

Networking Events

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Assessment Description

As a module assignment for my third year I was asked to produce evidence of attending networking events. For semester 1 I was asked to produce evidence that I had attended 3 networking events. I was then also asked to produce evidence that I have attended 3 networking events for semester 2. These networking events had to be completed online due to the pandemic. It was clear from this module assignment that they wanted us to explore our interests more in the digital world and learn from experienced professionals. I first started of by doing a lot of research into networking events that I could join. When I first started researching I came across that a lot of the networking events were very expensive to join. This is why I had to change my approach and look for free networking events that I could attend and most importantly be relevant to the digital industry that I wanted to go into after University. These were great opportunities for me to learn lots of information and a massive thank you to the hosts and presenters of each of the networking events. Each of the networking events are show bellow with the topic and what semester it happened in. Networking events are a great way to learn more about the digital world that we live in.

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This is a largely independent, self-directed study process within a work placement or through a client project. Students will have placement and project supervision throughout the semester, and access to supervised workshops. The project or placement portfolio of work needs to include concepts, development work, sketches and mock-ups as well as the outcome(s). A reflective process report will detail time and project management, and a critical reflection on what the student has achieved through the placement and/or client project. A hand-over document and/or brand guidelines must also be completed and submitted in a professional format for handing to the client/company.

It is intended that the assignment closely mirrors that of industrial practice and allow students to also practice their learning gained through the semester 1 module.

There is one Preparatory assessment for this module:

Preparatory Assessmen	nt 1 Through the Semester
Assessment Title	Attendance and/or demonstration at 3 networking events
Assessment Type	Practical

Networking: Students must attend and/or demonstrate work or technical knowledge at three individual networking events. Networking is important within your industry, for learning via peers and industry professionals, and for making connections with industry.

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Be prepared to try out a number of different methodologies and be creative and experimental with your ideas to any projects / briefs set during your placement. This is not a time for playing safe; it is a time to query existing ideas and perhaps propose different approaches. Please keep a journal of your process so that you can reflect on it within your process report.

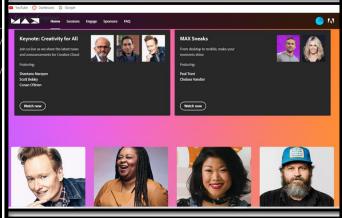
There is one Formative Assessment for this module:

Formative Assessment 1 Throughout semester 2		
Assessment Title	Attendance and/or demonstration at networking events (x3)	
Assessment Type	Practical	

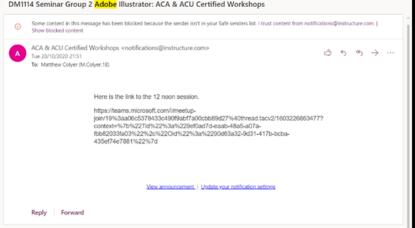
Students must attend and/or demonstrate work or tech at the networking event series on 3 occasions.

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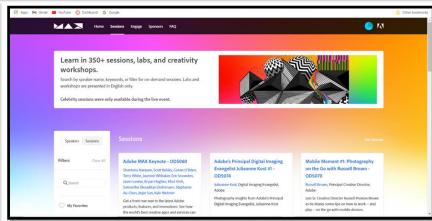








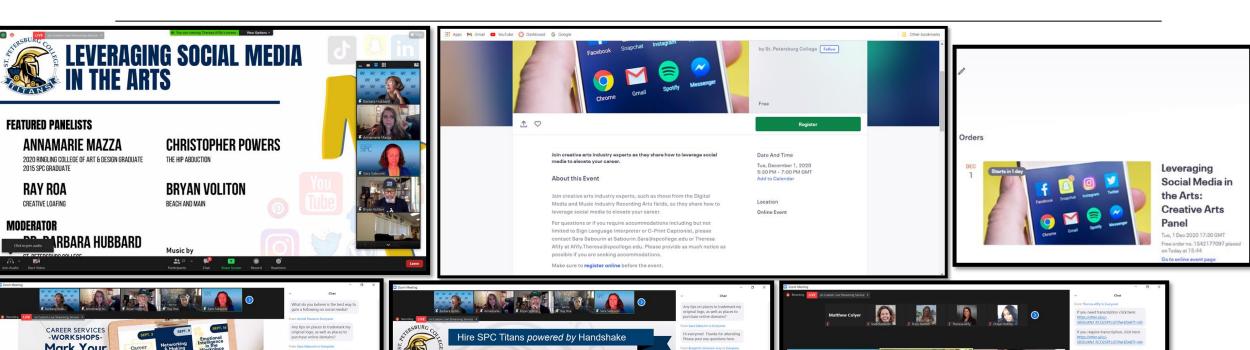


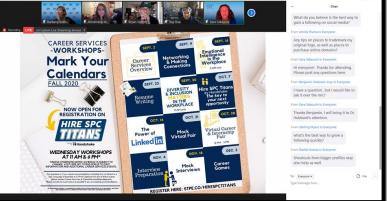


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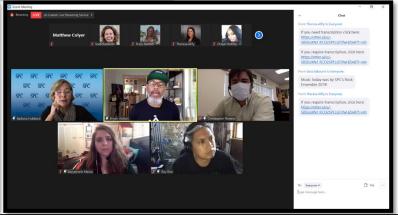
For this networking event hosted by Adobe Max which was hosted from the 20th October until the 22nd October I was able to learn a lot about the Adobe software's via a teams calls. These teams calls were sent to my uni email and allowed me to access the link which is shown in the email bellow. This zoom call was a workshop that was hosted at 12 noon. The Adobe Max networking event had a lot of special guests including Tame Impala. He is a great artist and producer that offer a free virtual event. When I signed up to the Adobe Max event I was able to choose and search from a wide range of event which is shown in the colourful sessions image bellow. This allowed me to search for a key word which displayed what events were taking place. This was a great experience which allowed me to learn from top experts about the adobe software's such as Illustrator, Photoshop and the principles to what makes a good design.

Leveraging Social Media in the Arts: Creative Arts Panel





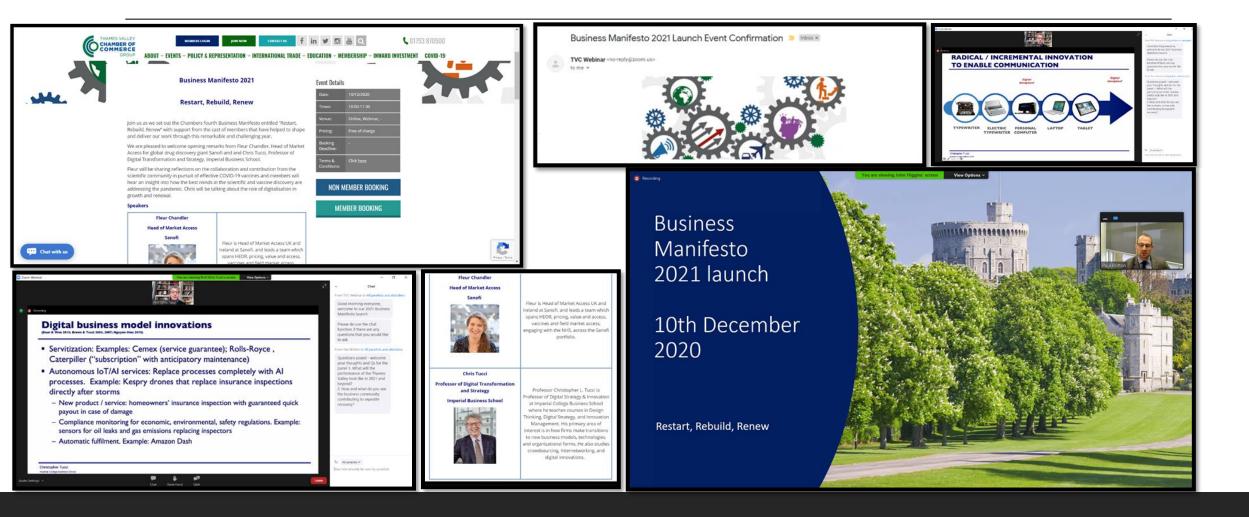




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For this networking event hosted by St. Petersburg College which was hosted on the 1st December I was able to learn a lot how social media impacts people from different creative industries at different stages in their career. For example Ryan is an experienced Illustrator and Chris has his own music band. This zoom calls was sent to my email and provided a simple link which said how to join. This is shown in the image bellow with the orange bordered button. This zoom call was completely free and it had very experienced people that were able to give their opinions and views on all aspects of social media. We were able to ask questions in the chat and the judicator would ask the experts. This is shown in the image bellow with the chat open on the right. This was a great experienced that allowed me to understand the importance of social media from a wide range of different background information and their experience of how the digital media industry has changes over the years with social media.

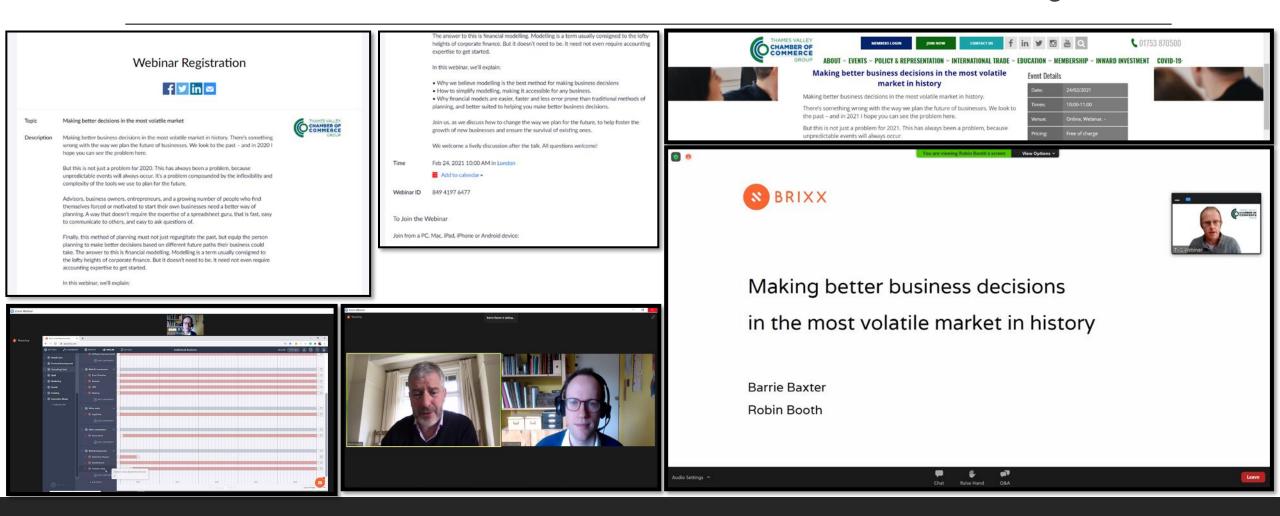
Business Manifesto 2021



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For this networking event hosted by Thames Valley, Chamber of commerce group which was hosted on the 10th December I was able to learn a lot about how brands are able to grow there ideas and the growth of technology. Chris Tucci who is a professor in digital transformation and strategy from Imperial Business School, was able to explain really well the importance of taking a chance on different technologies that the future is yet to show. This zoom call was sent to my email and provided a simple link which said how to join which is shown in the lower image. This was another great free zoom call that allowed me to learn the importance of trying to solve problems in the world instead of waiting for them to be solved. We were able to ask questions in the chat and the host would ask the experts the question. This is shown in the image bellow with the chat open on the right. This was a great experienced that allowed me to learn from top professionals in their related industry.

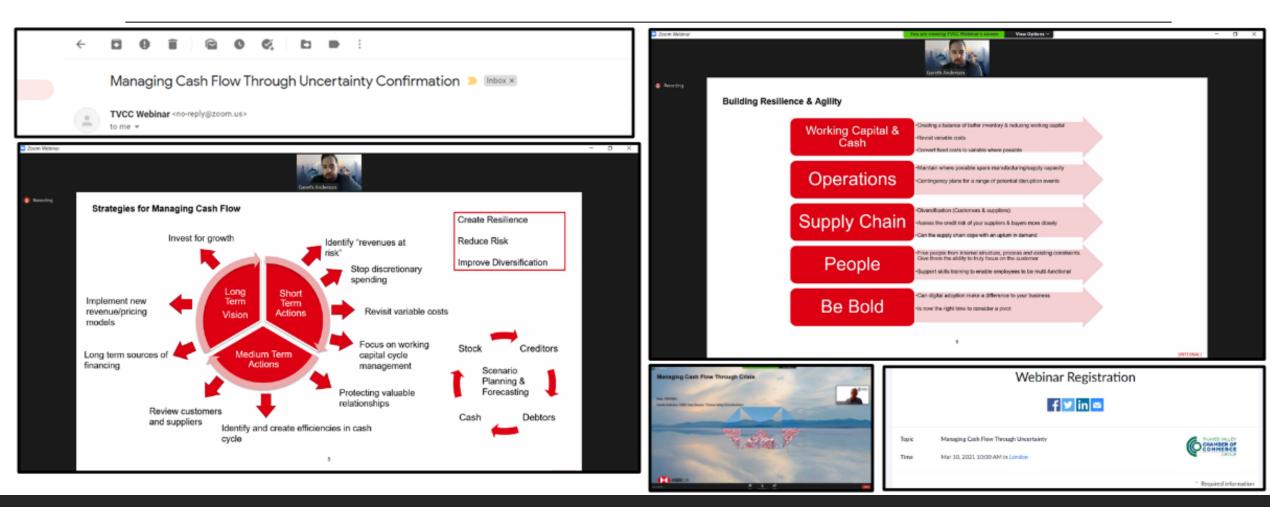
Making better business decisions in the most volatile market in history



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For this networking event hosted by Thames Valley, Chamber of commerce group which was hosted on the 24th February I was able to learn how to make better business decisions and the importance of having a plan that is update and that is flexible with dealing with the current market. This networking events is importance for me when consider if I want to start up my own business. Robin Booth worked for the Audiobook business which has been taken over by Amazon. He was able to explain how that business was ran with a break down of the costs of each of the departments. He was also able to explain the projection of the business and the risks that the business took and how it planned out. Barrie Baxter was able to give his own views of creating software that helped you manage and change costs to show different projections in a business. He was able to explain why human error is much higher in a spreadsheet form for a business and how much more easier it is to make adjustments using software online. This gives me a great overview if I am to set up my own business in the future.

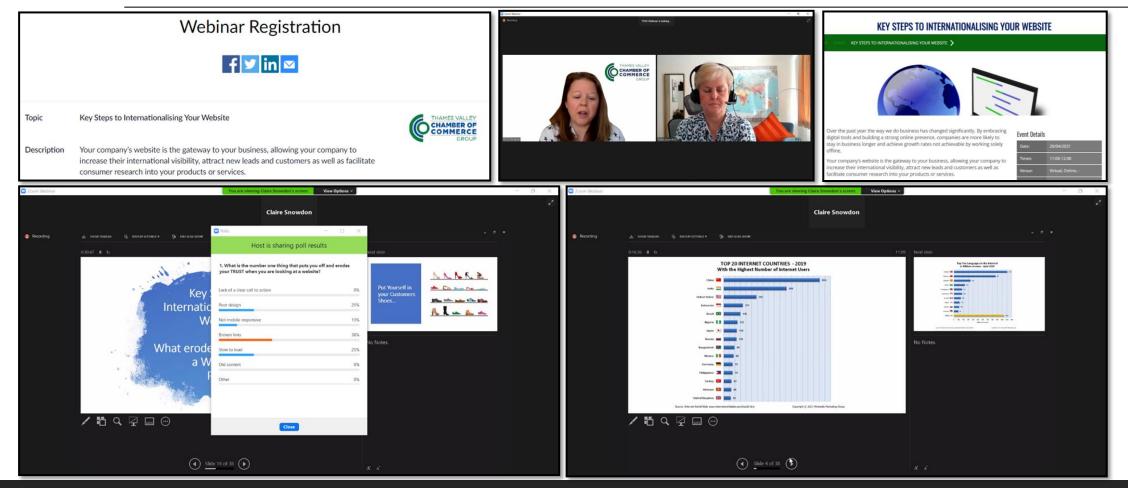
Managing Cash Flow Uncertainty



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For this networking event hosted by Thames Valley, Chamber of commerce group which was hosted on the 10th March I was able to learn how to manage a business in how the market has changed and become more digital. This networking events is importance for me when consider if I want to start up my own business or work for a company. Gareth Anderson who works for the bank HSBC explained the importance of having a good relationship with your business. If the company has a good relationship with you they will stay it contact and provide support in challenging situations such as covid. He was also able to explain the importance of having different strategies when working in a business. For example cash flow projects and contingency plans. The importance of how a business manages its expenses. The growing increase in software and digital features is helping and support companies. It important to be more adaptable to change and un known situations. Its important for any business to keep asking why to insure that all areas and factors are considered.

Key steps to Internationalising Your Website



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For this networking event hosted by Thames Valley, Chamber of commerce group which was hosted on the 20th April I was able to learn the key steps to Internationalising Your Website. This networking event explained the importance of your website being available for different languages and why SEO is very important for your website presence. Claire Snowdon was able to explain her experiences of providing services for countries all over the world. Not all countries use Google as their main searching platform. However, it is the most used search platform across the world. She was also able to explain the importance of having a fully functional website that doesn't have any broken links. This was the highest issue that the voting pole selected for what stops being from using someone's website. It was very interesting to see what countries spend most of their time on the internet and searching on sites. People want to find what they are looking for quickly on peoples websites and the word, trust is very important for a customer. Having a simple navigation bar that provides a drop down allowing the user to select the language they would like to view your website in.

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