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ncn student represents the UK

A recent **ncn** fashion graduate achieved a well-deserved silver medal in the pan-European skills competition, EuroSkills Lisbon 2010.

Markus Wernitznig, 19, completed a Foundation Degree (FdA) in Fashion Interpretation and Practice at **ncn** in 2010. He was selected by UK Skills to compete at EuroSkills after securing a place in Squad UK for WorldSkills London 2011 – the world's largest international skills competition.

Originally from Austria but now living in Nottingham, Markus was entered into the WorldSkills UK competition by his tutor. After more than a year of hard work, supported by the College, he is now training with Squad UK to prepare

for the Team selection ahead of WorldSkills London 2011 which is being held from 5 to 8 October.

Commenting on his selection for Squad UK, Markus said: "The competition was tough but it is something I've been training and preparing myself for. I was really pleased to find out I had made it onto the Squad."

Markus was also awarded the Principal's Award for Excellence and Achievement at the **ncn** Higher Education Graduation ceremony.

Geoff Hall, **ncn** Principal and Chief Executive, said: "It is testimony to Markus' extraordinary talent, focus and commitment that he has reached such a high level at such a young age."



Markus receives the Award for Excellence from Principal Geoff Hall

Courtesy of UK Skills



Competing at EuroSkills Lisbon 2010

Courtesy of UK Skills



Celebrating his silver win in Lisbon

International students rewarded

The achievements of **ncn** students from all over the world were celebrated at the College's International Awards 2010.

Held in the prestigious Adams Building at **ncn** City campus, the ceremony saw 18 students receive certificates for their contribution to college life.

During the evening award winners from Nigeria, India and Antigua gave

presentations about their home countries.

ncn Dean of Higher Education (HE) and International Development, Nick Whitehouse, thanked all the students for giving so much to **ncn**'s community of learners. "International students add to the diversity of the College and they truly enrich student life here at **ncn**," he said.

Each year the College hosts several hundred international students from across Europe and as far away as China, India, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Peru.

The awards ceremony was sponsored by leading Nottingham firm, Paragon Law.



International award winners celebrate with Nick Whitehouse and Kirin Abbas from Paragon Law

College gives a truly British welcome



Ahmed Alowathi from Saudi Arabia makes his mark

Students from across the globe came together to enjoy British teas, cakes and sandwiches at **ncn**'s International Tea Party.

Attendees took part in a traditional tombola raffle and quiz and marked their home countries on a world map.

This annual event welcomes international students to the College and introduces them to their fellow learners.





Srijana Gurung

Srijana's world class experience at ncn

Recent **ncn** graduate Srijana Gurung believes the quality of her education at **ncn** has been instrumental in launching her career with a well-known international chain of hotels.

Srijana came to **ncn** in October 2007 with a group of her peers from the Frankfinn Institute of Air Hostess Training in India. She completed a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Aviation, Hospitality, and Travel Management and then progressed to the BA (Hons) in Service Sector Management, graduating in November 2010.

She believes the key to her success is a combination of the quality of teaching and the level of support and advice available for students from the International team.

She said: "I would like to express my gratitude to my mum, my tutor Becca, and to Shila Parekh and the rest of the College's International team, as they have been a real support to me. I have never regretted the decision to come to England, and have had a world class experience throughout my journey so far. Today, I feel I am where I always wanted to be."

Gambian partnership leads to new course in Africa

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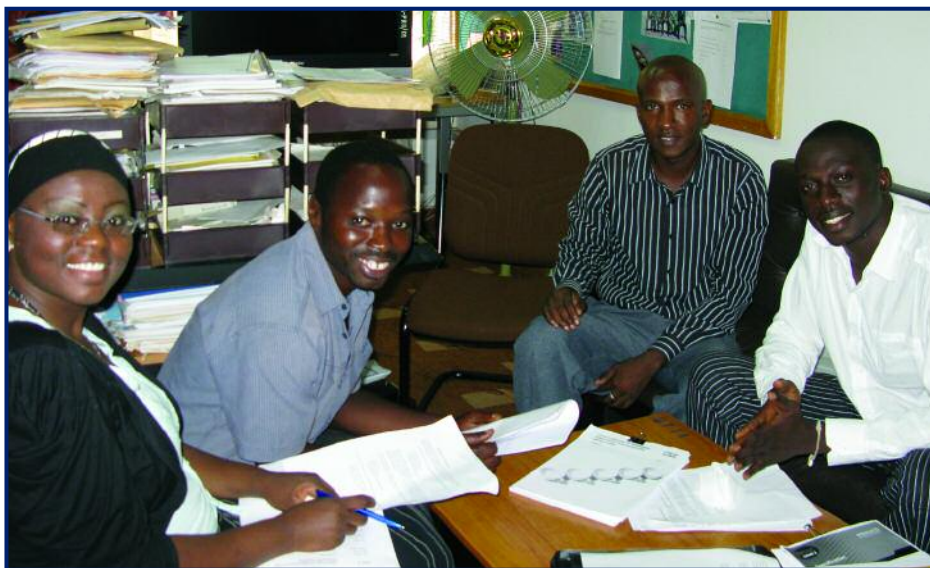
The College's partnership with the Gambia Technical Training Institute (GTI) has entered an exciting stage with the delivery of a new Level 3 Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism in Africa.

The programme – part of the British Council's *Education Partnerships in Africa* (EPA) project – aims to grow and sustain the tourism and hospitality industry in The Gambia through effective training and development.

Mrs Jahou Faal, GTTI Head of Business Studies, explained: "Staff from both institutions have benefited from exchange visits, which have proved invaluable when planning our new courses."

Four new members of GTTI staff are delivering the programme after being trained by **ncn** lecturers in The Gambia, and a shipment of teaching equipment and supplies has been donated by **ncn** to help set up the course.

Geoff Hall, **ncn** Principal, said: "I am delighted to see this collaborative project come to fruition. It not only benefits Gambian people and industry but also enriches the teaching and learning experience of our own staff and students."



The GTTI Hospitality and Tourism team: Fatoumata Touray, Alagie Bojang, Dawda Baldeh and Francis Gomez

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The historic grade II* listed Adams Building, part of **ncn** City campus

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www.ncn.ac.uk/international



Designing T-shirts at the conference

French visitors get creative

Five students from the *Lycée Professionnel du Reberg* in Mulhouse, France, have visited **ncn** to experience life on a fashion course in the UK.

During their three weeks at the College they spent time with students on the BTEC National Diploma in Fashion and Clothing course. They also took part in a T-shirt design workshop and learnt about creative industries in the UK at **ncn**'s annual Creative Careers Conference.

Phil Myers, **ncn** Faculty Head for Fashion and Media, said: "This is the fourth year we have welcomed students from the *Lycée Professionnel du Reberg*. The young people experience our teaching and learning methods and the variety of student life at a large British urban college. In turn, our home students benefit from learning about another culture."



Marlene Lewis, **ncn** Course Leader in Fashion and Clothing, with the French group

Why ncn is the place for me

By exchange student Jessica Window

I'm 27 and an experienced actor – I have been performing for many years – but I've not yet gained a degree in my subject. I come from Australia and have studied for the last two and a half years at Victoria University in Melbourne.

When I first found out that I could study abroad I was very excited and signed up immediately. I have travelled extensively and have always liked experiencing the world away from home. I chose England because of its proximity to Europe, and because the classes would be in English. Also, as an actor, I thought I might appreciate studying here as England has such a fascinating history in the theatre arts.

The induction week at **ncn** when I first arrived was great: I went on a college trip to London and got to live a small dream of mine: watching a traditional Shakespeare play at the new Shakespeare's Globe theatre.

As part of my exchange I have joined the BA (Hons) Theatre Arts course, and my lecturer Dan is a very unique, talented and creative guy.

My class has been working on a devised show called *XXXmas*, which takes place in the future where all festive traditions have been banned. I'm more classically trained so it's been a challenge!

I hope that my studies will give me a greater understanding of the performance world, and I know that my course here will help me in my endeavour to be successful in the future.

I would recommend studying abroad to anyone. You can learn so much more when you are immersed in a new culture and taken out of your comfort zone.

I appreciate everything the staff and students at **ncn** have done for me, and I will remember this amazing experience forever!



Jessica Window

Courtesy of emda



Deputy Principal Yu Tianxiang, Chengdu Art Professional College; and Faculty Head Phil Myers, **ncn**; sign a memorandum of understanding, witnessed by Principal Diao Chunzhi, Chengdu Art Professional College; and Councillor Parsons, Leicestershire County Council

Note: The Nottingham visit was organised by the East Midlands Vocational Education and Training (EMVET) consortium with support from other organisations in the region and saw 17 Principals and Vice Principals from South West China sign memoranda of understanding with East Midlands colleges.

Collaborating with China

FdA Multimedia students recently joined forces with Chengdu Art Professional College in China to work simultaneously on a shared design programme. The learners completed a variety of projects including photography, product design and website design.

This collaboration was the result of a visit to **ncn** by the Principal and Deputy Principal of Chengdu Art Professional College, during which they discussed future ways of working together – including the potential for student or staff exchanges – and the possibility of widening the project to other creative arts areas in the future such as art and design, fashion, and performing arts.

Phil Myers, **ncn** Faculty Head for Fashion and Media, said: "The final pieces by the Chinese students will be exhibited at **ncn** and our students' work will go to China, so it's an ideal way of sharing ideas and learning about each other's culture."



Nick Whitehouse with Natia Jokhadze, Maia Gurgenedze from English Book Georgia, and Geoff Hall

Cementing links with Georgia

Discussions are underway to see how **ncn** could assist the Ministry of Education and Science in the European state of Georgia. Nick Whitehouse visited Georgia at the invitation of the Ministry of Education and Science to discuss the development of vocational education and training in the country and to establish links with the European School in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital.

Nick was invited following a visit to **ncn** by the Director of the Georgian National Curriculum and Assessment Center, Natia Jokhadze, earlier in the year.

Nick commented: "Our discussions went extremely well and we would like to

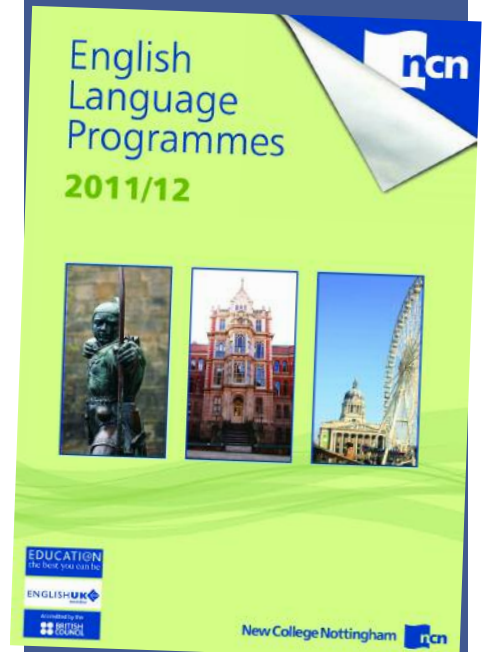
help the Ministry to develop various aspects of vocational education, especially the training of construction workers.

"We are very impressed with the European School and delighted that they have invited us to deliver an English Language Summer School. This could have significant benefits for staff and future students at **ncn** by opening up opportunities for exchange visits."

More than 70 Georgian students come to **ncn** each year for education and training, including a large intake of teachers keen to improve their professional practice.

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ncn's English as a Foreign Language (EFL) provision maintained British Council accreditation at its most recent inspection, which covered four categories:

- Management
- Resources and Environment
- Teaching and Learning
- Welfare and Student Services

British Council accreditation is the benchmark for EFL providers in the UK and gives an assurance of quality to prospective students.

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New Delhi lifestyles academy is a step closer

The next phase of the College's ambitious plans to open a lifestyles training academy in New Delhi in collaboration with the Batra group – a family-owned business conglomerate with various companies including schools, a nursing college and a hospital – has begun.

Work is underway on a partnership agreement which will be the blueprint for the first of a series of academies designed to deliver high quality training in India, based on **ncn**'s own vocational curriculum.

Nick Whitehouse said: "The academy project is very exciting. Our partners in India are highly respected and determined to develop a brand-leading academy model with our help and support.

"The lifestyles academy will concentrate initially on hospitality management, travel and tourism, fashion, media, and business, with plans to introduce additional curriculum areas in the future."



Student recruitment in Hong Kong grows: Members of the **ncn** International team and student volunteers attended a recent Hong Kong International Education Expo: Wan Pin Chu (Joseph); Wai Kit Hung (Johnson); Nick Whitehouse; Tsz Kwan Ng (Eunice); Cheuk Ying Au (Cherry); and Shila Parekh, **ncn** International Development Officer

English for Beginners courses 2011

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For more information contact the **ncn** International team

Latvian partnership thrives

Students from the Private School of The Humanities in Riga, Latvia, have completed the final part of a two-year **ncn** accredited Business Diploma qualification.

This programme provides them with a qualification delivered in their own country, plus the opportunity to travel to the UK to meet British students and experience life at **ncn**.

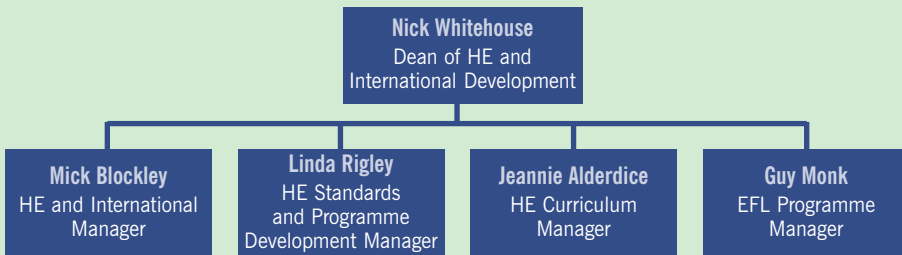
Passing the Business Diploma guarantees the students a place on an **ncn** Business Foundation course (IELTS 5 also required), after which they can progress to degree-level studies.



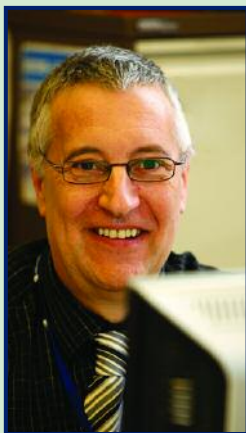
Staff and students from the Private School of The Humanities outside **ncn** City campus

Meet the team!

We have a long history of international student recruitment from around the globe. International operations are part of the wider HE and International department and staff within the team have a wide range of expertise across a number of specialisms.



We introduce you to three members of the team below:



Mick Blockley

HE and International Manager

Mick has worked at **ncn** for ten years, starting off as a part-time tutor before progressing to his current role. Outside work Mick has a lifelong interest in radio and holds an amateur radio licence. He also enjoys listening to music and often travels around the UK to attend live concerts by his favourite artists.



Hon Cheung

HE/International Student Advisor

Hon has worked in the International department since it formed in 2000. She looks after applications for the International Foundation courses and helps with student welfare. Hon is seen as the expert on healthy eating within the team and she also enjoys yoga.



Peter Short

HE/International Student Advisor

With more than nine years' experience of working at the College, Peter is well-placed to advise students about courses and welfare. He also looks after the accommodation service, which involves placing students with hosts and giving advice on other accommodation options. In his spare time, Peter enjoys baking (and eating) homemade bread and is a member of the Real Bread Campaign.

Overseas agents

If you are an agent or educational consultant interested in sending students to study at **ncn** please contact Shila Parekh, **ncn** International Development Officer, at shila.parekh@ncn.ac.uk with details about the services you can offer.

We also run tailored English Language programmes for groups of students. For more information about these courses please contact Guy Monk, **ncn** EFL Programme Manager, at guy.monk@ncn.ac.uk

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