



## **2021/2022 Arts Award Nominations and Statements from the Winners**

### **Student Experience Award**

Andy Marsh, CSM Course Leader

“This person builds students' confidence and guides them in recognizing their strengths. Everyone on our course looked up to them and they are always there to give their time. They always attended people's exhibitions, shared our work with mailing lists when we needed it and was always there to give advice.

Their determination and care really showed off when we were programming our degree show and the endless hours spent assisting us. They are the reason many of our cohort decided to come back to do an MA, as we wanted to continue to learn from their practice and benefit from their guidance and support”

Carmen Ercilla, UAL Disability Services Assistant

“This person has showed genuine compassion for their students and has gone beyond the duties of their roll to offer support.

They have reached out when students have needed help, showing kindness and empathy and have taken time out of their schedule to console, advise and be available to listen. They have been a friend to students when they have felt scared and worried this year, and in turn, their kindness has inspired us to look out for each other”

Hester Woodward, Wimbledon Technician

“During the start of the academic year I was really struggling with blended learning and the difficulties of not being able to see my family and loved ones in order to be here in London to study.

This staff member was amazingly supportive when they found me crying in the cafeteria one day, we spoke for hours and after our conversation I felt so relieved that how I was feeling wasn't unusual. They also helped me realise that even though I'm far away from my family, I can always take some time out to go and see them if I need to, and that I need to fulfill my personal needs in order to concentrate on my studies.”

### **Outstanding Teaching Award**

EJ Scott, Associate Lecturer for LCC and CSM



“They are a disciplined, structured, and an incredibly passionate and knowledgeable teacher. They are open minded, kind, empathetic, and have an energetic and warm, welcoming nature.

It is so rare to have a tutor with all of these qualities, and they motivate participation in class, even for those who normally feel hesitant to speak out or contribute. This person makes me feel confident and accepted”

Statement from the winner:

"It was a complete honour to have received the Outstanding Teaching Award, particularly at such a testing time for both students and teachers. Whilst the challenges presented by Covid and the current political environment can sometimes be overwhelming, it is hugely rewarding to know that students can still view their teachers as comrades. I accepted the award on behalf of ALL the academics who tried their very best, both intellectually and technically, to navigate the academic year during lockdown. The commitment shown by both my colleagues and our students to the importance (now more than ever) of robust intellectual engagement in the arts deserves applaud all round."

Guy Barton, CSM Language Development

“They deliver outstanding teaching quality; always preparing super interesting materials for the classes and bringing a lot of positive and can-do energy.

Their role goes way beyond their title, into theory and conceptualization. They are very innovative in their use of teaching tools to make the sessions interactive, and their input is central to the teaching across the college.”

Statement from the winner:

Receiving an Arts award felt like a real honour, especially as it was voted for by students and came out of teaching through lockdown. It made me appreciate how creative and collaborative students are at UAL and how lucky I am to work with them.

Minal Kay Malik, LCF Course Leader

“We look forward to our lessons with this person, they are always passionate and engaging. They make such an effort to reach out to all students and is so generous with their knowledge and skills.

They have shown unending kindness during this year, and genuine care of how we are all doing. Once a week they send us all a message of encouragement, letting us know they are proud of us and telling us not to give up”

**Outstanding Technical/Operational Support Award**



Abdul Mohammed, CSM Technician

"Always very helpful, they put together bespoke online tutorials upon requests from students to help with their individual projects. They made 3d modelling feel easy!

They have installed the remote computer system which is incredibly useful in lockdown, and they are always available to answer questions or brainstorm ideas with us"

Eddie Niles, Camberwell Technician

"They give truly outstanding technical support, providing a range of different approaches and possibilities within and beyond their field.

Moreover, they pay attention to the strengths and weaknesses of each individual student, helping them to succeed in their studies. Communication with them always creates a sense of community in the college"

Jasbinder Jhumat, LCF Technician

"They are one of the loveliest people at UAL! This year has been particularly hard, yet they always approach their work with commitment and makes us feel like there is never a stupid question!

They always try to make us figure problems out ourselves, with help of course, but it means we feel empowered when we figure it out, and we never ever forget what we have learned."

**Diverse & Inclusive Education Award**

Alix Hanson, LCF College Admission Tutor

"They continuously champion diversity and inclusion in their college. They have set up sessions for students from minority ethnicities to share their voices and, with a goal to help students reach their full potential and get the most out of their experience at Uni."

Jheni Arboine, Educational Developer: Academic Enhancement (AEM College Lead CCW)

"They have uncompromisingly dedicated her time to decolonizing the arts, starting within their own team, and has created resources for all including staff and students alike. An asset to UAL, they truly deserve to be celebrated!"



## **Outstanding Online Learning & Teaching Award**

Linda Wing, LCF Tutor & Course Technical Tutor

"Moving online has been very challenging, especially in the most recent lockdown. However, the biggest impact has been on the technical sessions normally taught this person.

Even so, they have been committed to helping us fully understand out technical classes, even when we can't be there in person. We do believe that, given the circumstances, we are getting the best education we can- and that's thanks to all the effort put in by this person"

Statement from the winner:

"It's very touching & heartwarming to think that our students have taken the time to show their appreciation by nominating us - it really means a lot & makes our work worthwhile!"

Katelyn Toth-Fejel, LCF Course Leader

"This person has been amazing during the pandemic. They have made our online learning just as enriching and exciting as in person learning and given us opportunities to interact with fellow students, even organizing a digital graduation party!

Our online classrooms are fueled by their imagination, and we feel listened to, valued and inspired to create work that is brave and developed"

Thom Kaczmarek, LCC Lecturer

"They have made online learning so interesting by presenting videos with step-by-step tutorials, including teaching us how to finally understand Moodle! They've set up talks, resource packs and game jams.

They keep up to date with each student's progress, ensuring that no one is left out, and offered spaces for students to chat if they are suffering from loneliness or mental health issues because of covid. Because of this person, students on our course feel like part of a community."

## **Outstanding Postgraduate Supervisor Award**

Mark Peter Wright, LCC Associate Lecturer

"They are an extremely generous and inspiring person, endlessly nurturing in their approach to supervision, and always ensured agency over our own work. They showed genuine excitement for our sessions and were always so helpful in making suggestions and posing counter-questions.



I have never felt so respected as I do by this person, and nor have I trusted anyone like I do him. A colleague, a supervisor, a mentor, a friend, their own vibrant and caring work and practice mirrored entirely in their approach to working alongside students”

Statement from the winner:

"It's an honour to be recognised by students.

To receive feedback from them about their experiences and the positive impact we make, as tutors, feels all the more special given the extra strain of the Pandemic over the last couple of years."

**Education Officer's Award**

Jonathan Carson, CSM Associate Dean, Student Experience

“They have been a continual champion of Arts’ SU, supporting and promoting our work and collaborating with student officers to make sure they do the best for UAL students. At Arts' SU we have seen, across teams, how this person values all students and is quick to resolve any issues any student is struggling with, no matter how small.”

Zey Suka-Bill, Dean of Screen at London College of Communication

“Their continual engagement of students, their work and partnership with the SU, the work they do for the Race Equality Charter, and amazing involvement in the Changemakers initiative and just being an all-round fantastic person”

**Course Rep of the Year Award**

Kiran Ali, LCF, MA Strategic Fashion Marketing, Year 1

"Friendly, approachable, and proactive with taking charge of a situations. They have been committed to give us all the information we needed this year and has been a fantastic mediator between staff and students"

Naaiyah Sultana, CSM, BA Architecture, Year 2

"They established a relationship with our stage group, while at the same time connected with stage 1 and 3. They created a strong link between reps and also gave our course a sense of community spirit by establishing communication between students "



Daniella Plank, LCC, BA Advertising, Year 2

"A passionate Rep, they always kept student in the feedback loop and has been super organized. They were able to help us make changes to online learning that really helped our experience this year "

Roxana Harcovei, CCW, BA Advertising, Year 1

"They are super approachable, and a very helpful bridge of communication between tutors and students. Though this rep, we feel like we have a voice to express concerns to senior leaders"