

# SML Year Abroad newsletter

## What did/do you do?

SML emails a newsletter to students who are on their year abroad.

## Who is involved?

Franck Michel and Liz Anderson write and send the newsletter.

## How do you do it?

The monthly newsletter has both academic and social content.  
Academic:

- reminders of deadlines
- reminders of tasks students should be doing, for example writing entries for their Personal Learning Record of their year abroad
- keeping students informed of personnel changes in SML that may affect them.

Social:

- lighthearted news about what's happening around campus
- photos of Newcastle in the snow.

## Why do you do it?

The newsletter helps remind students that they're still part of SML at Newcastle. Prompts about deadlines and tasks are important, but the community-building aspects of the newsletter can be particularly important for students who are overseas.

## Does it work?

The newsletter began as a response to student feedback asking for one, and continues to receive positive feedback from students.

## Teaching and Learning Case Study

HaSS 'communicating with students' project, 2010/11

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## Coherent Curriculum theme:

- Student Engagement