Back on Campus

International Development
(Offered as part of the CSID International Development Week)
2 March 2016

Room 051
MacRobert Building

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1.00 – 1.45  
**A Career In International Development**  
*Cathy Ratcliff, Director of International Programmes, EMMS International*  
Cathy will be talking about her own varied and successful career, her current role at EMMS International and the opportunities and rewards available when working in the aid and development fields.

1.45 – 2.30  
**Leave Only Footprints**  
*Laura Copley, Low Carbon Behaviours Development Officer, Young Scot*  
Laura is currently leading the development of Young Scot’s partnership project with the Scottish Government and the Climate Challenge Fund to develop a Low Carbon Rewards Programme to engage more young people in activities which lead to low carbon lifestyles. She’ll be talking about her career so far, models that she has used to great effect in her career and some career top tips.

2.30 – 3.15  
**Student Sabbatical to Asylum Adviser - a Long and Winding Road**  
*Felicity Keefe, Asylum Adviser, Asylum Help*  
It's not always easy to get into the field you’re interested in, and sometimes you may go in a few different directions before you reach your intended destination. Felicity will offer an insight into her current role as an Asylum Adviser and how, despite a slightly indirect route, she obtained a role in this field. Advice for students seeking a role in this field will also be provided as well as some top tips for obtaining a career in the NGO/Charity sector.
Laura Copley, MA(Hons) International Relations and Anthropology (2011)
Low Carbon Behaviours Development Officer, Young Scot
After coming to the University of Aberdeen as a mature student following nine years of overseas travel, Laura has had a varied and interesting career in sustainability within Scotland. Her work in behaviour change has seen huge success in engaging over 90,000 young people in the climate change agenda. Her low-carbon insight report that was published in 2014 through Young Scot has been integrated into the strategic plans of six national environmental organisations and she has since been invited to sit on the Climate Challenge Fund Panel and speak at a number of climate change conferences and events. Laura graduated in a joint honours in Anthropology and International Relations.

Felicity Keefe, MA(Hons) International Relations and Religious Studies (2005)
Asylum Adviser, Asylum Help
Felicity studied a MA (Hons) International Relations & Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen 2001-2005. During this time she was an active member of the AUSA Amnesty Society and was President of the Society in her third year. In her final year she was actively involved in the AUSA as JVP Societies an elected AUSA role. This involvement led her to campaign in her final year for the Sabbatical position of VP Education and Employability. Upon completion of this role she undertook a year teaching in Chengdu, China as part of the British Language Assistant Programme. On her return to the UK she secured her first position within the HE sector as an International Student Adviser at RGU before securing a Graduate Trainee Careers Adviser role within the University of Aberdeen. Always active in a wide range of voluntary roles she undertook a six month volunteering position at the Scottish Refugee Council in 2011. This confirmed her interest in working in this field but it wasn’t until Dec 2014 that she was offered a full-time role working with asylum seekers in Glasgow. She now works full-time for Migrant Help, within their Glasgow office.

Cathy Ratcliff, MA(Hons) French and Russian Studies (1985)
Director of International Programmes, EMMS International
Cathy Ratcliff has worked in international development for 23 years. After leaving Aberdeen University in 1985, she did a variety of international jobs, mainly in the for-profit sector, before establishing herself in international development, in the charitable sector, from 1994. For 15 years she has held senior positions in Scotland’s largest international development charities, heading up these charities’ Programmes departments. She is currently Director of International Programmes in Scotland’s oldest international healthcare charity, EMMS International, formerly known as Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society. This charity works with partners in India, Malawi, Nepal and Edinburgh, helping them to improve healthcare for the poor and marginalised, both through their own hospitals and clinics, and through working with government and other healthcare providers.
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](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](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](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](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.

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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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