

Vice-Principal Public Engagement and Student Enterprise's Report to Senate

Festival of Communities: Living and learning together in Tower Hamlets

The first QMUL-organised [Tower Hamlets Festival of Communities](#) took place between 21st May – 4th June to showcase QMUL research, student entrepreneurs and community organisations, bringing communities in east London together to explore living and learning in Tower Hamlets.

The festival included a fun-day in Stepney Green Park attracting 1,500 visitors, followed by two weeks of public events and culminating in a Campus Festival, bringing Tower Hamlets residents onto the QMUL Mile End campus. At the time of writing the Campus Festival has not yet gone ahead.

The National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement Watermark

QMUL are currently undergoing an accreditation process to be the first higher education institution to achieve the NCCPE Watermark for Public Engagement. This is an exciting opportunity for the institution to be recognised nationally for our excellence in public engagement support and delivery.

In a staff and student survey the NCCPE received over 240 responses from staff, students and external partners, far exceeding their requirements and expectations, feeding back that the depth of responses was highly impressive. We expect to hear the result of this process in late June.

QConsult wins Guardian Employability Award

This spring, Careers & Enterprise won the [2016 Guardian Employability](#) award for [QConsult](#), supported by J. P. Morgan. QConsult places high-calibre students from low-income families into teams to conduct five-week, paid consultancy projects within east London growth sector businesses

QMUL technology showcased at Bloomberg event

An event showcasing QMUL spin-out companies and early stage commercial opportunities was held at Bloomberg's London offices this April. Bloomberg customers and clients witnessed twelve pitches, including student-led, [DocSnap](#), funded by QMUL's [QHealth programme](#). Read the programme [here](#).

Careers & Enterprise host their first East London Social Hack

In March 40 students created business ideas addressing issues of health, housing, unemployment, and community cohesion. Winning projects received funding to test ideas including a trade exchange app, a skills exchange group for ethnic minority women and an app to reduce hospital waiting times.

Student Gains Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) visa

Jinseok Choi, an MSc marketing graduate (2013) has become our first graduate to successfully secure a Tier 1 (Entrepreneur). While at QMUL Jinseok set up a [Korean language tour guide business](#).