



THE Awards 2019 – International Collaboration of the Year

Institution/Nominee	De Montfort University Leicester
Title	De Montfort University's #JoinTogether initiative
Key personnel	Claire Stevens Mark Clayton
Submission	<p>De Montfort University Leicester (DMU) began collaborating with the United Nations through its Department for Public Information in 2017.</p> <p>The UN was keen to utilise DMU’s expertise and social media influence to amplify its Together campaign to promote respect, safety and dignity for refugees and migrants, with DMU creating the #JoinTogether initiative and taking the world lead for higher education in highlighting the plight of forced migration.</p> <p>This work has been recognised by United Nations Academic Impact and DMU became the only UK university to be awarded global hub status for the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), chosen for SDG 16 to promote peace, justice and strong institutions.</p> <p>Collaborating with the UN has created an unforgettable learning experience for hundreds of students, enabling them to create impact locally and internationally, with conferences at the UN headquarters in New York and volunteering projects with refugees across Europe and the US.</p>