

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENHANCE YOUR EMPLOYABILITY THROUGH AN ONLINE PROJECT WITH LIKE-MINDED STUDENTS FROM ECUADOR, NEPAL, THE UK AND KOSOVO?

In current times, where physical travel is restricted, this is an opportunity to meet others from across university or international borders. You can form new networks or even friendships and engage in meaningful conversations. You will develop your intercultural competencies as you learn from other perspectives. Not only is this a programme of cultural and academic enrichment but also a chance to develop professional skills and mind-sets in high demand from potential employers.

UP is part of this Erasmus+ funded programme with Nepal, Kosovo and the UK giving students the opportunity to broaden their global outlook and develop their inter-cultural skills and understanding. Our project partners are the Bournemouth University in the UK, the Universidad des Las Americas in Ecuador and the Manmohan Memorial Institute of Health and Sciences in Nepal.

How does it work?

You would be allocated to a 'Virtual Learning Pod' made up of a small number of students from each of these countries and encouraged on a virtual journey of collaborative tasks and intercultural, career and academic events.

Your pod will be given general guidance on the activities you should be undertaking but will also have flexibility to decide on the exact nature of the tasks based on what interests you. Pods will be required to submit a brief proposal of the activities you will work on together throughout the semester and then to capture your collaborative activities in some way to share with other groups at the pod wrap-up in June 2021.

UN Sustainable Development Goals Guest Lectures



Taking as inspiration the UN Sustainable Development Goals, there will be online, structured guest talks from academics at the partner institutions on topics around equal access to healthcare, reduction of poverty, peace, justice and strong institutions as well as focussed talks on gender equality.

Time Commitment

Below is a provisional timetable for the programme. You should only sign up if you feel confident you can make a commitment to your pod and its members from the other nations.

	Date	Time	Activity
February	Wednesday 03 February 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Orientation and welcome event
	Friday 05 February 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Life in the UK and British Culture
	Tuesday 23 February 2021	14:00 – 15:30 PM (UK time)	Global Employability by Global Talent Programme at Bournemouth University
	Friday 26 February 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Time for Pods to meet
March	Thursday 11 March 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Intercultural Competence Workshop
	Thursday 18 March 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Nepal and the UK Collaboration: History and Future
	Wednesday 31 March 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Time for Pods to meet
April	Thursday 15 April 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	UNESCO Story Circles Experience
	TBA	TBA	Academic Guest Lecture (Ecuador); Title TBA
	Friday 30 April 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Time for Pods to meet
May	Thursday 06 May 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Facilitated Intercultural Discussion
	TBA	TBA	Involving Erasmus and home students in ongoing research around civic activism: case studies based on mobilities between Kosovo and the UK
	Tuesday 01 June 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Time for Pods to meet
June	Thursday 10 June 2021	13:00 – 14:00 PM (UK time)	Presentation of student work & Awards

Deadline for registration

To participate in this exciting programme, please email globalbu@bournemouth.ac.uk.

In your email, please provide the following information:

- First name
- Surname
- Course you are studying at UP

- Level of study (Undergraduate, Postgraduate)
- Current year of study
- Your agreement to be willing to make the required commitment to the Virtual Learning Pods Programme.

The deadline for registration is **midnight on Sunday 17th January 2021**.