

Helena Kennedy Foundation July 2021 Newsletter

Hi there,

We hope you are well and are enjoying the sunshine. Our bursary applications may now be closed, but there's still plenty to look forward to in the next couple of months related to the Foundation.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who submitted an application for the HKF bursary scheme, we wish you the best of luck with your application.

We are also looking forward to welcoming two new members of the HKF family. For the first time ever, we will be taking on an intern - thank you to [Career Ready](#) for providing this opportunity. In addition, a new trustee will be joining our board - Philip Le Feuvre, who joins us from [NCFE](#)

Many congratulations to our alumni who were shortlisted for the [Festival of Learning awards](#). Kirtsy Young received the award for Return to Learning and Rosie was awarded outstanding individual. The HKF family are tremendously proud of them.

All of our exciting achievements this academic year could not have been made without you - our supporters. We hope you will continue to support us during the months ahead, however, we do understand that times have been particularly hard for many of you this year. So, if you are not in a position to donate to the Foundation at this time, could you help to raise awareness by sharing our news and social media activity with your network.

Thank you, and enjoy your summer!

Dr Julie Mills OBE, Chair of Trustees

"The 'first-gen' experience: a reflection from a previous HKF bursary winner"

This month's blog comes from former bursary winner Jake Marshall. He reflects on being the first member of his family to go to university and how the support from the HKF enabled him to see his 'first-gen' label in a more positive light. [You can read the blog here.](#)



The Kirsty Young Bursary

Kirsty, an award winner from 2010, recently completed her fundraising challenge of walking for two hours every evening for 50 consecutive days. She managed to raise over £3,000 for the Foundation - enough for a full bursary. We are so proud of her and thank you to everyone who donated and supported her during the challenge. To read more about Kirsty, [click here](#).

You can also read about her fundraising challenge [here](#).



Philip Le Feurve from NCFE joins HKF Board of Trustees

A warm welcome to Philip, who joins us from NCFE and brings with him a wealth of experience. Philip said "I am delighted to be joining the board of trustees of the Helena Kennedy Foundation. In the context of the global pandemic, and the way it has disproportionately impacted disadvantaged students, support for students to access higher education is needed now more than ever. I am excited about the opportunity to help grow and promote a charity that plays such a vital role in the education ecosystem."



Did you miss the first series of [#FEVoices](#)?

FE Voices was set up by Arv Kaushal at Milton Keynes College to provide question and answer sessions that aim to get to the bottom of how racism affects our sector. Staff, students, experts and organisations alike have come together to share concerns and ideas on ways in which we can improve diversity in further education. The sessions are now available for you to watch. You can find the link to each session recording below.

Session 1 - [The Lived Experience](#)

Session 2 - [Looking In](#)

Session 3 - [The Reformers](#)



Meet Ann Limb: further education icon

Our founder and Vice President, Dr Ann Limb CBE DL, has done it all in FE: she's been a lecturer, principal, executive, chair and charity founder. She tells her story in this feature for Tes. You can read it [here](#)

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Kirsty Young



Rosie Wainwright

HKF celebrating success with alumni winning national awards

The Helena Kennedy Foundation celebrated the success of two alumni, Kirsty Young and Rosie Wainwright, for winning awards at the Festival of Learning 2021. Kirsty won the Return to Learning award and Rosie won for Outstanding Individual.

To learn more click this [link](#)

**THE
Sandhu**
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Supporter Spotlight: The Sandhu Charitable Foundation

The Sandhu Charitable Foundation has been supporting us since 2015. Their generous support allows us to sponsor five deserving students each year who would like to study at the University of West London.

Bim Sandhu, CEO and owner, said: "The right to have a good education should not be a question of luck decided by where you live or whether you can afford it. It is a fundamental right to which every person in every country around the world should be entitled. The work of the Helena Kennedy Foundation enables students to gain the qualifications and self-belief that will aid them in their journey through the world of work and life generally. We are proud to support the Foundation and even prouder of the students who have had to overcome extreme hardship to succeed."

Find out more about them [here](#).