

## Career Conversations

We are looking for alumni of the University of Essex to volunteer at the next Career Conversations event. The event will be sector focused, aiming to give current Essex students the opportunity to discuss the different aspects of a career in leading industries, followed by one larger networking opportunity. [Register here](#)

As an alumni representative, you will spend time chatting with current undergraduate students in a networking setting. You are in a unique position to share your experiences of a given professional sector and provide advice to students as they take the next steps in to their new careers. This is your opportunity to inspire the new generation of Essex graduates.

Career Conversations will be held on **Thursday 1 November 2018** and networking groups will fall under the following sectors:

**Business, Marketing and Technology**  
**Science, Health and Environment**

**Governance and Law**  
**Public Sector, Not-for-profit and Education**

**The Arts**

### Why is it important?

For many of our current students, the task of finding their way in to their dream career path is a daunting prospect. They're not necessarily sure what they want to do next and how to go about it. This event is designed to help provide students with the chance to meet Essex graduates who have been in the same position as them, and who are now working in a specific field. It will allow the students to identify their skills, and those that they need to develop, and will give them practical advice on the steps in to a given sector from someone they can relate to due to the link of Essex.

### What does the role involve?

Networking will be in small groups of students per alumnus, separated by sector. Students will have a set time with each alumnus and then will move on to the next, to ensure that they speak to as many alumni as possible. After the structured networking session there will be an open, informal networking opportunity with soft drinks and canapés available, to give you the chance to network with other Essex alumni in the same sector.

### What are we looking for?

We are looking for passionate, enthusiastic and positive alumni, ready and willing to share their career story. [Register here](#)

### What you can expect from us

An opportunity to return to the University and share your experiences with the next generation of graduating students, along with a chance to gain volunteering experience for your own professional development and to enhance your networking skills.

### The Event

Thursday 1 November 2018
630-7pm: Student Workshop
<b>645-7pm: Alumni arrive</b>
7pm: Welcome to alumni and brief overview of the event
705-8pm: Formal networking session by sector (with between 1-5 students)
8-9.30pm: Informal networking with canapés
9.30pm: Brief closing speech, event ends

### Venue

To be confirmed

### Parking

If you are arriving after 4.30pm, you can park in any of the University Car Parks for free. The closest car park is the North Car Park.

### Please note

Ensuring that we have the right number of alumni and students is key to the success of this event, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.

[Register here](#) or for more information, contact Jo Brace on +44 1206 873470 or email [j.brace@essex.ac.uk](mailto:j.brace@essex.ac.uk)

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