# Students become digital literacy ambassadors

This year’s [Student Ambassadors for Digital Literacy](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsesadl/) (SADL) programme saw 40 students recruited as Ambassadors, all keen to develop their digital literacy.

The programme is currently open to undergraduates in the departments of Statistics, Social Policy, International Relations and Law and is run by Learning Technology and Innovation (LTI) and the Library.

Student Ambassadors attended a series of workshops which concentrated on finding and evaluating information, research practices, sharing and managing information, and managing your digital footprint. They were designed to be interactive and an opportunity for staff to learn from students and for students to share their experiences with each other and their peers. Students received Amazon vouchers for participating and also a statement on [PDAM](http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/LSEServices/APD/personalDevelopmentAideMemoire/Home.aspx) in recognition of their skills and experience.

Four Senior Ambassadors were also recruited. Seow Wei Chin, Djelila Delior, Simran Masand and Eugene McGeown all completed the programme in 2013-14 and helped to plan and run the workshops in conjunction with LTI and Library staff. They also supervised a group project which was presented at the end of the programme.

SADL has attracted considerable interest from other universities, some of whom have also set up similar ‘ambassador’ schemes, where students help their peers or staff in the use of new technologies for learning. On 17 and 18 March [Dr Jane Secker](http://www.lse.ac.uk/researchAndExpertise/Experts/profile.aspx?KeyValue=j.secker%40lse.ac.uk) from LTI attended a national conference called the ‘Change Agents Network’ event. She was joined by Seow Wei Chin and Eugene McGeown who participated in a student panel, discussing their experiences as part of SADL. They had a chance to meet students involved in similar projects at UCL, Portsmouth, London Metropolitan University, Winchester and Greenwich.

Seow Wei said: “The Jisc Change Agent's Network event was truly an eye-opener for me. With an exponential increase in digital tools and dependence on technology in our daily activities, we can no longer deny that the future of education and learning will revolve (or is already revolving) around technology. I am glad that I was given the opportunity to speak to and be inspired by so many change agents around the UK. I hope that we will be able to extract the knowledge gained from this event and instil it into learning at LSE.”

Eugene said: “The Change Agents Network event was an invaluable experience. While speaking to the staff from a range of universities, I was amazed and inspired by their enthusiasm for empowering students…. I think we all now have some great ideas for SADL, and I'm excited to see what we can do in the future with our network of support from universities across the country.”

For more information about SADL, [click here](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsesadl/). We will be recruiting a new cohort of student ambassadors will be in October 2015.