

# CALL FOR NEXT GENERATION OF JOURNALISTS TO APPLY FOR FUTURE NEWS WORLDWIDE 2017 Scottish Parliament will host the third international youth journalism conference

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The British Council has issued a global call for the next generation of journalists to apply for a place at Future News Worldwide 2017, the international conference for youth journalism.

Supported by some of the world's leading media organisations, including Reuters, Facebook and Google News Lab, the 2017 conference will take place in the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, on 6 and 7 July. Attendance at the conference is fully funded for all successful applicants, including travel to and from Edinburgh.

Now in its third year, Future News Worldwide 2017 will bring together 100 student journalists from across the globe for an intensive twoday journalism and media programme in Scotland's capital, where they will have exclusive access to talks and training from some of the world's most high-profile media figures. Alongside a programme of skills workshops, delegates will network with other aspiring and established journalists, building strong and lasting connections to the next generation of media leaders across the globe.

Jackie Killeen, Country Director of the British Council in Scotland, said: "This is an exceptional opportunity to learn directly from leading media figures about the craft of good journalism, and to gain a unique insight into the changing ways news is delivered. The global connections made at the conference will be invaluable to the students as they launch and progress their careers in international journalism".

Future News Worldwide 2017 is a partnership programme between the British Council and some of the world's leading media organisations: Reuters, CNN, BBC, Facebook, Google News

world's most high-profile Lab, The Economist, The media figures. Alongside a programme of skills workshops, delegates will network with the UK Schools of Journalism.

The programme is open to undergraduate students aged 18-25 who are passionate about journalism in any form. Application is via the website www.britishcouncil.org/ future-news-worldwide and closes on 28 February 2017.

"Future News Worldwide taught me that you don't have to be from a particular part of the world to be a great journalist; we can all improve journalism with access to the same knowledge" said Tiyamike Chirwa, Malawi, Future News Worldwide alumna. "It's about broadening your knowledge, sharpening your skills and making connections with other young journalists from around the world"

For more information visit the website or contact FutureNewsWorldwide@ britishcouncil.org.



Members of the St Chris Student Community Service Captain Team: Kamilah El Kanfoudi, Urvi Ashar, Diva Lobo and Kyla Reekie, Zach Shamma and Eli Saghbini Back row (R-L): Kristina Bourner, Jo Holland, Nick Wilson (Head of Senior School), DHL representa-

tive, Lee Churchill, DHL representative

### **Teachers to visit United World Schools Project**

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Kristina Bourner, Community Service Co-ordinator, Jo Holland, Learning Support Teacher and Lee Churchill, Year 1 Teacher, will be visiting the recently opened St Chris United World Schools Project in Gurase, Nepal this week.

Having been irreparably damaged by the catastrophic earthquake, the re-building of the school was financed by the fund-raising efforts of the staff and students of the St Chris Senior School and the wider St Chris community, under the auspices of United World Schools (UWS).

UWS are a non-profit organisation based in the United Kingdom who work to create educational opportunities for children living in the world's poorest regions. Many of the children in Gurase previously had to walk 3-4 hours to reach the nearest school through difficult and dangerous terrain. Crossing rivers using unstable rope bridges was often a routine feature of the journey. Funds raised have been used to build the school, including a library, and to provide clean water and teaching resources for 200 students and their teachers.



Dr. Jassim Haji, the Bahraini executive and technological researcher, has received ClO100 award which was presented by Mr. Dan Hu, Country Manager from Alibaba Cloud MEA. This award ceremony was organized by Computer News Middle East (CNME) and recognizes best ClOs in the region. This is the sixth consecutive year for Dr. Haji to win this award, which makes him the only recognized executive in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Middle East to achieve this and the first time in CNME's history for a single person to win the award six times on a row. These awards come after a long time of achievements and hard work by Dr. Haji which have enriched the technological field in the Kingdom of Bahrain and influenced the region.



### **Polytechnic Holds All Staff Gathering**

Under the patronage of Acting CEO Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, Bahrain Polytechnic held its annual all staff gathering at the Polytechnic's Bahrain Hall, where all employees were addressed on the latest updates from all departments and directorates in preparation for the start of the second semester. The gathering was opened

the start of the second semester. The gathering was opened by Dr. Hasan Almulla, Deputy CEO of Academic Services, on behalf of the executive management. Dr. Almulla stressed that the achievements of the Polytechnic all contribute to its Strategic Plan 2015-2019, the government action plan 2015-2018, and seeks to be an active contributor to achieve the Bahrain 2030 Vision. Executives, directors,

deans, and managers from various departments within the Polytechnic presented their key achievements and latest updates during the last semester, including their future plans for the coming period and its accordance with the goals of the Polytechnic's strategic plan.

Dr. Al Aseeri welcomed the members of the academic and administrative bodies, and conveyed the greetings of the Board of Trustees to them. He stressed that the reason of conducting this gathering is for employees to be informed of all matters relating to the Polytechnic, including plans and projects, in order to be more connected and productive.

## Researcher Connect

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Researcher Connect is training program designed to sharpen earlystage researchers and higher studies student writing and communications skills to increase their chances of being published and participating in international conference. The program is fully sponsored by the British Council and seats are limited.To register or for more information, please call 17266166 or email us on marwa.alawi@britishcouncil. orh.bh Regarding Researcher Connect new dates:

- 23 & 25 February 2017 at Ahlia University
- 26 28 February 2017 at Ahlia University