



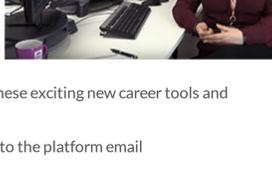
# RGU Alumni Bulletin

Welcome to the Alumni Bulletin, a monthly catch up on alumni news, opportunities and events

## RGU eHub - Your Career Support and Alumni Resource

RGU eHub helps you to take ownership of your career management and development whilst keeping you up-to-date with our latest alumni and university news and opportunities.

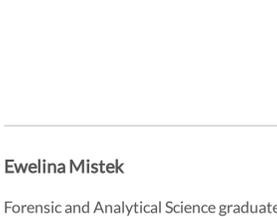
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Watch this video to find out how to access these exciting new career tools and resources.

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## Alumni in Focus



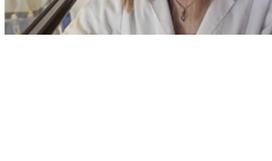
### Clare Campbell

Clare started a Highland Tartan Uprising in 2017. She found a new purpose that weaved everything she cared about into a single passion. Prickly Thistle was destined to become a brand of endurance that truly understands the value of authenticity and integrity, restoring a future for powerful storytelling tartan designs.

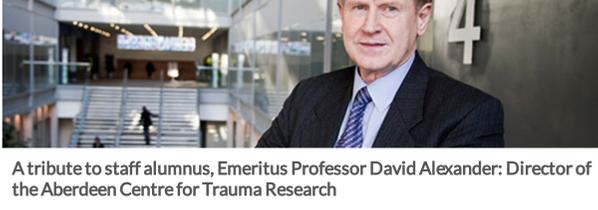
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### Ewelina Mistek

Forensic and Analytical Science graduate, Ewelina Mistek, quotes at the top of her CV "Live your dream. Create your life. Lead with intention." Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Ewelina's research at The University at Albany is ultimately driven by a determination to bring criminals to justice and peace to communities.



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## A tribute to staff alumnus, Emeritus Professor David Alexander: Director of the Aberdeen Centre for Trauma Research

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Emeritus Professor David Alexander recently passed away at his home at the age of 76 after a short illness.

Visiting Professor Susan Milne, who worked closely with Professor Alexander for many years, pays tribute to her friend:

"Emeritus Professor David Alan Alexander was an inspirational colleague, mentor and great friend, who will be sadly missed by the many who benefited from his exceptional wisdom, knowledge and compassion."

Professor Alexander was a leading expert in the field of Crisis and Trauma Management and Hostage Negotiation, providing "exceptional insight" into the impact of kidnapping on hostages and their families. He received a humanitarian award from the Scottish government for his work after the Pakistan earthquake in 2005, and taught hostage negotiation at the Scottish Police College.

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## RGU News



### Climate change emergency: the debate is heating up

How do we deal with the climate change emergency? There is no one service that can deal with the challenges ahead. Progress is in the hands of individual countries, companies and global organisations. Writing for Energy Voice, Director of the RGU Energy Transition Institute, Professor Paul de Leeuw, discusses the UK's role in the climate change and energy transition debate.

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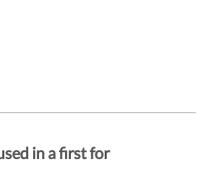
### Change isn't enough - Fashion must evolve

As we enter into a new decade, this is a time many of us reflect on improving our lives and the lives of those around us in some way. Writing for the Press and Journal, Dr Madeleine Marcella-Hood, lecturer in Fashion Management and head of year one at RGU's School of Creative and Cultural Business, discusses the importance of setting the scene of the new decade and considering what this might mean for the fashion industry, the consumption of fashion and sustainability in the fashion sector.

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### Protecting the rights of EU citizens in Scotland, but what next?

The Scottish Parliament recently supported a governmental motion welcoming EU citizens to Scotland. In this opinion piece Piotr Teodorowski, a researcher in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, shares his insights into the challenges Scotland now faces to protect the rights - and win the hearts - of EU citizens.



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### Technology behind Bitcoin used in a first for architecture

Dr Theo Dounas, a Learning Excellence Leader in The Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment, is leading an international team to launch the first ever Decentralised Autonomous Organisation for architectural design. This uses blockchain technology commonly associated with cryptocurrencies like bitcoin, allowing hundreds of skilled individuals to work together whilst safeguarding intellectual property.

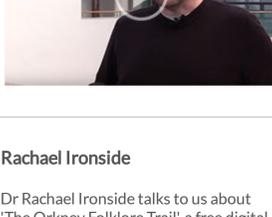
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## Spotlight on Orkney

RGU's work in Orkney is truly multidisciplinary, seeing the involvement of many individuals to some of the challenges and opportunities of island life.

### Richard Laing

Professor Richard Laing discusses his project to 3D scan the main street in Stromness, Orkney. His work, in collaboration with UHI Archaeology Institute, will allow Richard to present a highly visual model of the town to the local community.



### Rachael Ironside

Dr Rachael Ironside talks to us about 'The Orkney Folklore Trail', a free digital mobile app she has co-created with Tom and Rhonda Muir for android phones which contains Orcadian stories and music that can only be unlocked as each location is reached on the isles.

### Daniel Sutherland

Products made from plastic that have long lifecycles and are multi-use add real value to our world. Not only can they be used repeatedly, but they can be recycled and transformed into something new within a healthy circular economy. Daniel Sutherland, Course Leader for 3D & Product Design, talks to us about his company Origin Plastics.



In partnership with Orkney Islands Council, Professor Gokay Deveci is developing pioneering, energy efficient co-housing solutions that incorporate artificial intelligence to provide monitoring services for elderly residents. This innovative system identifies early symptoms of ill health and aids management of the resident's safety. There is currently a critical shortage of fit-for-purpose homes to support Orkney's ageing population. The exploration of thoughtfully designed co-living encourages social interaction, wellbeing and independence.

Professor Elizabeth Hancock and Professor Kay Cooper have been researching solutions to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Orkney's residents by introducing community led care. The research, in partnership with Voluntary Action Orkney and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, looked at how community led care solutions could benefit small island communities and be successfully deployed through community service provider partnerships.



Professor David Gray is working collaboratively on a 'game-changing' project with Orkney Islands Council, HIE and Hitrans to make Orkney a world-leading centre for autonomous vehicles in rural and island contexts. Orkney has a wide range of transport services including registered bus services, school and social transport, buses to transport cruise ship passengers to popular tourist sites, and ferry services.

Embedding autonomous vehicles into this transport mix has the potential to better optimise the transport system, reducing costs, making more efficient use of available vehicles (and drivers), meeting demand more effectively and reducing carbon emissions.

Professor Sarah Pedersen and Professor Andrea Peach of Konstfack, Stockholm, are working in collaboration with the community on Orkney and Orkney Library and Archives on a project investigating the 20th century history of Orkney twined. A pop-up exhibition in November 2019 was funded by the AHRC Being Human Festival and they are currently applying for funding to create a digital community archive.



## Events

### 'Developing the Negative' Exhibition

'Developing the Negative', at the Sir Ian Wood Building, open until Saturday 29 February, explores a journey through displacement, trauma and loss.

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### International Women's Day

RGU Women's Network and Rise Up Quines! invite you to a celebration of International Women's Day on Monday 2 March with Mandy Rhodes, Managing Director of Holyrood Communications.

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### 25th Anniversary of Aberdeen Boat Race

Celebrating its milestone 25th anniversary, the Aberdeen Standards Investment Boat Race will take place on the River Dee on Saturday 14 March.

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## In Conversation With...An Online Discussion

The 'In Conversation With' Series is an online discussion that brings academics and industry experts together to discuss their interests, research and hot topics with our student and alumni community.

Our next two online discussions are:

26.02.2020 Dr Flora Douglas and Professor Catriona Kennedy  
Ill Health and Food Poverty  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ill-health-and-food-poverty-tickets-92199714829>

10.03.2020 Dr Paul Arnell and Alison Stuart  
Climate Change -Local and Legal  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-change-local-and-legal-tickets-92203556319>

Many of our previous discussions have been recorded and can be viewed on our RGU Alumni YouTube Channel and RGU eHub. If you would like the recordings from the MBA Series or the Centre for Complex Contracts Series, please get in touch with the Alumni Team on [service@alumni.rgu.ac.uk](mailto:service@alumni.rgu.ac.uk).

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