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WELCOME TO OUR JUNE ISSUE

CENTENARY NEWS | **THE CRYSTAL**

May was a big month at UCEM with lots of activity. Most notably, on a gloriously sunny Thursday 16th May 2019, in London's Royal Docks, **The Crystal** hosted UCEM's Flagship Centenary Event, **'The Built Environment of the Future'**.

The morning of the event was aimed at Schools and Colleges in the London Borough of Newham. Over 200 young people from 10 schools attended. The first morning session was a panel discussion entitled **'What is Surveying and what opportunities can it bring**

in the future'. The session was opened by the **Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz**, and the panel consisted of 3 speakers, **Jesse Meek, Jessica Austen, Sherin Aminossehe** and Chair, **Andrew Hynard** (UCEM Trustee). The morning session also saw the results of our **Design a Building of the Future** Competition aimed at school children all over the country.

The second morning session was entitled **'What does sustainability mean to the built environment'**. The panel consisted, again, of 3

speakers, **Craig Bennett, Louise Ellison, Ben Bolgar** and Chair, **Misa Von Tunzelman** (UCEM Trustee). During the day, guests were able to visit The Crystal's exhibition on sustainability and see the various industry stands that were set up.

The afternoon of the event was aimed at industry professionals, with over 250 people in attendance. The panel discussion in the afternoon was entitled **'Where next for the built environment'**. The session was opened by **Ashley Wheaton, Principal of UCEM** and



The Evening Reception at the Crystal

the panel consisted of 4 speakers, **Melissa Sterry, Mark Farmer, Dan Hughes** and **Amanda Clack** (UCEM Trustee). This panel discussion was followed by an evening reception introduced by **UCEM's Chairman John Gellatly**, the **Principal Ashley Wheaton**, and **Alok Sharma MP**.

Thank you to everyone who attended, spoke or supported in making this event such a success and a real piece of UCEM history. You can watch the panel discussions by clicking on the links above.



Announcing the competition winners



The Mayor of Newham,
Rokhsana Fiaz



L-R: Andrew Hynard, Jessica Austen, Sherin
Aminossehe and Jesse Meek



L-R: Ben Bolgar, Louise Ellison and Craig
Bennett



L-R: Ashley Wheaton, Dan Hughes, Melissa
Sterry, Amanda Clack, Mark Farmer and
John Gellatly



L-R: John Gellatly, Alok
Sharma MP and Ashley
Wheaton



Guests enjoying a cup of tea at the evening reception

CENTENARY NEWS | WATCH UCEM'S HISTORY

UCEM has also produced a new video, **The History of UCEM**, bringing together all the key moments and people in the institution's 100-year history. This video demonstrates how the institution has in the past and continues to fulfill its Royal Charter of providing accessible education and training for the sector.

CENTENARY NEWS | UCEM DOING THEIR BIT AGAIN...



50 staff members were involved in another **Employee Volunteering Day** in May, this time supporting Reading Borough Council with their commitment to preserving and improving the Borough's parks and open spaces for generations to come.

You can see a short video of how they got along by clicking on the picture!

CENTENARY NEWS | WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

The **UCEM Centenary Fund** is now also open and more information can be found [here](#). If you would like to donate some money towards helping a student study (it really makes a difference), then please visit the site and mark our centenary by contributing to their future.

To find out more about the exciting events that we have planned this year, and how you can get involved, please visit www.ucem.ac.uk/centenary

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ON THESE DATES | MAY 2019

Scholar and naturalist

FORMER principal of the College of Estate Management, Mr. Benaiah Whitley Adkin, died at his home, Highfield, Pembury, on Sunday. He was 82, and had lived at Pembury since 1930.

During Mr. Adkin's 21 years as the College Principal, some 38,000 students passed through his hands.

Before the College was founded, he taught for the professional examinations, and from early in the century was concerned with the education of the majority of men entering the profession of the land.

Mr. Adkin was a member of the Middle Temple and specialised in legal subjects. He practised as a surveyor, and wrote a number of books, including "Landlord and Tenant" now in its twelfth edition.

HIS COLLECTION.

His hobby was collecting British butterflies and moths, and his collection, which he began when a boy and added to throughout his life, has few to rival it. He was also interested in bird life and other naturalist subjects, and was a member of the Tunbridge Wells Natural History Society.

Mr. Adkin was married for 49 years: his wife died in 1939. He leaves two sons and a daughter. The cremation at Charing was on Wednesday.

**29th May 1947**

To mark his retirement in 1945, on 29th May 1947 a portrait of B.W. Adkin was unveiled by the President of the College of Estate Management, Osmond Cattlin.

B.W. Adkin was one of the original founders of the tutorial centre from which the College of Estate Management was born. He became the first Vice-Principal of the College in 1919, then succeeded Richard Parry in 1924 to become the second Principal of the College. Over the next twenty-one years, B.W. Adkin played a critical role in leading CEM's growth, and survival through its darkest days during the Second World War.

Adkin was also a household name within the profession because of this authoritative book Landlord and Tenant.

His obituary notes that "His hobby was collecting British butterflies and moths, and his collection...[had] few to rival it."

The cost of the portrait was covered by former students. This portrait is now displayed in the Adkin room at Horizons.



Portrait of B.W. Adkin

7th May 1951

After the Second World War, the College of Estate Management's student numbers grew. This put pressure on the College's premises in Kensington. In addition, London was not the ideal location for CEM students of Rural Estate Management to undertake their studies.

The College opened its new William Wells Hall residential college for students of the Rural Estate Management Department in Wye, Kent. The picturesque Queen Anne House was acquired with twenty acres of land for students to undertake practical training. It was opened to students at the start of the summer term, on 7th May 1951.

Students at William Wells Hall benefited from experienced resident staff, and regular visits from London staff...as well as valuable help from local farmers. William Wells Hall developed its own, distinct sense of identity, with sporting and social activities. Unfortunately, the residential courses at William Wells Hall did not grow and attract the numbers that CEM hoped for. The site was sold in 1958, and the Rural Department returned to Kensington. The College began to look for another solution to its recurring problem of a shortage of space.



William Wells Hall



The new Assembly Hall at St Albans Grove, 1955

31st May 1956

The addition of a new Assembly Hall was celebrated at the College of Estate Management's St Alban's Grove site in Kensington. The first Commemoration Day Ceremony was hosted – an annual event where students and assembled guests congregated for a service, speeches, awards and refreshments in the style of the prize-giving ceremonies which had been held before the war.

On 16th May 1972 the College held its Commemoration Day, the last formal function to be held at its London premises in St Alban's Grove. From here on, the College of Estate Management became a Reading institution.

COMING UP | **THIS MONTH**



#UCEMFest

Friday 14th June 2019 at Shinfield Grange sees the staff centenary event in the form of **UCEM Fest**. A festival-style afternoon for all staff to celebrate the enormous achievements of UCEM and acknowledge all the hard work put in by UCEM staff to get there.

The fun and frolics will kick off at 1pm and last well into the evening with staff family and friends joining in the afternoon. An array of exciting activities including traditional fairground rides, Segway experiences, customary garden games and inflatables. The evening will host the grand finale, an open-air cinema hosting **Bohemian Rhapsody**, a subtle homage to the fact that Queen played one of their first gigs with their classic line-up at Hinchley Wood in 1971.

In true festival spirit, there will also be limited availability to pitch up a tent and camp.

Look out for more information on how it went in the next issue of the Centenary Newsletter.