



Oscar-winning movie producer inspires students into film and TV careers

An Oscar-winning film producer inspired students at a Film and TV Careers Day at the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL).

Gareth Ellis-Unwin is best known as the producer of *The King's Speech*, which won four Oscars including best picture at the 2011 Academy Awards.

He visited the College in his role as Head of Film at Creative Skillset, which supports the development of skills and talent in the creative industries.

Mr Ellis-Unwin told of his passion for film and how he studied for a BTEC National Diploma in Media and then an HND in Programme Operations.

He then landed a job as an office runner for a film company, which set him on the path to become an assistant director and eventually a producer.

“There is a job within the screen industries for anyone who is willing to put in the time and commitment. Like anything, it comes with hard work,” he said.

The day focused on the wide range of career opportunities within the film and TV business, including hair and make-up, set design and special effects.

It featured presentations from the BBC, London Film School, Association of Motion Picture Sound (AMPS), London School of Media Make-up and visual effects company The Third Floor.

Simone Dawkins and former CONEL student Anurah Farrell took part in a film making boot camp with Creative Skillset, which led to them getting work in the industry.



Oscar-winning producer Gareth Ellis-Unwin, centre, with Anurah Farrell, Simone Dawkins and Rochelle Laurencin, from Creative Skillset, right, and, left, CONEL students Simon Hall, Costantino Zachariou, Ryan Thompson, Maria Jose Carvajal Gomez, Camerie Houston and Fatou Sarr Ndao.

Simone's first job was working as a wardrobe assistant on a TV movie called *It's a Lot*, which was partly shot at CONEL, before becoming a runner for TV programmes such as *Saturday Kitchen* and *The Russell Howard Hour*.

Anurah, 29, who recently worked on a film called *Rellik*, said: “I studied music here and how to put music to film, which made it easier for me to edit clips.

“It doesn't matter what course you are doing – hairdressing, construction, accounting – you can transfer those skills into the creative industries.”

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X Factor star inspires students after 'incredible experience' on ITV talent show

SoundSkool student Luena Martinez hopes her 'incredible experience' appearing on The X Factor will inspire others to fulfil their dreams.

The singer, 18, performed a version of Leona Lewis's cover of Snow Patrol's Run but did not get through on The Six Chair Challenge in 2016.

She was among the first students to study with SoundSkool since the launch of its partnership with CONEL earlier the same year.

Luena said: "It was hard to take getting so close, but an incredible experience and it was amazing to perform in front of 5,000 people. I couldn't have asked for a better reaction."

Luena, whose real name is Luena Martins-Aguiar, began singing after being called up on stage with other children at a theatre show.

She has received professional tuition since she was eight and names Leona Lewis, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey and Michael Jackson among her music idols.

"When I'm at SoundSkool I try to encourage everyone around me," added Luena.

"Hopefully, I've shown them you can be on X Factor, or do anything you want if you just put your mind to it, work hard and practice. You can do it!"



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Courtesy of ITV



Playing 'Need For Speed' led Games Design student to motorsport engineering degree

A passion for cars and gaming drove Andre Ferreira to a degree in motorsport engineering.

Andre, 21, gained a place at Kingston University to study for a BSc (Hons) in Motorsport Engineering in 2015 after completing a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Games Design at CONEL, where he achieved a Double Distinction.

While studying at CONEL Andre scooped a silver medal in the final of the WorkSkills UK competition against 200 other students from 36 other colleges across the country.

"I want to work for a motorsport company in Dubai or Japan," said Andre, who admitted he has always had a love of cars, which stemmed from playing computer games like Need for Speed.

"It's my dream to create the first supercar using some kind of never-ending kinetic engineering, and if it can fly, even better. I might not achieve it, but if I don't try I'll never know."





Students showcase creative talent at Graduation Ceremony

Creative and Media students contributed to a spectacular showcase to add a real wow factor to our Graduation Ceremony.

Around 500 people, including students and apprentices, families, friends and employers and the Mayor of Haringey Councillor Stephen Mann, attended the event at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre in Tottenham.

The ceremony included CONEL's Creative and Computing end of year show CREATE 2017, a celebration of art, culture and achievement.

Organisers transformed the centre into a dynamic and fun-filled interactive gallery of students'

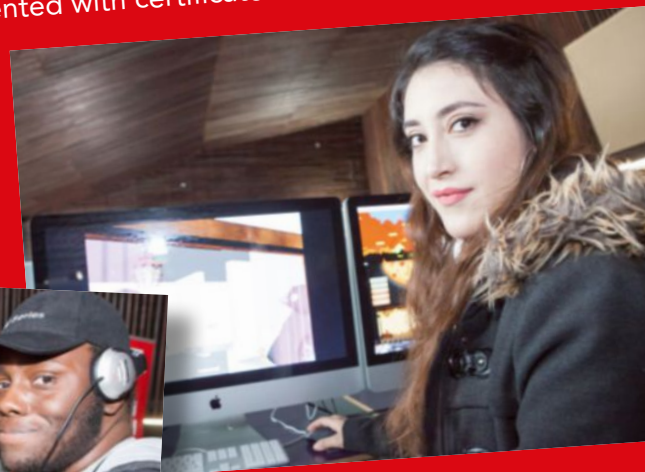
work featuring graphic design, artwork, videos, animations and computer games.

The ceremony began with film shows, Manga style animations and performances from music students from CONEL and SoundSkool.

Tobe Maduegbuna, 21, said: "My work is titled Life in the UK and I travelled to Stratford, Walthamstow and Trafalgar Square to take pictures of each location and find the character of each."

Ines Santos, 17, said: "The culture of Camden and Shoreditch inspired me to take pictures for my work."

More than 100 students on Access to University, Higher Education and Postgraduate courses, Advanced apprentices and employers were then presented with certificates at the ceremony.



Games Design students on top of their game at Techmix

Students showed their flair for games design at Techmix Digital Careers Show in London.

Around 35 students from CONEL attended the event at Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea Football Club, which featured 40 stands from leading technology companies and education providers, including CONEL.

Among the big names in attendance were Cisco, IBM, Oracle, PWC, Jellyfish, Visual, Juniper Networks, Volo, Dynamic Platform and Transport for London.

Students Kyle Stevens and Eimantas Kabakas demonstrated their skills in games design and programming to the crowds at the event, which provided an opportunity for students to network with employers.

Kyle, 20, said: "I found the day challenging creating a game live in front of an audience. I was nervous at first but then I found it exciting.

"Scripting is the trickiest part of creating a game and I was proud to achieve a fully functional game in a short amount of time, working with Eimantas."

Eimantas, 18, added: "The day was so fun, it was my first time creating a game live at an event. This was a great personal achievement, creating three levels to a game in just one day."



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