Global Civic University

Progress towards our global civic mission in 2020

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Progress in 2020

• Launching a research and civic response to COVID-19

• Accelerating civic partnership working

• New Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Widening Participation initiatives

• Driving the global civic mission through engagement in Bristol and internationally

Many positive individual projects – just two examples follow
Wellspring Settlement

History of engagement

Members of University staff & supporters, along with local residents, opened the ‘University Settlement Bristol’ in 1911. It included the first ante-natal clinic in Bristol; the second school for mothers in the city; and an open-air school for children recovering from tuberculosis.

Whilst it has been an independent community organisation for over 50 years, students and staff continued to work, live and train there right up to the post-war period.

(Photo: University students running a carpentry session, 1921)
Creating a ‘micro-campus’

Now invited in as a tenant, with space in the new Microsettlement, our ‘micro-campus’ will inspire even closer collaboration, including:

• Collaborative research e.g. History of SPAN and Social Justice Project

• Student engagement including internships and placements e.g. with Travelling Light Theatre Company

• Outreach and staff recruitment e.g. Digimakers (pictured) and JOIN US!

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Inspired by purpose

We hope the micro-campus will help us honour the words of Hilda Cashmore, the first warden of the Settlement. In 1919 she pledged that the University would:

‘...share all they have to the full... keep the doors open, to create an atmosphere so alive, and yet so patient of difference, that a meeting ground is made for men and women of various classes and of conflicting views, a place for free discussion and the birth of new ideas’
UN Sustainable Development Goals in Bristol
What's next?

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