



Tim Speight (front) with students and fellow colleagues in the newly-fitted studio.

## New recording studio for Music students

University Campus Barnsley (UCB) is now home to a newly-fitted sound recording studio built from the ground by Industry Lecturer Tim Speight and his students.

With over 20 years' experience in the music industry working with the likes of Simon Cowell, Pete Waterman, Westlife, McFly and Donna Summer, Tim came to work at UCB to pass on his knowledge of sound recording and production to the next generation.

Although the music studios at UCB are already industry standard, Tim felt with his expertise the oldest of the studios could be revamped and adjusted to be up-to-scratch with those he had worked in himself. The modification also doubled up as invaluable experience for the students involved as they acquired the skills to be able to refit an entire studio.

Tim said: "This was a project myself and the students could really get our teeth stuck into. We wanted to make a real statement within the Music department and create a flagship room that could be used as a fully functioning studio as well as a creative learning environment for lectures. The equipment here was already first-class, we've just enhanced the learning experience."

One of the volunteers of the recording studio facelift was third year Music Production and Sound Recording student, Lee Howard. He said: "This was a whole team effort and we are so happy with the end result. We disassembled the original studio and re-installed it all adding a personal touch to make it work the way we wanted it to. We're all thankful for the experience and skills that it has taught us."

## Did you know?

Our Construction students can access the Think Low Carbon (TLC) Centre, a Sustainable Centre of Excellence designed to facilitate research, development and knowledge transfer for environmental technologies. The TLC Centre is just a short walk from our campus in Barnsley town centre.

**Did you know?** We offer a wide range of subjects, from Animal Management to Engineering.

## Celebrating 20 years of creative partnerships

Students and staff are celebrating the 20 year anniversary of a theatre partnership with Harbor College in Los Angeles.

Jenny Miccoli, Vice Principal for Teaching, Learning and Student Support, met drama and theatre teacher Larry Heimgartner from LA 21 years ago when she was also a teacher of theatre and choreography based at Barnsley College's Electric Theatre. Since their first meeting the pair have worked with young people all over the world organising exchange visits for students and bringing tours of theatre performances to Barnsley on issues which affect young people such as HIV and AIDS, bullying and gun crime.

Over the years Jenny and Larry have developed the idea to further engage students emotionally and intellectually through theatre. On his latest visit to Barnsley, Larry set the Performing Arts

HNC students from UCB a task to produce a piece of theatre in just three days. Larry met with the students and they discussed the stimulus of the internet and social media, the students then did research and devised a short emotive piece called 'Look Up' which they performed to Larry, his colleagues, staff and Performing Arts students.

The HNC in Performing Arts course at UCB was created specifically to develop the partnership with Los Angeles Harbor College. Students will have opportunities to visit LA and will be encouraged to develop the performance of 'Look Up' to tour schools and colleges in the future.

UCB student Charlotte Waxman said: "I studied at Barnsley College and had the opportunity to visit LA, but I had to drop out at the last minute. When I realised Larry would be involved in the course at UCB I really wanted to be part of it.

"It's been great to have the opportunity to work with the London actors Larry brought with him, they have encouraged us to look beyond Barnsley for opportunities nationally and internationally."

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Early Years and Care students receive their awards.

## Early Years high achievers honoured

High achieving Early Years students at UCB received recognition in a special awards presentation at the campus.

Six students from the BA (Hons) Early Years course were honoured at the event which was attended by Chief Executive and Principal Chris Webb and staff from UCB's Childcare and Education Professions department.

23% of students who completed the course in 2014-15 achieved a first class

honours degree which has allowed some learners to undertake post graduate study including master's degrees, while others have pursued career advancement in educational and early years settings.

Katie Emmerson was one of the students who achieved a first class degree. She said: "I would not have realised my potential without my tutors whose inspirational discussions helped me stay focused on what I could achieve. Along with my personal commitment to doing well, this helped me stay determined and motivated. I would like to thank the tutors at UCB for helping me to succeed."

## What our students say...



**Stuart Craib**  
HNC Computing and Systems Development

"I like the classroom environment at UCB which I need in order to bounce ideas off people. I chose to study at UCB as the part-time option fits in with my work commitments."



**Keira Reay**  
HND Sport

"I like the way my course is structured as we have three full days a week at UCB. I would recommend UCB to others as you get good support from tutors and it is easy to get in touch with them."



**Stephen Hatfield**  
HND Hospitality Management

"I enjoy the practical aspects of my course and being able to apply the theory side on a daily basis. I learn lots of new skills and have an assigned support worker to help me with anything I have a problem with."

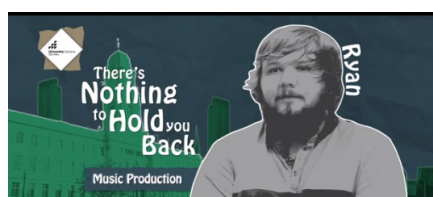
## Our students get involved in video project

UCB students got involved in a regional video project run by HEPP&CO, a Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) initiative, where they talked about their journeys through education to UCB.

Music student Ryan, Sports student Shelley, Engineering student Emma, Health student Miles and Early Years student Gemma described the pathways they had taken to get to where they are now.

The videos can be seen at the UCB website on the department pages.

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Students talk about their pathways to UCB.

## Did you know?

Last year, **nine out of 10** of our students went on to work or further study after completing their course at UCB.