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Letters from the Presidents of Advocate Magazine and the Law Society



Dear incoming and returning students,

I would like to begin by welcoming you to the University of Nottingham this fall.

The past six months have been far from business as usual. We're living in a time of stress and uncertainty. It is also a moment in time when our work as a student-led news and politics publication is more critical than ever.

Over the past few months, we have engaged in a thorough restructuring of how we function as a magazine. Whilst maintaining the culture of work that Advocate is known for across the university, we have introduced a new, structured Journalism Programme that will allow us to better our engagement with students. We have also begun work on a complete overhaul of our website to cater for the rise in online activity since the advent of lockdown. We hope to be more inclusive of genres of writing beyond the Law and Social Sciences Building this year, allowing Advocate to benefit from the talent across all corners of our University.

Once again, welcome to the University of Nottingham and we hope to be able to support you in having a fruitful and memorable year.

Zain Tiwana
President, Advocate Magazine



Hello, My name is Kenjin Kuek (he/his) and I am currently a final year student and also the President of the University of Nottingham Law Society!

As a society, we are so excited to be working with Advocate Magazine to produce this comprehensive Freshers Guide about everything law related at the University of Nottingham! We hope you find these resources and information useful as you embark on a new journey in life.

I am delighted to welcome all new and returning students to university and begin our academic year together. While I appreciate that the current situation may be shrouded in uncertainty and will appear foreign for all of us, I would like to remind everyone that our society, along with the many that exists in the law school, are here to provide you all the support we can to create a memorable year at university and to provide you with excellent academic, co-curricular and social opportunities!

Once again, welcome to the University of Nottingham School of Law and being a part of our "law community" on campus! Should you have any enquiries on anything law on our campus, do not hesitate to drop us an email at lawsociety@nottingham.ac.uk!

All the best!

Kenjin
President, Law Society

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An Introduction to your Legal Studies

Jasmine Shergill

Starting a Law degree may be a daunting prospect, but we hope this guide will help give you some idea of what to expect in your first year, and reassures you that it will be an engaging, stimulating and very achievable year.

First year LLB students will study three core areas of law; Contract, Public and Tort Law, as well as an Introduction to Law and Legal Theory. Students studying Law with a language will take the same modules except Tort Law which will be substituted into their second year, while taking a module for their chosen language instead.

Contract, Public and Tort Law are taught through a combination of weekly lectures and fortnightly tutorials. An Introduction to Law and Legal Theory will be taught through weekly lectures and seminars.



Introduction to Law and Legal Theory:

An Introduction to Law and Legal Theory is taught over the autumn semester. Unlike the other three modules you will study in first year, this module will not focus on one particular area of law as it is more of a foundational introduction to the study of law. It will help you to start to think like a law student, and develop those important skills you will need to succeed over the course of your degree.

You will first be introduced to the workings of the English legal system, and taught fundamentals such as the difference between statutory and common law. The module will then delve into legal theory with the classic debate between HLA Hart and R Dworkin's conceptualisations of the law. Study of the fictional case of the Speluncean Explorers will allow you to consider competing legal philosophies. You will also get a chance to debate the purpose of the law, by considering 'big ideas' such as justice, equality, order and fairness. The module will also pose moral questions for you to ponder on, such as the law concerning embryo preservation and surrogacy. Overall, the module introduces you to legal thinking, and helps develop your critical analysis skills through interesting and thought-provoking material that will likely make you question your own preconceptions of the law.

Law of Contract:

The Law of Contract will open your eyes to the legal significance of agreements you make in your everyday life. From paying for a drink, to selling your old textbooks, to signing the lease on your student accommodation. All of these situations involve a contract being entered into, and the Law of Contract will enable you to understand the implications and consequences of these agreements. Speaking more broadly, contracts form the basis of all transactions in the commercial world. Therefore, this module is essential for all students who aspire to work in commercial law, as well as being an important foundational subject for all law students. The module is taught over two semesters, with Contract Law A in the autumn and Contract Law B in the spring.

In Contract Law A, you will be introduced to the foundations of the subject, beginning with the three requisite components of a contract; offer, acceptance and consideration. You will also consider key legal doctrines such as privity of contract, as well as learning about factors that may make a contract voidable, such as duress and undue influence.

In Contract Law B, the focus will be on the content and substance of contracts. Breaches of contract will also be considered, their consequences, and the remedies available to the wronged parties. Further factors that may affect the validity of a contract such as misrepresentation and frustration of contract will also be examined.

Public Law:

Public Law will introduce you to the legal framework of the system of governance in the UK, and the rules which govern the activities of government administrative agencies. The module touches on many political issues, such as devolution and Brexit, that you will approach from a new legal perspective. You will also get to consider the relationship between the State and the individual, with an introduction to human rights and civil liberties law. As a whole, Public Law will make you a better-informed citizen or resident, more attuned to the powers of UK governance and their administrative agencies, and to their limits. The module is taught over two semesters, with Public Law A in the autumn and Public Law B in the spring.



Public Law A focuses on constitutional law, i.e. the legal principles and concepts that form the basis of the branches of government in the UK. You will analyse core concepts such as the separation of powers, the rule of law and parliamentary sovereignty. The legal framework of devolution will also be explored. As will the impact of European Convention on Human Rights in the UK, with an introduction to the Human Rights Act 1998.

Public Law B deals more so with administrative law, i.e. the rules that dictate the functioning and working of

administrative agencies of government. Focus will be given to judicial review, the mechanism which enables the actions of public bodies to be challenged before the High Court. You will also delve into civil liberties law by focusing on police powers; with study of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Foundations of Tort Law:

In Foundations of Tort Law, you will be introduced to the law of civil wrongs by delving into the study of a number of torts including negligence, nuisance and trespass. You will learn that there is a whole field of wrongs that if committed entitle the injured party to compensation for the damage they have suffered. The purpose and objectives of tort law will be considered, as well as the interests that the law seeks to protect. Policy considerations is also an important facet of this area of law, which will allow you to understand the context behind the law you study. The module is taught over two semesters, with Foundations of Tort A in the autumn and Foundations of Tort B in the spring.

In Foundations of Tort A you will start with the tort of negligence, by examining its core elements; duty of care, breach, causation and damages. You will study the landmark judgment of *Donoghue v Stevenson* [1932] to understand the history of the modern law of negligence. You will also consider the types of harm that may be compensated for in damages, including psychiatric harm, which is an area of law heavily influenced by the lawsuits arising from the Hillsborough disaster.

In Foundations of Tort B, you will study more civil wrongs including nuisance and trespass to the person. You will also examine the duty of care occupiers owe to those who come onto their land.

We hope that this guide provides you with the answers to some of the questions you may have about the course. It may seem like a lot of information to take in, but rest assured you will soon find yourself flowing with the course structure!



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Law Society

With over 800 members, the University of Nottingham Law Society is one of the largest societies on campus. Throughout the year, we run a series of careers, social, diversity, wellness and sporting events catered to create a sense of community amongst students interested in pursuing a career in law.

Our society offers our members (both law and non-law) incredible networking and career opportunities with our partners and sponsors. With over 25 global law firms and companies partnering with us, including Latham & Watkins, Linklaters and Baker McKenzie, our society continues to stand as the most well networked society on campus.

This year, we have planned a good mix of virtual and physical opportunities for our members, while ensuring that new partnerships with companies like the Corporate Law Academy and TARGETjobs offer support for members to be at their best in career applications, degree and later practice.

We also host a number of alcoholic and non-alcoholic social events to promote a well-balanced university life for our members. Our highlights include our highly anticipated Terror on Trent Halloween Boat Cruise, our themed Winter and Spring Balls and our highly memorable trip abroad. This year, even with clubs potentially remaining closed, we have prepared ourselves to pursue a wide range of social activities that present our members with a great time at university.

Having won the society “Most Committed to Increasing Diversity” for two consecutive years, Diversity and Wellness continues to be our most targeted developments this coming academic year. In promoting the ability to be our authentic selves at university, this year we are running an

expanded series of interactive diversity events with firms like Macfarlanes, Herbert Smith Freehills and Weil, Gotshal and Manges.

We also champion diversity through our established Diversity Council, in which students of all year groups can participate. Our new Diversity Outreach project will offer our members a new opportunity to engage in volunteering while empowering other aspiring lawyers to use their diverse identities as an asset. To further support our students, we are running a series of wellness events catered to promoting mental health and physical fitness at university.

Throughout the year, our society also raises money for an affiliated charity selected by our members. Our raffle prizes at our balls and our annual LawSoc’s Got Talent has helped raise significant amounts of money for charities over the last few years.

Last but not least, the University of Nottingham Law Society delivers a range of sporting activities through our hockey, volleyball, netball, football and rugby teams. Our sports teams allow our members the opportunity to bond and forge friendships while playing in competitive or non-competitive sporting environments. As a society, our sports teams engage in intervarsity tournaments, pub crawls and regular practise sessions.

Overall, we believe that by being a part of the University of Nottingham Law Society, you are able to gain invaluable experiences, skills and memories that you will cherish throughout your university life and beyond.



The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) is an international, independent, non-political, non-profit organisation run by and for students and recent graduates, who are interested in achieving academic and personal excellence in addition to their legal or law-related studies at university. ELSA aims at providing its members with a platform to develop their existing skills and acquire new ones, to interact with fellow students and experienced practitioners from different states and legal systems around Europe, and to be equipped for a professional life in an international environment, through mutual understanding, intercultural cooperation and the large variety of activities and projects the Association offers.

Our vision is to create a just world in which there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity. ELSA Nottingham tries to achieve this vision in many ways. Our Refugee Project where volunteers can either teach English to refugees or give advice on minor legal issues ensures that people understand the importance of human dignity and equality as a whole. We respect the different cultures around us, and learn and benefit from them, as they do from us.

ELSA's purpose is to contribute to legal education, to foster mutual understanding and to promote the social responsibility of law students and young lawyers. ELSA Nottingham offers its students the chance to apply to summer and winter law schools. These law schools are designed to teach students about different areas of the law. ELSA Law Schools consist of approximately 20 hours of lectures, workshops and seminars, in the theme of the main topic of the respective event. We should also note that ELSA Law Schools are open to everyone, irrespective of inter alia their ELSA membership and/or status as a law student/lawyer. Successful applicants get to travel to the country of their choice to study their favoured aspect of law. The academic

programme is provided by leading experts in their respective field. The biggest advantage of an ELSA Law School is the combination of a theoretical view provided by professors and practical view provided by practitioners.

ELSA's aim is to develop professional and student relations of an international nature in the field of Law, to prepare members for professional life in an international environment, to contribute to the exchange of scholarly experience and to stimulate mutual understanding and friendship on the principle of equality of all its members. We do this by providing opportunities for law students and young lawyers to learn about other cultures and legal systems in a spirit of critical dialogue and scientific co-operation, by assisting law students and young lawyers to be internationally minded and professionally skilled and by encouraging law students and young lawyers to act for the good of society. ELSA Nottingham helps achieve this through granting students' access to the Student Trainee Exchange Programme (STEP) which provides work experience in the legal sector in a foreign jurisdiction. ELSA Nottingham is one of a kind in that it is the only law society that offers students legal work!

All in all, ELSA Nottingham encourages students to join in order to experience the chance of a lifetime! Attending summer/winter law schools, participating in STEP and much more! All of which will definitely set your CV apart from others in the future.

For inquiries, please don't hesitate to email nottingham@uk.elsa.org



Bar Society

WHO ARE WE?

The Bar Society is a student-run society which aims to give students an understanding about a career at the Bar. Whether you are aspiring to be a barrister, considering a future at the Bar, or are certain on a career as a solicitor, we have a full calendar of events taking place throughout the year ensuring there is something for everybody. Our events are designed to help members develop contacts, awareness and knowledge of the legal profession - the Bar Council of England and Wales has previously referred to these as the best they had seen from any university! Ultimately, we are aiming to give our members the best possible chance of success in what is an extremely rewarding (but competitive) profession.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR:

- Our highly successful networking events!
 - E.g. our Pizza & Prosecco Evenings and our End of Year Barrister Alumni Dinner.
- Mock trials and advocacy competitions!
 - We will be creating new advocacy competitions for 2020/2021, including an intervarsity challenge with other top unis such as Queen Mary's and Warwick.
- Last year, Bar Society sent the winning team to the Advocate of the Year Midlands Regional Finals in Birmingham. An individual member of this team was then selected to compete in the Grand Final that was to be held March 28th 2020 at the Old Bailey in London (unfortunately this was cancelled due to Covid-19).
- Our new mentoring scheme!
 - We are creating a barrister and BPTC student mentorship scheme aimed to further social mobility and promote diversity at the Bar.
- The new role of a Diversity and Inclusion Officer!
 - We will be holding an emergency AGM in October in order to amend our constitution to add this role.

We will then hold interviews for the position.

- Committee role for INCOMING STUDENTS:
 - We have an open position on the committee for a First Year Representative, we will be holding elections shortly after Freshers.
- Careers sessions including mini-pupillage application workshops and seminars with leading practitioners.
- More inspirational speakers with a great focus on professionals from non-traditional backgrounds! Previous speakers have included Lady Hale, Lord Hughes and Judge Blackett.
- Online 'How To?' events for student's tips.
- Fabulous prizes for competition wins, for example, the chance to win a mini-pupillage, gift cards and exclusive access to networking events!

THE NEW AWARD RECOGNISING STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

Bar Soc will be pioneering the 'Bar Society Involvement Award' (BSI Award). Participation in a Bar Soc event will constitute x amount of points; once you reach the required amount of points you will qualify for a BSI Award that will be presented at the end of the year and signed off by a member of the Law Faculty!

OUR PROMISE AND COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY:

We will do our utmost to make sure students have plenty of events to show their interest and/or commitment to the Bar. We will do this alongside government and university guidelines to keep everybody protected and safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a society, we are committed to promoting diversity and social mobility within the Bar. It is important to us to bridge the gap to ensure that students from non-traditional backgrounds are able to realise their potential. We aim to make the Bar accessible and to break the stigma that being a barrister is an exclusive profession for particular people.

Mooting Society

Mooting is the art of presenting a legal argument in a mock court case concerning a contentious point of law in an Appellate Court. This is not the same as a mock trial, as we are disputing the law rather than disputing the facts.

The aim of Mooting is to ‘stimulate’ a court hearing and therefore, a wide array of skills are required when you moot. These include analysing a legal problem; researching the relevant law; preparing a written submission; presenting an oral argument and most importantly dressing formally for the hearing! The written submission is presented as a bundle, consisting of a ‘skeleton argument’ (the key points you wish to argue) and the cases that support your argument. Throughout the academic year, we aim to equip our members with advocacy skills such as public speaking and legal research. Both of which are highly useful for aspiring solicitors and barristers in their respective legal careers.



The Mooting Society runs four internal Mooting competitions every year. The First Year Contract Law and Tort Law Moot, the Second/Final Year Moot, and the Non-Competitive Moot (open to all members of all mooting abilities).

Our members also have the opportunity to participate in external competitions against other universities and we provide training for those participants to hone their abilities. In addition, the Society provides opportunities for networking with practising barristers and solicitors who will provide great insight into legal practice.

In addition to the competitions, we have organised trips within the UK in previous years. For example, we attended a seminar at No 5 Barristers Chambers and attended a High Court murder case hearing in Bristol. In light of COVID-19, organising a similar trip will depend on how the situation unfolds.

Following on from last year's success, we intend to organise more collaborations for this year. First, we collaborated with Public Speaking Society to invite a guest speaker to share her top tips and tricks on how to effectively deliver an argument. Secondly, we collaborated with ELSA Nottingham to host some talks and discussions concerning online harassment. This was followed by a ‘mini-debate’ split into small groups.

In line with the measures being taken by the University, the Mooting Society will move all large gatherings online. However, the competitions will most likely remain in person as per the Law School's guidelines of groups of 6 members.





Pro Bono Society

The University of Nottingham Pro Bono Society is an award-winning volunteering society, widely considered one of the largest and most active student-led pro bono societies in the UK. With almost 500 members on campus, our ever-growing Society runs nine high-quality and innovative volunteering projects that benefit our local community and members alike. We are especially proud to announce our ninth and newest project: The Legal Advice Clinic!

Our projects are divided into three categories: education, penal, and community. We work with local primary and secondary schools, colleges, and prisons, and in partnership with the Centre of Criminal Appeals and the Citizens' Advice Bureau, amongst many others. By completing a certain number of volunteer sessions with our different projects, volunteers also have the chance to be awarded the Pro Bono Achievement Award and the Project Head award.

The work we do is frequently recognised both nationally and locally. In the 2019/20 academic year, we won the award for Best Pro Bono

Activities (LawCareers.Net Student Law Society Awards), making it the best society in the UK offering such opportunities. Additionally, in the 2018/19 academic year, the Society was awarded Student Volunteer Group of the Year (UoN Student Volunteering Centre), Best Green Group and has been nominated for Best Society 5 years in a row (UoN Students' Union). Our sustainability efforts were also recognised at the UoN Sustainability Awards where we won four awards in March 2020!

To volunteer with our projects, you will have to complete an application form which will ask you to detail your motivations behind volunteering and experience which can help with the role. Some projects may also ask you to attend an interview. **Applications will open in October 2020 and you will be sent the application forms by purchasing our £1 membership on the SU website. We accept applications from students of all degree disciplines.**

To find out more about the individual projects and how you can volunteer with us, visit www.uonprobono.co.uk and follow us on our social media platforms (Instagram: @uonprobono, Facebook: University of Nottingham Pro Bono Society).



Negotiation Society

Hello and welcome to the Negotiation Society!

From setting pre-nuptial agreements to multi-million business deals, the art of negotiation is everywhere. Our Society welcomes all University of Nottingham students who are interested in gaining that extra bit of practical experience in this essential life skill.

We offer the chance to learn key negotiating techniques and business etiquette, as well as a platform for you to showcase your innovation and teamwork. Training sessions and workshops run by professionals are organised throughout the year. Catering to all abilities, these sessions will enable you to hone your skills and socialise with other members. Members may also participate in negotiation competitions. These are held every semester and involve fictional scenarios. Working in teams of two, members will aim to secure the best deal for their 'clients', with a variety of substantial prizes up for grabs.

In February of last year, the Negotiation Society organised the first Intervarsity Negotiation Competition in collaboration with partners from the London School of Economics, University College London and the University of York. Each university sent their best teams to compete in the semi-final and final rounds in London judged by experts from BPP University. We secured sponsorships from leading international law firms such as Clifford Chance, CMS and Norton Rose Fulbright.

This year, we are planning on significantly expanding the competition, allowing our members to test their abilities by competing for valuable prizes against other ambitious students from all over the UK.

In light of the current limitations set on in-person social interactions, we will temporarily be shifting our

focus to providing online workshops and practice sessions. Platforms like Zoom allow us to simulate the in-person experience of negotiating by placing members in separate chatrooms. Not only does this mean that you will be able to participate from the comfort of your own home, but it will also allow us to hold sessions more frequently and to provide each participant with detailed feedback on their performance.

We encourage you to get involved with NegSoc as soon as possible, so you do not miss out on any of the exciting activities we have planned!





Women in Law Society

The Women in Law Society aims to raise awareness, not only of the difficulties women can face throughout the legal world, but also of the increasing number of opportunities that are now available to women in this field.

We intend to develop a supportive network that is specific to women in the subject of Law, all with the goal of uniting our members, both women and men, to promote both equality and diversity throughout the legal world.

Not only do we strive to pave the way for future female lawyers in regard to the support they receive and future roles available to them, but we also aim to raise awareness as to the challenges faced by women in law in the modern day.

We promote the notion that everybody derives equal opportunities especially in an area as fundamental as law. Additionally, we truly believe that the Women in Law Society will allow steps to be taken towards granting this where it does not already exist.

We have various confirmed sponsors inclusive of Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, Eversheds Sutherland and many more. In the upcoming year we hope to move toward becoming a 'Diversity in Law Society' to encompass all diversity initiatives!

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Summer Virtual Vacation Scheme Macfarlanes

Joshua Rutt

Over the summer, I was fortunate enough to partake in a virtual vacation scheme with the City firm Macfarlanes. In this piece, I will briefly talk about the work that we did, the talks we had and the assessments included. Throughout, I will give some tips as to how to get the most out of a vacation scheme, and how, hopefully, to secure a Training Contract.

The best way to impress is fairly straightforward: do great work and engage with the talks. On my vacation scheme, I sat in Private Client and Competition. In Private Client I was drafting wills, lasting power of attorneys and providing tax advice to non-UK residents who wished to move to the UK. This was law I had never been taught and this meant putting in more work than for Competition which I had studied both at Nottingham and in Vienna, on my year abroad. For Private Client, it was harder work and occasionally I was working after 5:30pm when we were supposed to stop working. But, if you want to impress, then this is not a bad thing and often, with a busy schedule of talks, it may be the most stress-free way of meeting deadlines.

The same effort should be applied to the talks. If you know who is speaking, or their practice area, research it beforehand and come up with some questions to ask. I would also say, as a courtesy to other people on the vacation scheme, do not try and ask multiple questions in every single talk – especially a virtual talk where you inevitably end up speaking over people or cutting them off when you both speak at the same time.

On my scheme, we had talks from most of Macfarlanes' different departments and in maybe two thirds I would ask a question based on research done beforehand or what had been said. We had a talk from David Gauke, and, if you do not follow politics, it would have been wise to research who it was before so you can tailor questions in advance for someone in a fairly unique position in City law.

Lastly the assessments, and these will be of differing importance depending on the firm. For Macfarlanes the two interview assessments were the most important part. The best advice here is to know your application very well if the interview is application based. If it is based on a case study (or you have a written exercise of the same type) then focus on three wider aspects: law, business and the client's needs. If you can say the positive impact your opinion will have on all these things (or the negative impact the opposing opinion would) then you are likely to do well. It is especially important to focus on the client's needs (i.e. litigation may not be the best approach even if a lot of money has been lost).

For any further questions/advice please feel free to email me: llyjlr@nottingham.ac.uk



My Experience as a DSTL Deterrence and Assurance Research Intern

Maryam Zafar

The Placement Experience

The placement itself was ten weeks and my main task as a research intern over the weeks was to research an area of interest within Deterrence and Assurance and write an essay on it (around 2500 words). As it was a remote placement, I had a call scheduled with my supervisor once a week where I would provide an update on how my research was going and also got advice and guidance on what direction to go in with my paper. My favourite part of this placement was that I had a large degree of freedom in choosing what I wanted to research and how I went about it. The support I received from DSTL was fantastic as well; I was encouraged to ask lots of questions and felt supported throughout the entire placement. Whilst it was a remote placement, meaning much of the contact I had was through weekly phone calls and emails, I also had the opportunity to travel to London and interview a member of staff from the Cabinet Office strategic communications team for my own research. Overall, I had an extremely positive experience and I learnt a lot about deterrence which has helped me in my degree, as well as transferable professional skills.

Biggest Challenge

My biggest challenge during this whole experience was in balancing the workload of the placement as well as academic work at university. However, I quickly learnt that setting one day aside for placement work would mean that I was able to concentrate on university work and do my placement research effectively as well. The general expectation is to invest 7-8 hours a week but with good time-management and self-

discipline, I realised it was possible to have a good balance.

What I achieved

Upon completing my paper, I was encouraged by my supervisor to publish it. I subsequently went on to present my findings at the Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance Conference in Iowa State University with the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM)! Although I was not able to physically be there, I was still able to be a part of a panel virtually and presented my research to other students and experts in this field.

My presentation at this conference was received well; I have now been invited to the STRATCOM Deterrence Symposium in July in which academic, government, military and international experts come together, with the goal of exploring deterrence issues and thinking. This kind of exposure and opportunity to network with experts is extremely valuable as an undergraduate student. I am very grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from DSTL which resulted in this.

My placement experience with DSTL resulted in much more than what I initially anticipated. What began as a simple 10-week research placement during my second year resulted in a published paper, a presentation at a USSTRATCOM conference and an invite to the Deterrence Symposium. My Advice I would strongly recommend any student with an interest in security studies/international affairs to apply for this placement. It not only gives you a great insight into what working at the DSTL, Ministry of Defence or the wider Civil Service is like but a great opportunity to network with those in the field and can open many doors for future career options!



Devina Popley

My Experience with the COVID-19 Student Response Network

The experience of working as a Consultant for the COVID-19 Student Response Network was one which not only left a lasting impact on our incredible Client, but also on me. I came out of the eight-week experience feeling enriched, inspired and accountable to a Real Life Client.

In the beginning of July, I was appointed to the German Charity Branch of 'Women for Women International'. Which has established itself as a revolutionary charity, uplifting women of war by giving them the courage and resources to turn their adversities into opportunity. However, in light of the current pandemic, the German branch faced an unprecedented threat to their flow of donations, hence their call to the CSRN Network, and our intervention into their Digital Strategy. Working alongside an all-female group of consultants made the unprecedented threat this female centric charity faced a personal affair.

What began as a brainstorm session on Microsoft Teams in the middle of July, blossomed into an intricate Digital Strategy at the end of the eight-weeks. With the aid of the remarkable professional training from Accenture and Tata Consultancy, and our team leader Doreen Anene's incessant commitment to each one of our deliverables, we were able to craft and deliver a ready to use strategy. Our final strategy was compartmentalized into four sections: an online growth trend analysis; an outreach and awareness strategy; a donation strategy and the implementation of search engine optimization. I specialized in building an Outreach and Awareness Strategy for the charity. I highlighted the importance of having key pillars of action with the brand

ethos laying the foundation of each social media post. This included forming collaborations with influencers whose ethos aligned with that of the charity, thus maximising the opportunities that lie within the features of social media platforms, and exploiting the opportunity that arises from the use of videos and graphics.

Despite the technical challenges and time differences, my team continually persevered against all odds to produce lasting deliverables. The experience of working with the CSRN Network was invaluable for me as it was an open opportunity to break into the field of Consulting. This was while gaining the fulfillment of seeing your client smile ear to ear at the end in the presence of our deliverables.





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