

Our Student Partners

The university works with a number of students in various different roles. CELT also work with students and here you can see who some of these students are.

Our [Digital Media Producers](#) work with academics to create digital content.

and our [Digital Learning Officers](#) work with us to support staff and students in developing their digital skills.

Name: Nathan Addai

Job title: Digital Learning Officer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: I am artistic, ambitious and like new challenges. Engaging with different types of people is fulfilling for me. I am interested in the multi-faceted capabilities of technology, which is the primary reason I became a Student Digital Learning Officer.

So far what I like about the role is that I am part of a welcoming staff team, and I can share my knowledge of digital media and the university's technological tools with other students to enrich their digital learning. Sharing knowledge and empowering others is so important to me, and I believe this role is a great opportunity for me to do that.

I have some experience in video editing as well as my specialism of 2D digital animation. I have a strong background in fine art and on rare occasions I find the time, I like to do my own paintings. Other hobbies I have include reading, making audio content (e.g. music, podcasting) and volunteering in church teams. Challenging conventions is what motivates me!

Qualifications: BA (Hons) Animation

Recent experience: University of Derby Student Ambassador and Welcome Host/Hero.

Shortlisted in RSA Student Design Awards 2019 and BBC Radio 4 Student Journalist of the Year Awards 2019

Name: Kevin Cheruparambil

Job title: Digital Media Producer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: A typical day for me consists of producing teaching and learning content for academic purposes in the university, it involves me getting creative and developing fresh ideas to ensure engaging content is produced. In order to develop these types of content, I usually go through different processes and these involve; meetings, scriptwriting, filming, editing and audio recording. Not every project follows the same process but, on most occasions, I follow this. The best part of the job is that, it gets you to experiment your ideas and put them into a visual form, which enables you to see what's more effective in terms of creative educational content for teaching and learning purposes.

Being part of the CELT team has been very beneficial for my learning and the future, because I have developed new skills in both technical and theoretical aspects. Having the freedom to use industry level equipment has been a very valuable experience, as it has given me some preparation for the career I want to pursue, which is in the television industry.

Qualifications: Media Production, BA

Recent experience:

- Camera Ops for Rams TV, Derby County
- BTS filming for BBC Asian Network
- Highlights videographer for Toyota City 20th Anniversary
- Videographer for Newton Fallowell Estate Agents
- Main Camera Ops & Assistant Director of Photography for World Through A Window Short Film
- Automotive photographer for Mercedes Benz Listers
- Commercial photographer for Olf Action Cameras
- Product photographer for VybeKsins

Name: Oliver Evenden

Job title: Digital Learning Officer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: I am quite a busy individual, currently working two jobs (Working in the University car park and being a DLO), so you could say that I enjoy being on the go. When I'm not working or studying you can usually find me gaming as this is a huge passion for me and the reason, I chose to study Computer Games Programming as well as playing and Captaining one of the University's Esports teams.

Qualifications: I have previously tutored Maths during my time in Sixth Form.

Recent Experience: Maths Tutor, IT technician.

Name: Joe Haigh

Job title: Digital Learning Officer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: I'm working with the team working on the PebblePad platform. This is a digital learning tool which allows users to record their experiences and activities and provides a space for reflection and personal development. The tool can also be used to submit course assignments and reflect on work experience activities.

Qualifications: I am studying Cyber Security at the University of Derby which I am finding really interesting and complex. I have been interested in technology and computers from a very young age and I am really glad to have the opportunity to learn about the security mechanisms of modern technology, how to protect technological infrastructure and the ways of ensuring personal data is protected which are all really exciting parts of modern computing for me.

Name: Barbora Horackova

Job title: Digital Media Producer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: I am a passionate, creative Digital Marketing student who loves video creation, social media marketing, graphic design, listening to music and travelling around the World. I am not afraid to be different and I also pay huge attention to the details and that is why my work is different from others.

Keeping up with digital trends is very important to me. I enjoy gathering precious work experiences, which will hopefully lead to my future dreams and that is why I work so hard; trying to get as many experiences as possible, improving my digital but also personal skills. The Digital Media Producer role is very important for me as this is a job where I have learnt a lot but I can also apply all my current digital skills into projects. This job covers literally everything I love to do: scrip-writing, organising, filming, editing, animations, graphic design... But for me it's also about being a part of an amazing group of people who motivates me and being around them is just something I really enjoy. Since I started this role I noticed that I am growing but professionally and personally. I have gained so much confidence which is really useful in applying for internships and other job opportunities. It has even led to creating my own website which I use as a portfolio to promote myself to potential clients.

Qualifications: Marketing (Digital) BSc (Hons)

Recent experience: I have been working as a Digital Media Producer for a year and during that time I have also experienced working outside the studio, photographer of a Careers Fair and filmed the Staff Excellence Awards. I am also currently on an internship as a Social Media Marketer at local company. Apart from managing social media I also take photographs, videos, creating visual posts.

Name: Rupa Kotak

Job title: Digital Media Producer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: I live quite a busy lifestyle, with two jobs (I work part time at Tesco Express as a customer assistant as well as a Digital Media Producer at CELT), so everyday there is something new going on, it's non-stop! When I get the chance to have a bit of "me time," I like to relax, read a good book and have a cup of tea. I love travelling at least once a year. So far I have been to; Spain (nearly all the Balearic and Canary Islands), Florida, Paris, Portugal, Cyprus, India, and many more! I value family and friends a lot, I think it is very important to spend time with them and catch up.

I think that being part of the CELT team and being a Digital Media Producer has improved my skills in many ways; from camera and editing skills to time management and organisational skills. I also like this job because it definitely brings me out of comfort zone to explore different areas around the job.

Qualifications: I am currently a third year, studying Media Production which involves cinematography, script writing and editing, at the moment, me and my group on my course are currently in the process of producing a short film which I will be editing, called "World Through a Window."

Recent experience: Recently, I have been very fortunate to get the chance to be a runner on the set of a BBC1 daytime soap called "Doctors," I thought this was great experience for me to learn behind the scenes of TV/Soap set, working closely with the director and other departments of the set such as, lighting and sound. This experience has given me the motivation to aim high in the media industry and I hope to get a job in this sort of field.

Name: Tadiwa Mutasa

Job title: Digital Media Producer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: This job involves producing high quality media to support teaching and learning across the university. In order to do this, media projects are created in the most effective manner. This involves developing scriptwriting, filming, editing and sound recording. The best bit of the job is creating unique and engaging video content, that is both educational and aesthetically pleasing to watch. This content then educates students in a new and experiential way.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Marketing (Consumer Psychology)

Recent experience:

- Social Media Advisor - Pentagon Motor Dealer Group, Derby
- Social media Campaigns
- Video creation
- Marketing sales campaigns
- Content marketing
- Digital marketing
- Consumer analysis

Name: Roma Raju

Job title: Digital Media Producer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: There's never a typical day, one day I could be filming, another day editing or sending follow-up emails and that's why job is so exciting because there's so much new, different things each day. The best part of the job is being able to be creative as possible on a project, finding entertaining ways to deliver content, knowing that what you create WILL be used around the university.

Qualifications: I study Media Productions and I am currently working alongside a company in Derby to create video content that they can use on their Social Media.

Name: Rose Seneviratne

Job Title: Digital Learning Officer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: I am passionate about education! I believe knowledge plays a pivotal role in dispelling ignorance, intolerance, and inequality. The technological advancements made in the higher education sector is of personal relevance to me as a student and as a prospective academic. In my downtime, I enjoy writing, binge-watching my favourite shows and going for walks.

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Psychology (1:1), MRes in Psychology

Recent Experience: I worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant after completing my undergraduate studies. This allowed me to teach at an undergraduate level and act as Module Leader for Level 4 and 5 modules - 'Introduction to Psychology', 'Motivation and Emotion' and 'Personality'. I have been teaching and practicing meditation for several years and conduct workshops on mindfulness to support mental wellbeing through my independent project "Still Mind Mental Wellbeing".

Name: TaiJahn Smith

Job Title: Digital Media Producer

Department: Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

About: : I am a creative who thrives off of learning new things within my field and opportunities to develop my craft. I thoroughly enjoy being behind the camera, directing and editing. Being a Digital Media Producer at CELT allows me to do all of the above and is also a great opportunity for me to work with and meet a variety of different people.

Qualifications: Media Production, BA