Meet the Event Managers

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What are your best memories of Royal Holloway? – Living in Founders building and the community of friends I built up there was an absolute blast. In particular, I remember the day it snowed heavily in February 2012 and having an “East vs West” snowball fight in the quad with over 150 people.

How would you sum up your job in three words? – Rewarding, challenging, and (just plain) fun.

What’s the best thing about the work you do? – I love the charity aspect of event work, as we hear every day how much of a difference our work is making. It makes it all the more worthwhile and gives you a real sense of giving back.

What’s the most challenging aspect of the work you do? – The lead up to event day is always a challenge, and very stressful (in a good way!) The feeling of achievement when it all goes to plan is worth it though!

What advice would you have for students looking to enter the industry? – Work experience, work experience and more work experience. I had to do two internships and two temp jobs to get to my job. The charity world is much more popular than you might think and jobs are extremely competitive. Prove you’re dedicated to the charity sector with experience and you’ll be put above the rest.

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What are your best memories of Royal Holloway? My turret room in Founders, Summer Balls, Crosslands special (chips with cheese and beans) and most importantly, the fantastic friendships I made.

How would you sum up your job in three words? Challenging, varied, exciting.

What’s the best thing about the work you do? I’ve experienced once in a lifetime opportunities, been lucky to work with lots of committed, talented people and I get a great amount of job satisfaction.

What’s the most challenging aspect of the work you do? Working in a high pressure environment, to immovable deadlines, under intense media scrutiny can be tough. You only have one chance to get it right.

What advice would you have for students looking to enter the industry? Volunteer! Most events, from Rugby World Cup, to the London Marathon, to a local production or a festival
on campus, can only be delivered with the support of volunteers who give their time and talents for free. Sign up, get involved and gain work experience too.

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How would you sum up your job in three words? Exciting, diverse, busy.

What’s the best thing about the work you do? The variety and the number of different people you get to meet. Also seeing all your hard work come together in a great event at the end showing it was all worth it.

What’s the most challenging aspect of the work you do? Time management – you need to be very organised.

What advice would you have for students looking to enter the industry? Get any experience you can in event management and be prepared to muck in. As an events manager you need to be prepared to do everything from putting up posters/handling out flyers to networking with senior stakeholders.