

CULTURE AND CREATIVITY AWARD



ANGELIKI ATHANASIADI
Middlesex University

Angeliki Athanasiadi is a distinguished graphic designer, educator and cultural ambassador. As the founder of Graphic Stories Cyprus, she has made a significant impact on the visual communication industry, fostering creativity and global collaboration in over 75 countries worldwide. Angeliki's UK education at Middlesex University equipped her with critical thinking, organisational skills and innovation, shaping her teaching methodology and inspiring numerous students to pursue studies in the UK. Angeliki aims to continue advancing design education and cross-cultural collaborations, with a focus on sustainability and technology. Her work has elevated Cyprus on the cultural map, empowering communities through art, design and education.



Dr CHRISTINA GEORGIU
City, University of London
King's College London

Dr Christina Georgiou is an award-winning filmmaker, composer and writer. She serves as a faculty member at two universities in Cyprus and as a radio host at CyBC, promoting local writers. Dedicated to making a positive impact in her homeland, Christina has focused on broadening the horizons of local youth, raising funds for humanitarian causes and raising awareness of the issue of stray animals. Christina feels strongly that London's versatile artistic scene and multiculturalism were vital in developing an entrepreneurial mindset, centred on diversity, equality and a global conscience. Christina is now pursuing European co-productions of films with social impact.

Study UK Alumni Awards



COSTANTIA MANOLI **University of Northampton** **University of Leeds**

Costantia Manoli is an award-winning author, illustrator and educator. Her critically acclaimed debut, *Tomatoes in My Lunchbox*, shares the story of her name. Her second book, *The Fig Tree*, shares the story of Cyprus, putting the island into the hands of readers worldwide. She has contributed to the lives of many young people through her writing, bicultural projects and 20+ years in education. Studying at UK universities allowed Costantia flexible options for her unique study situation and combination of interests. Costantia continues to write the stories of her island and hopes to share these with even more readers worldwide.

BUSINESS AND INNOVATION AWARD



ANDREAS ANGELI
University of Dundee

Andreas Angeli is a passionate social entrepreneur dedicated to building a more sustainable and united future for Cyprus. As the founder of Together Cyprus, he has inspired and mobilised thousands, bridging communities to address environmental challenges with hope and purpose. Through his enterprise Omnia, Andreas drives innovative solutions that not only serve his homeland but resonate globally. The University of Dundee's emphasis on interdisciplinary learning, innovation and real-world impact gave him the tools to turn vision into action. It was at Dundee that Andreas discovered the power of collaboration, creativity and community – a foundation that continues to guide his choices today. With heartfelt determination, Andreas aspires to expand his mission, leveraging social innovation and meaningful partnerships to address challenges and inspire a new era for change. He wants to be a good man and enjoy every minute of the ultimate gift of life.



ANDREAS TSIVITANOS
University College London (UCL)
Northumbria University

Andreas Tsivitanos is a technology consultant and educator driving the modernisation of Cyprus's public sector. By supporting a €25 million initiative to digitise public services, Andreas has improved accessibility and efficiency for more than a million citizens. In education, he mentors over 100 students annually, fostering future technology leaders. Studying at Northumbria University and UCL equipped Andreas with practical skills and global perspectives to design impactful, user-centred solutions. Andreas aims to enhance public services and design human-centred solutions while inspiring innovation in education and governance.



DEREK GUIMOND
University of Essex

Derek Guimond is an international professional volleyball agent, a professional volleyball player and an education consultant providing pathways for hundreds of talented North American students and student-athletes to pursue their master's degrees in the United Kingdom. Through his companies – the Guimond Vukovic Group LLC and Uni-Me Consulting LTD – he has built an education consulting pipeline to provide opportunities for American and Canadian student-athletes to pursue higher education and sporting opportunities at British institutions. Derek owes many things to his foundational experience at the University of Essex. Under the tutelage of Professor Jay Mitra, Derek learned valuable entrepreneurial skills – such as business planning, marketing strategy and leadership skills – necessary to establish and grow a new venture. Alex Porter, the Head of Volleyball at Essex, provided him with the scholarship and support necessary to take the leap overseas. Derek is focused on expanding his company's reach to promote British bachelor's and master's programmes in South America, African, Asian and Middle Eastern markets.

SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD



Dr ELENI LOIZIDOU
Imperial College London
King's College London
University of Leicester

Dr Eleni Loizidou is a leading scientist, applying statistical methods to understand chronic disease aetiology and improve prevention, focusing on the interplay between genetic and non-genetic factors. Her research aims to advance precision medicine and public health, with her work providing key insights into the Cypriot population's health. Beyond research, she actively advocates for gender equality in science, supporting inclusivity and social change. Her academic journey at the three universities she attended in the UK provided her with world-class education, interdisciplinary expertise and invaluable skills that have shaped her career and deepened her passion to improve human health. Committed to translating research into real-world impact, Eleni aims to advance personalised medicine, promote healthy ageing and advocate for data-informed decision-making in Cyprus's healthcare system. Eleni holds a BSc in Mathematics, an MA in Mathematics Education, an MSc in Medical Statistics and a PhD in Statistical Genetics.



Dr KYRIAKI MICHAILIDOU
University of Cambridge
University of Oxford

Dr Kyriaki Michailidou is the head of the Biostatistics Unit at the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics (CING). Her work has been instrumental in identifying the majority of the common genetic risk factors affecting breast cancer susceptibility, leading to the development of polygenic risk scores for breast cancer that influence personalised screening strategies worldwide. Studying at the University of Cambridge positioned Kyriaki as a part of one of the world's leading cancer genetic epidemiology centres, collaborating with world experts in breast cancer genetics. The collaborative spirit and academic skills she gained were instrumental in her career. Kyriaki is now using her skills and expertise to make the Biostatistics Unit of the CING an excellence hub in cancer genetic epidemiology and inform national and international guidelines in cancer screening and prevention.



Dr TATIANA PAVLIDOU
University of St Andrews

Dr Tatiana Pavlidou is a postdoctoral researcher at the Cyprus University of Technology in Limassol, Cyprus. She has secured a grant to carry out her research on observational star formation, opening a new path of astrophysics research in her hometown and country. Tatiana studied at the University of St Andrews, which she values for its supportive and collaborative environment that enables researchers to learn from each other and excel. Parallel to her research work, Tatiana is exploring how to establish astrophysics as a research discipline in Cyprus's academia and is planning a series of outreach events to disseminate her work and inspire students.

SOCIAL ACTION AWARD



Dr ELENA PAPAPOPOULOU
University of Essex

Dr Elena Papadopoulou is the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning at Unicaf, leading efforts to provide access to quality higher education for underserved populations, primarily across Africa. Elena has supported thousands of students from over 156 countries, many the first in their families to access higher education. Through innovative teaching, research dissemination and capacity building, she has empowered graduates to drive change in their communities, improving livelihoods, fostering leadership and creating ripple effects that transform societies. Studying at the University of Essex was transformative, fostering critical thinking, innovation and a global outlook. Personalised mentorship and a multicultural environment shaped Elena's leadership, enabling her to design impactful programmes that empower underprivileged communities worldwide. Elena is leveraging her expertise in psycholinguistics and education, to drive innovative solutions in AI-driven education and inclusive practices, while scaling her impact on underserved communities through strategic partnerships and mentorship programmes.



KATERINA PANAGI
University of Leicester

Katerina Panagi is a dedicated Project Manager and Researcher, leading impactful initiatives in the areas of education, human rights, gender equality, social inclusion and youth empowerment. She serves as an Esteemed Member (Youth Advocate) of the Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network (CYGEN), championing gender equality and social justice. As the first Cypriot Correspondent for YourCommonwealth, Katerina plays a key role in amplifying the voices of young people within the Commonwealth. In her capacity as a Peace Champion for the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN), she is committed to promoting peacebuilding and democratic values through global collaborations that empower youth and foster positive change worldwide. Studying at the University of Leicester provided Katerina with essential analytical and scholarly skills, equipping her to address complex global challenges such as gender equality, inclusion and human rights. The university's rigorous academic environment helped her refine her leadership capabilities, empowering her to drive impactful international initiatives. In the future, Katerina aims to further advance her advocacy work and leadership skills by shaping policy strategies that support youth-led initiatives focused on promoting social inclusion, peace and gender equality on a global scale.



ŞADIYE İŞİSAL

University of Essex
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS),
University of London

Şadiye Işisal is a peacebuilding advocate (UN Youth Champion for Environment and Peace, Peace Ambassador for AHDR and Generation Nexus) and youth empowerment leader for the Turkish Cypriot community, committed to advancing reconciliation and inclusive dialogue in Cyprus. Her work amplifies marginalised voices and promotes lasting peace in her divided homeland. Her transformative education in the UK began at the University of Essex, where she gained a global perspective through cultural exchange opportunities in Japan and the Czech Republic. At SOAS, Şadiye overcame academic challenges – including her dyslexia – through innovative learning strategies. The universities' focus on inclusivity, critical analysis and academic rigor honed her skills in public speaking, advocacy and global networking, empowering her to lead peacebuilding initiatives. Şadiye aspires to become an expert negotiator and public leader, dedicated to facilitating a contextualised peace-making framework that integrates youth into all stages of peace processes.