countries and has affiliations with organisations such as the World Economic Forum, Institute of leadership and Management, Columbia University and The Drucker Society.

He then moved into book publishing and became editorial director for the US and UK at LID Publishing. The role involved managing all book lists and eBooks for the UK and North America and David was responsible for the people management of series editors, copy editors and designers as well as social media, marketing and PR teams in offices in London and New York. During this time, the company launched more than 20 top 20 best-selling business books including The Impact Code, It’s Never OK to Kiss the Interviewer, In the Shower with Picasso and 20/20, which David also co-authored. In 2015, he was named management editor of the year by The British Library and The Chartered Management Institute, for the book Not Knowing. Following this David became a partner and director in Humm Media a PR, communications - and now publishing - company, which works with clients including The Dorchester, Byron, OC Tanner and Washington University. In 2016 he plans to launch six new business books and hopefully find some time to dabble in some freelance writing.

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The Co-Curriculum

What is it, and how can it work for you?
The co-curriculum is, in essence, an enhancement of your student experience. It’s about providing you with opportunities, such as work placements and study abroad that will enhance your transferable skills and give you an edge in the graduate market.

STAR Award
The STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Award is organised by the University’s Careers Service. This initiative rewards the contribution that many students make to the wider University community by recognising the transferable skills and competencies that you develop during a volunteering role. These skills can really enhance your employability.

Please visit: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers/skills-attributes/star-award

Work Experience Placements
The Careers Service’s Work Placement Team sources a range of placements for penultimate year undergraduates. In 2013 we were named “Placement of the Year [Public Sector]” by the National Council for Work Experience. We aim to help you find and apply for positions that will benefit your degree studies. We also provide support while you are in your placement.

Please visit: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers/jobs-work-experience/vacation-work-internships-placements

Study Abroad
The University actively encourages students to undertake a period of study abroad as part of their degree programme, and a wide range of opportunities exist within our Erasmus programme, which boasts 150+ links with universities across Europe, and our International Exchange Programme where partnerships exist with universities in North America and Asia.

Please visit: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/study-abroad-and-exchanges

Career Mentoring
The University’s Career Mentoring Programme is offered jointly by the Careers Service and the Alumni Relations Team. All current undergraduate and taught postgraduate students are welcome to apply. Mentoring is a great way to receive relevant careers advice and support by meeting with a working professional, who can offer a fresh perspective on your talents and how you can build on them. Your mentor is able to provide you with the benefit of their experience in a particular profession or employment area, giving you an insight into the wider knowledge and skills you will need to succeed.

Please visit: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers/skills-attributes/career-mentoring

Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
The Careers Service is aware of the importance to graduate employers of an enterprising attitude within business and the additional desire of many students to create their own businesses. We work closely with external agencies, such as the Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE) and Scotland UnLtd, to promote opportunities for all students across the campus.

Please visit: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers/skills-attributes/enterprise-entrepreneurship

BP Student Tutoring
The BP Student Tutoring Scheme is a volunteering initiative that lets you try something you might not otherwise have the opportunity to do. Students volunteer in local primary and secondary schools in Aberdeen city and shire, working alongside the class teacher for one half-day per week for eight weeks. Student tutoring demonstrates to employers that you are keen to take the initiative, to contribute to the next generation and to work with the wider community outside University.

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