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Welcome to the newsletter!

This is our monthly newsletter that gives you some news and updates about what is going on with DistanceLearningCentre.com, our staff and our learners.

This month we are celebrating meeting the June 2021 moderation deadline!



### July Certification 2021

#### **Congratulations to all our learners who have finished June Moderation with us this year!**

What a fabulous achievement it is, and we are sure your hard work will have paid off. For many of you it is now time for the well deserved break until University starts in September!

Certificates are expected to be sent out in August, and if you have a UCAS application linked to us, your result will be sent to UCAS also.

Please keep an eye out for emails from [exams@distancelearningcentre.com](mailto:exams@distancelearningcentre.com), as they will email you when moderation is complete. If you haven't previously contacted the exams email address then we would advise sending them a quick email to ensure any post moderation information doesn't go into your spam/junk folder.

Don't forget you can tell us about your learning journey on our [testimonials page](#). We would love to hear your amazing and inspiring stories. You can also see more about how to leave us a review at the bottom of this newsletter.



## Coronavirus Updates

**Remember to visit our Corona Virus News Page regularly for the latest updates!**

Visit the updates page by clicking [here](#).

## More New Tutors!

**We are constantly expanding our tutoring staff to meet your learner needs!**

Hi I'm Luke, a new Biology tutor here at DistanceLearningCentre.com.

I come from a background in Ecology, Marine Biology, field research and education, having worked extensively in the field, and more recently in the classroom primarily teaching Biology, but also A Level Geography.

In my spare time I enjoy Mountain Climbing, with some of my highlights being in the Canadian Rockies, Italian Alps and of course the English Lakes. I also enjoy Scuba Diving; seeing the diversity and wonder of life beneath the waves and when I'm not able to do either, getting lost in a good book or film (I especially enjoy Star Wars and Game of Thrones). ~**Luke Rothery**



## Meet Andrew Whitehead our Executive Director

**...and rock star!**



"I am one of the two Executive Company Directors and am ultimately responsible for everything which is not related to Course Curriculum and Materials (which is Karen Hayday). This includes all the Finance, IT, Website and Administrative Services.

I have worked for DistanceLearningCentre.com since 2002 when it was very much smaller than it is now (less than 100 learners) working (along with Karen) on evenings and weekends, for free. We strongly believed that providing access to affordable high-quality Access Diplomas, particularly those who could not access education through the traditional College system due to personal circumstances, commitments or geographical location. I went full time around 2012 as we started to grow, which has been the case ever since. We now have closer to 3500 learners studying at any given time.

What I have always been totally committed to, and still am, is the ethos with which we started. An important part of this treating our staff well, with wages relevant to their fully-qualified professionalism, proper contracts, pensions, leave entitlements and conditions. This is in contrast with most other distance

learning providers who tend to operate a more 'gig economy' model which does not provide their workers with proper rights.

In my spare time, I am very keen on gardening and conservation. Karen and I have a farm with ancient woodland and fields which we manage for wild flowers and diverse wildlife. We keep 6 alpacas for conservation grazing and a small flock of chickens.

My other great love is music, playing keyboards in a 9-piece band called Pepperjam, popular as a live act. We play "all original material rooted in reggae, dub, rocksteady, ska, funk, soul and jazz, but with a rocky twist, guaranteed to get you up and dancing" and released a new album, Only the Love Remains on the 14th May. In case you are interested, the album is available on all digital streaming platforms (look for Pepperjam Only the Love Remains) and CDs from our web site <https://pepperjam.band>.



We have also released a single from the album called [Garden with a video shot in our garden and featuring our dancing alpacas.](#)"  
~Andrew Whitehead

### Finding errors or broken links?

**We want to keep our resources accurate and up to date- so please tell us if you find any errors or a link that no longer works!**

You can email the editing team directly at [editor@distancelearningcentre.com](mailto:editor@distancelearningcentre.com) who will resolve the problem promptly.

### Have any suggestions to add to our Resource Library?

Have you found any websites or resources that have been helpful to your studies and want to share them with other learners? Please let us know! We can add any helpful resources to our DLC Library, meaning all our learners can make use of them also.

We are in the process of updating our DLC Library. If there are any areas that you would like to see more resources for, you can let us know directly. Email the editing team with your suggestions and requests.



### Please send us your reviews!

#### **We need your reviews!**

A large number of our learners choose us because of our positive reviews, so why not give us a review to help others choose the right course for them!

We are always looking to improve and require valuable feedback from our learners to do this. Please send us your honest feedback so that we can provide the best service for our learners.

You can give us a review or send us some feedback in a variety of ways:

- You can [write a review on our Facebook Page](#).
- You can email us. One of the ways we like to celebrate your achievements is our Hall of Fame! If you

would be willing to be involved please let your tutor know.

- You can send us a testimonial. You may have looked at these when you were deciding to study with us, so perhaps you would like others to hear about your experiences.

- You can like and share our [Facebook Page](#).

We rely on word of mouth and personal recommendations, so please consider giving us a review.

It is also important for us to constantly improve our services, so if you have any suggestions or feedback about your experiences, do let us know.



### Hall of Fame and Awards of Achievement

We want to celebrate your achievements, and help other potential students find out about what it's like to study with Distancelearningcentre.com. We also like to hear your stories about how you have worked hard to achieve your goals!

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