





Connect with Aber grads and career professionals for advice and networking opportunities

What is eMentoring?

A chance for current Aberystwyth university students, alumni and career professionals to give and receive career-related mentoring and advice via an online platform. Register at www.aber.aluminate.net

You can use eMentoring for anything from a one-off email to longer interactions as students and graduates plan and navigate their career options. Mentors can offer mentees:

- advice via email
- feedback on CVs and application forms
- valuable insight into a specific career
- visiting a mentor's place of work
- opportunities for work shadowing/experience



Making the most of eMentoring

- You might be a current student at Aberystwyth University, in the early stages of your career or an experienced graduate – eMentoring offers many opportunities for you whatever stage you're at.
- Aberystwyth's eMentoring scheme can help students and graduates build their networks and expand their opportunities. Need a helpful contact in a particular industry? Search the mentor profiles by profession, interests or location, and build a supportive network quickly and easily.
- However you fit into the Aberystwyth University community you might be a current student, a recent graduate or an experienced alumni, a career professional or a budding entrepreneur - a mentoring relationship offers you many benefits, such as providing guidance, giving objective careers advice to an inexperienced student, adding a new skill to your own CV and gaining an opportunity to share the benefit of your experience. You will find many positive benefits to this exclusive service for Aberystwyth University students.

Benefits for the mentee

- Build a network to help you make the first steps on your career path
- Expand your career horizons and look at what experienced Aber grads have gone on to achieve
- Get the advice, support and understanding of someone who has been where you are right now
- All from the safety and security of your laptop or mobile device





When you join the Aberystwyth eMentoring scheme you gain insights and connections that can help make your career ideas and plans a reality. Your mentor might offer advice and share personal experiences, giving you a personal connection and preparing you for life after graduation. You'll gain experience, build your confidence, make connections and find a whole new perspective on the possibilities open to you. As a mentee you get:

- One to one support from an experienced professional
- An opportunity to network and build contacts
- Insight into a job and career
- Help in recognising your own abilities and limitations in relation to your career ideas and in highlighting areas for development
- An opportunity to develop your knowledge of specialist skills
- Greater awareness of the employability skills you have and will need
- Practical advice on job search techniques and processes

Benefits for the mentor (Aber alumni and Career Professionals)

- Share your years of experience and knowledge
- Give students and other graduates the benefit of your knowledge and of what you have learned over the years to get where you are today
- Inspire students who lack confidence in pursuing career goals
- Stay connected and build a community of Aber grads who support and encourage each other in a competitive job market

Become a mentor and you will provide support, job hunting and application advice and guidance for a current student or graduate who will benefit from your unique experience and skills. Sharing your knowledge will provide valuable insight for mentees, keep you connected to the ideas and exceptional environment that Aberystwyth represents and help us secure a thriving, inspiring and enduring Aberystwyth University experience. As a mentor you get:

- Knowledge that you can help someone to grow in confidence and self-esteem
- Satisfaction that you can give a student or recent graduate increased knowledge, skills and experience in attaining their career goals
- A chance to develop a new skill for your own CV
- An opportunity to reflect on your own experiences from a new perspective and to learn from those about to enter into the job market
- An understanding of the challenges and expectations of students coming into the workplace
- An opportunity to increase networks and contacts outside of the current workplace environment
- Flexibility to 'turn off' your mentoring profile when you're busy





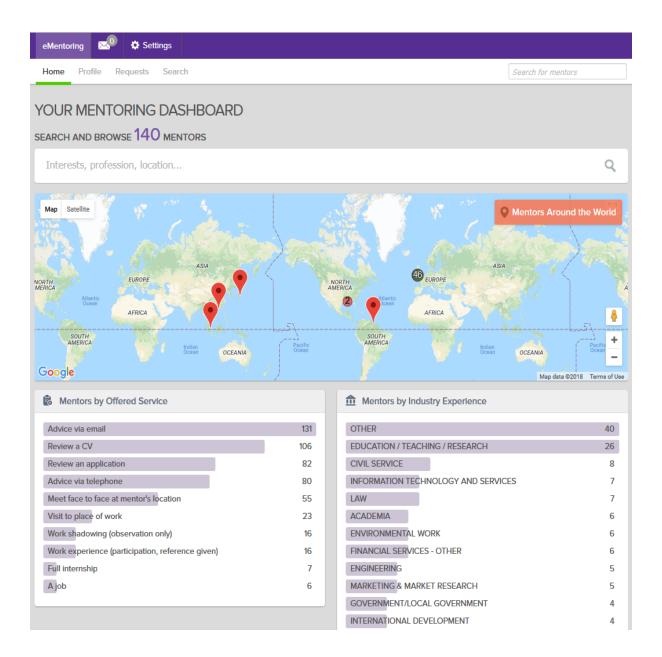


Quick Guide to using eMentoring

Register at <u>www.aber.aluminate.net</u> then follow the steps below:

Your mentoring dashboard

The Mentoring Dashboard is where you get started – it gives you access to every area of the system in your search for a mentor. You can select mentors by their offered service, industry experience or you can use the search bar and enter a keyword of your choice.





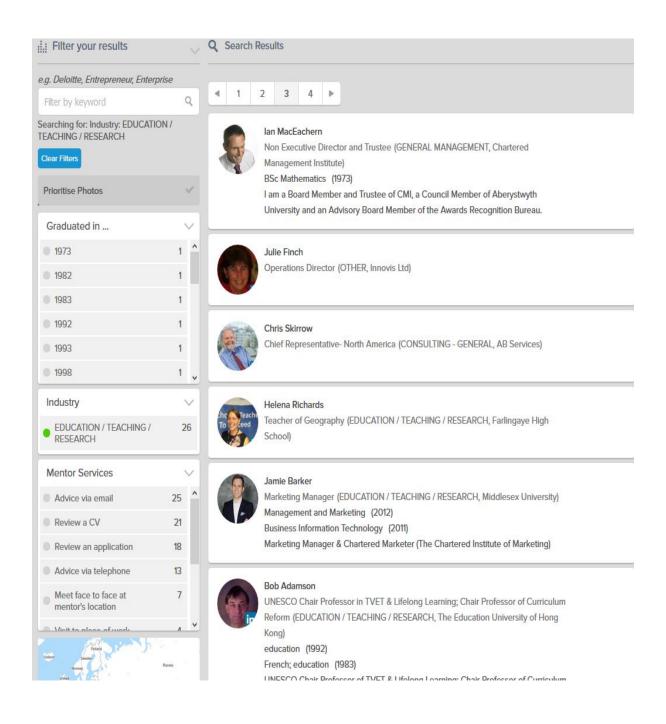


Mentor search and filters

The search option allows you to get specific information and results regarding a mentor that fits with your needs.

Finding a mentor

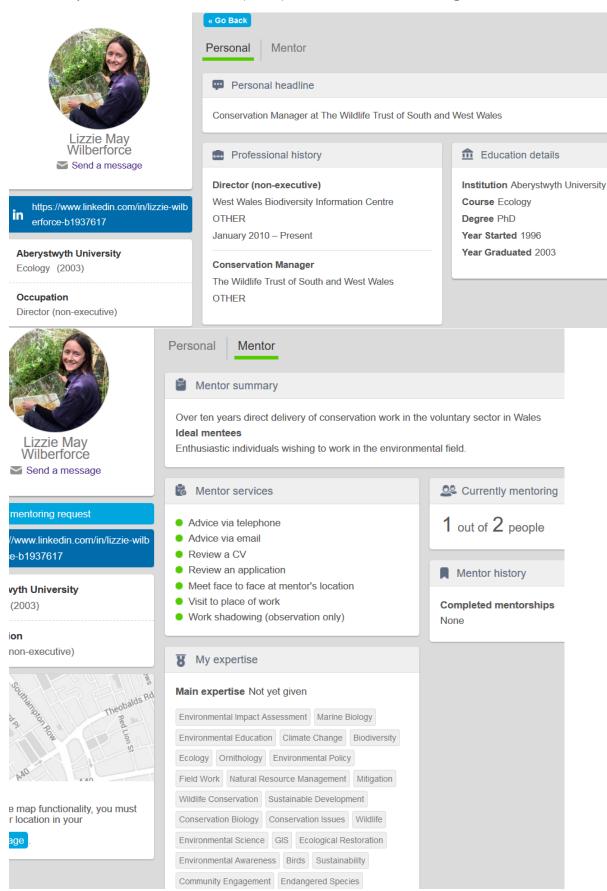
- Take your time to browse through the profiles and see what the scheme offers
- Each profile contains a Mentor summary and a Personal Headline
- The Mentor summary tells you more about what a mentor can offer you while the Personal headline tells you about the mentor's background
- The profiles that follow give you a brief taste of what the scheme offers







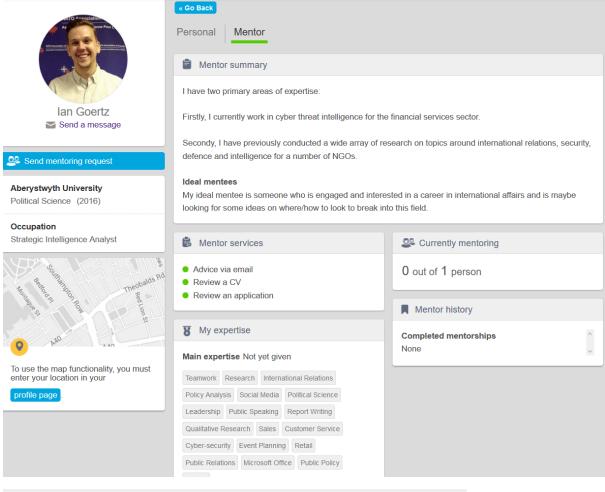
Lizzie May Wilberforce - IBERS (2003) - Conservation Manager





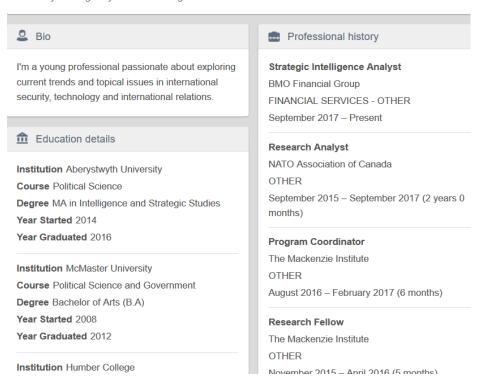


Ian Goertz - International Politics (2016) - Strategic Intelligence Analyst



Personal headline

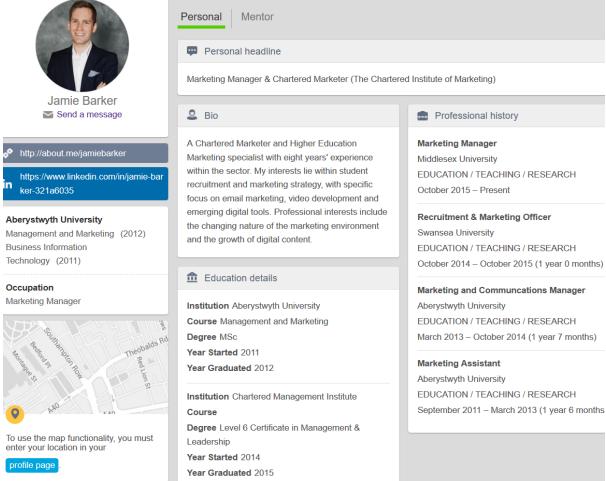
Currently working in cyber threat intelligence for the financial services sector







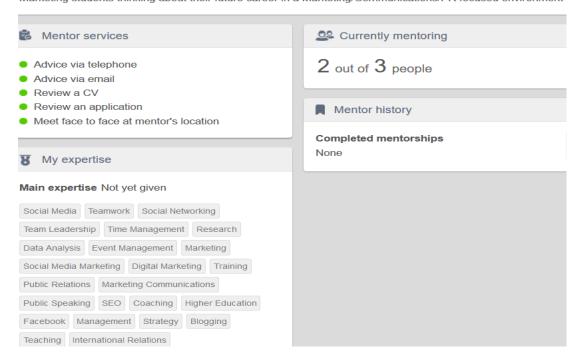
Jamie Barker – Business School (2014), Marketing Manager (Chartered Marketer)



I am a graduate of a Marketing & Management Masters at Aberystwyth, and currently oversee all student recruitment and reputation marketing for a portfolio within Middlesex University. This includes leading the implementation of the marketing strategy, leading on market research and delivering powerful and hard-hitting campaigns to achieve corporate marketing targets.

Ideal mentees

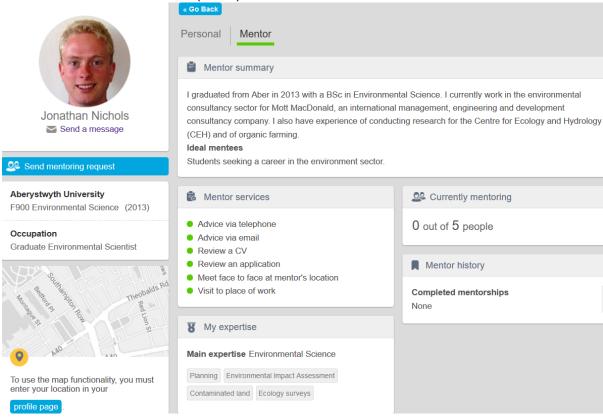
Marketing students thinking about their future career in a Marketing/Communications/PR focused environment







Jonathon Nichols – IBERS (2013) – Environmental Scientist



Personal

Mentor



Graduate Environmental Scientist

Mott MacDonald

BNI

ENVIRONMENTAL WORK

July 2013 - Present

Field and Laboratory Technical Assistant

Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH)

Lancaster

ACADEMIA

July 2012 – August 2012 (1 month)

Education details

Institution Aberystwyth University

Department IGES and IBERS

Course F900 Environmental Science

Year Started 2010

Year Graduated 2013



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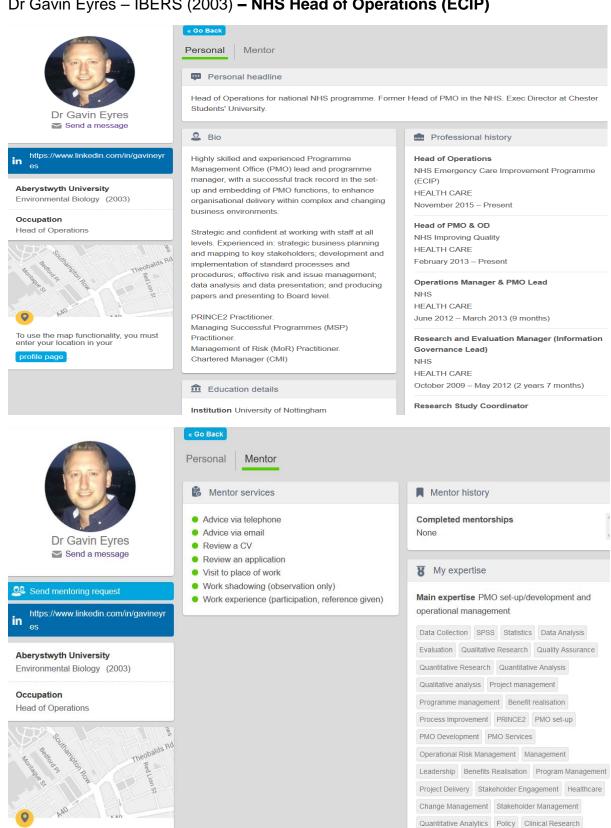
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Strategy Public Health Healthcare Management

Report Writing MS Project Private Sector Healthcare Information Technology Public Sector

Dr Gavin Eyres – IBERS (2003) – NHS Head of Operations (ECIP)



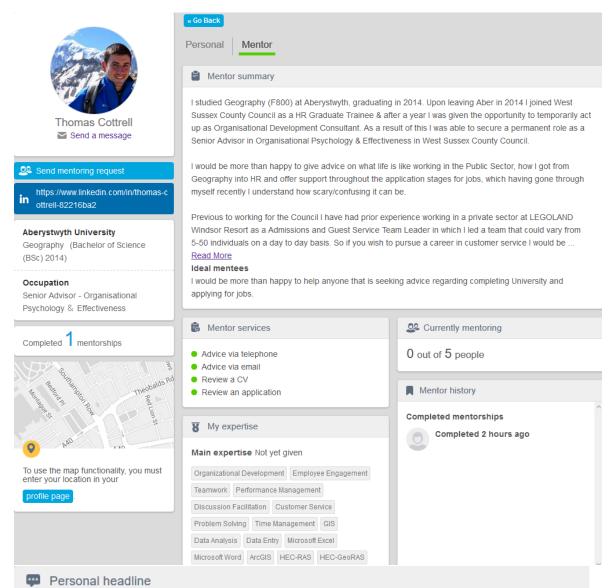


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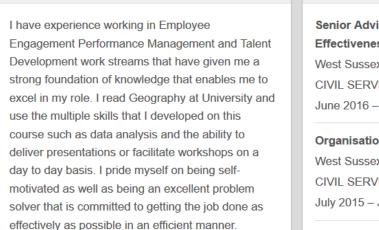
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Thomas Cottrell – DGES (2014) - Senior Advisor Organisational Psychology & Effectiveness



Currently working on a project to increase Employee Engagement at West Sussex County Council



Senior Advisor - Organisational Psychology & **Effectiveness**

West Sussex County Council CIVIL SERVICE

Professional history

June 2016 - Present

Organisational Development Consultant

West Sussex County Council CIVIL SERVICE

July 2015 – June 2016 (11 months)





Thomas Banks - Computer Science (2009) - Product Manager with IBM



Thomas Banks Send a message

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https://www.linkedin.com/in/tomwillba

Occupation

Product Manager



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Personal

Mentor



Mentor summary

I graduated Aberystwyth University with a degree in Computer Science and went to work as a software engineer for IBM (with the desire to eventually progress from software engineering into a product management role). At IBM I have had several roles over the last 5 years including:

- Software development
- Research
- Team leadership
- Developer advocacy/technical evangelism
- Conference and event sponsorship, planning, execution and staffing
- Speaking to large audiences at conferences on technical subject matter

I am currently a technical evangelist/product manager so I do a range of activities from creating tutorial videos, sample applications for people to learn from, product planning (on things such as new licenses, direction we need to be taking the project) and on attending conferences and talking about the software we work on. It's a very exciting career and not something that I had planned at all. I have also been creating new software projects, getting the... Read More

The main reason I have been so successful in my career is because I was happy to take on new challenges, and to move out of my comfort zone on occasion. I believe I would work best with people who have a lot of ambition and a willingness to progress within a company - I can help advise on how to progress within a company, as well as growing and showcasing new skills needed to do so.



Currently mentoring

- Advice via telephone
- Advice via email
- Review a CV

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Thomas Banks

Personal

Mentor

Personal headline

I am a technical evangelist and senior offering manager on a large software product

Bio

I have a technical background in software engineering with a degree in software engineering from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, I have worked in various software development and research roles in IBM's Hursley development lab. I am dedicated to helping deliver software to enable businesses to build better apps, deliver them more quickly to market, and more cost effectively deploy

I currently work as technical evangelist and offering manager on the WebSphere Application Server Liberty team where my responsibilities include attending and improving IBMer attendance at technical conferences, building content to aid developers in using IBM software and helping to expand the development community who are using WebSphere Liberty. I specialise on our Docker and container strategy, as well as exploring new technologies and market spaces.

My latest product release is the IBM Voice Gateway - a cloud-native, microservice architected, connect to cloud offering which allows customer... Read More

Professional history

Product Manager

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES November 2014 - Present

IBM Hursley Laboratories INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES October 2012 - Present

Software Engineer

IBM Hursley Laboratories INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES May 2010 - October 2012 (2 years 5 months)

Software Engineer Industrial Trainee

IBM Hursley Laboratories

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES April 2007 - September 2008 (1 year 5 months)

fine Education details

Institution University of Wales, Aberystwyth

Course Computer Science



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Occupation

Product Manage



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Thomas Dockerill - English (2015) - Evaluation Officer for Highways England



Thomas Dockerill Send a message

http://www.linkedin.com/in/thomasdo

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Occupation

Evaluation Officer

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Mentor

Mentor summary

I studied English Literature at Aberystwyth University from 2012-15, and also worked for the International English Centre at the Uni as a Social Organiser.

Following graduation, I've worked for Birmingham Metropolitan College as a Strategy and Planning Officer, before moving on to work as the Policy and Strategy Coordinator for Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), part of the mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority.

I am currently working as an Evaluation Officer for Highways England, responsible for the appraisal and evaluation of major schemes being delivered as part of a £15bn investment programme.

My experience and expertise, therefore, involve:

Strategic planning

Stakeholder engagement

Writing reports/briefing notes

Project planning

Data analysis

Data visualisation

A mentee who, perhaps, can't figure out what sort of career/job they want. A mentee who feels lost, or feels they're on the right path, but can't quite steer themselves on to the right path. Or a mentee who knows what they're good at, but can't figure out what they should be looking for.



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Mentor services



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Advice via email.

Advice via telephone

Personal

Mentor

Personal headline

Evaluation Officer at Highways England



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http://thomasdockerill.co.uk/ w.linkedin.com/in/thomasdo

Occupation

Evaluation Officer



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I am an ambitious, young professional living and working in Birmingham, but originally hailing from

I have recently joined Highways England to work as an Evaluation Officer for their major transport schemes, which is something I have been able to achieve following my priceless experience working for the mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority, as a Policy and Strategy Coordinator for their transport body. Before this, I was the Strategy and Planning Officer for BMet College, supporting strategic business planning and building a labour market intelligence repository. I am experienced in writing reports, proposals and executive notes. I have also increased my good practice and experience in using CRM systems and extracting data for reporting purposes.

Previously I have been a Social Organiser for an international summer school, which involved creating a 12 week social programme consisting of two trips a week to somewhere within Wales and a popular UK city. Here I gained e... Read More

Professional history

Evaluation Officer Highways England

CIVIL SERVICE July 2018 - Present

Policy and Strategy Coordinator

West Midlands Combined Authority CIVIL SERVICE

October 2017 - July 2018 (9 months)

Strategy and Planning Officer

Birmingham Metropolitan College EDUCATION / TEACHING / RESEARCH December 2015 - October 2017 (1 year 10 months)

Customer Service Advisor

EDUCATION / TEACHING / RESEARCH October 2015 - November 2015 (1 month)

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Institution University of Wales, Aberystwyth



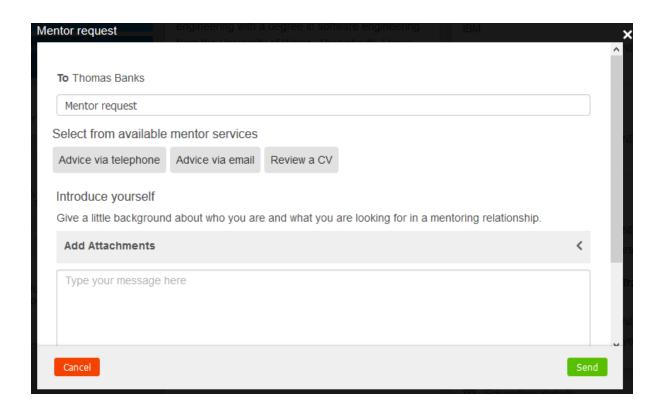


Making a mentor request

The next step is to send a mentoring request specifying what help/advice you would like from a mentor.

Click on short message to give it a personal touch.

For example, you could tell the mentor what year of study you are in or when you graduated, what you studied at Aber and why you are interested in them as a mentor.



If you need any more information or would like more support with the eMentoring registration process then please email the eMentoring Project Lead Anna McAdam - anm43@aber.ac.uk

There is no lack of KNOWLEDGE out there...

Just a shortage of asking for HELP