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## WELCOME

**BY STUART MCKAY**

As we celebrate our achievements and bid farewell to 2024, I'm mindful it's been a tough year for some in our KTP community. While wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year, my thoughts are with those for whom 2024 was particularly challenging. This Christmas I plan on connecting with friends, family, colleagues, and even strangers by asking, "Are you okay? How can I help?" in the certain knowledge small acts of kindness can make a big difference. You might wish to consider doing likewise.

## KTP TEAM NEWS

Seasons greetings readers! We wish everyone a warm welcome to the December edition of The Ternio. We hope you're looking forward to catching up on what we've been up to since our September edition and join us in winding down for the holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone!



## CENTRE NEWS

We're delighted to announce two new KTP project submissions in partnership with Houston Kiltmakers and Aldomak. Readers can dive into the details of these collaborations on the next page.

A warm welcome to Brandon Forrest, our newest KTP Associate with Kooltech. Get to know Brandon later in this issue. At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to Shujaat Hussain, KTP Associate with PG Paper. While it's hard to see him go, we wish him every success in his future endeavours.

Well done to our nominees shortlisted at this year's National KTP Awards and congratulations to the winners. Readers can learn more about our finalists here. We've also submitted an application to the Scottish KE Awards for the Making a Social Difference Award 2025, showcasing the Raven Controls KTP project led by Naeem Ramzan.

December has been a festive and eventful month for our KTP community. On Wednesday, 11th December, we hosted our KTP Associate Christmas Lunch, followed by our Business Innovation Lunch the very next day. It was a week filled with holiday cheer! Don't miss the snapshots from both events in this issue.

# PORTFOLIO UPDATES

## PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

Our first of two recent bid submissions was with Houston Kiltmakers, a fourth-generation, family-run business with over 100 years of expertise in Highland wear and tartan craftsmanship. Their store is located on the High Street down from UWS Paisley campus; it's great to partner with such a local business!

In collaboration with the School of Business & Creative Industries, this KTP project will support the digital transformation of the business, enhancing management capability and accelerating UK and international growth whilst maintaining the tradition and artisanal nature of the business

Our second recent submission was with Aldomak, a family-run handmade confectionery business based in Giffnock, Glasgow. Established in 1932, Aldomak specialises in crafting premium Scottish treats and distributing ice cream accompaniments across Scotland and beyond.

In partnership with the School of Computing, Engineering & Physical Sciences, this KTP project's goal is to streamline and automate existing manufacturing, business processes and management systems, maximising productivity and providing a platform for accelerated growth.

We look forward to getting these new partnerships underway in 2025!

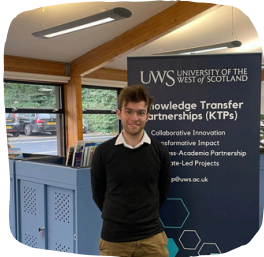
## LIVE PROJECTS

Since our September edition, we're pleased to say our KTP project with Kooltech is now live, with KTP Associate, Brandon Forrest in post.

As a reminder to our readers, our KTP project with Kooltech and the School of Computing, Engineering & Physical Sciences focuses on the development of an industry-first modular app and web-based commercial heat-pump plant design, procurement, installation and monitoring platform.



We'd like to introduce our new KTP Associate, Brandon Forrest, who is working on the KTP project with Kooltech.



BRANDON  
FORREST

### Why did you apply to the KTP Associate role?

I enjoyed the idea of having a job which gives me the benefit of maintaining an academic and research role while continuing to work in active industry.

### Were you aware of Knowledge Transfer Partnerships before applying?

No, I had never heard of the program until I had read the job description.

### Please share some things you've enjoyed about your KTP experience.

I have travelled up and down the country meeting various members of Kooltech and done factory visits of key components for air source heat pumps.

### What are your initial expectations for your role in this partnership?

I think this role gives a nice opportunity to take ownership of a product, and see it through from start to finish. Not many roles for recent graduates give the chance to build a product from scratch that will have immediate and clean business applications and benefits.

### How do you see this KTP project contributing to your professional development?

I primarily see this role benefiting a wide area of skills, the most interesting of which are the skills that land outside of my technical abilities. The skills involved with managing a project through and engaging with key stakeholders to ensure that the business needs are met are skills will hold useful for my entire career I imagine.

We wish Brandon all the best as he navigates his KTP project and becomes familiar with the company and academic teams. His first LMC meeting was a great success and we look forward to reporting project outputs in future editions.



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# KTP ASSOCIATE LUNCH

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We were delighted to invite our KTP Associates and Academics to our KTP Associate Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11th December. We had a lovely afternoon full of Christmas games, pizza and festive cheer!



WELL DONE  
TO OUR  
WINNERS!

# BI CHRISTMAS LUNCH

## FESTIVE FEELING

We kept the party going with our Business Innovation Christmas Lunch on Thursday 12th December in Glasgow!



# PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## LYNNE BEVERIDGE

Dr Lynne Beveridge, KTP Associate with Habitat Learn who started her KTP journey in October 2023, completed her Professional Diploma in UX Design (this was done online through the UX Design Institute). Many congratulations!



## BRANDON FORREST

Our KTP Associate with Kooltech, Brandon Forrest had his first LMC meeting at the beginning of December. Well done on a successful first LMC, with many more to come!

## KTP ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE

A few of our KTP Associates had the pleasure of attending the KTP Associates Conference 2024 at the London Metropolitan University in November.

- Athanasios Koulis, KTP Associate with RoukenBio
- Chioma Adeomi, KTP Associate with Forte Engineering
- Diego Serrate, KTP Associate with Sportex Recycling
- Ray Holder, KTP Associate with Smartify



# SEASON'S GREETINGS



## FEELING FESTIVE

The KTP Team's been getting into the festive spirit as of late and we've got plenty to share! Our colleagues and KTP Associates have been kind enough to share their traditions and favourites of the festive holidays.

## WHAT SMALL BUSINESS WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR PEOPLE TO SHOP AT THIS FESTIVE PERIOD?

**Lynne:** Libby Walker. Libby has the most amazing Scottish themed Christmas baubles for sale, as well as her brilliant artwork.

**Ray:** I recommend supporting local small businesses, such as craft shops or artisan food producers in your area. For me, there's a fantastic local bakery in Beith that makes incredible festive treats.

**Athanasios:** Anything that is handmade and artisan made produce.

**Emma:** Found (Partick), Skinvelop (Partick), Biscuit (Hyndland).

## WHAT'S A GOOD ITEM TO PUT IN A STOCKING FILLER?





# SEASON'S GREETINGS CONT.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS SONG?

**Lynne and Ray:** Fairytale of New York by The Pogues

**Emma:** Merry Xmas Everybody by Slade

**Carol:** Last Christmas by Wham!



## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

**Ray:** Spending time with loved ones, the cosy atmosphere, and the general sense of goodwill and joy in the air.

**Emma:** Spending time with family and friends and feeling grateful for the past year.

**Olivia:** Celebrating with family and friends. I am hosting a potluck this year for friends and I am excited go to my family home for Christmas and have a rest with plenty of food.

**Carol:** Time with family and time off work.

**Lynne:** Watching my daughter get excited for Santa!

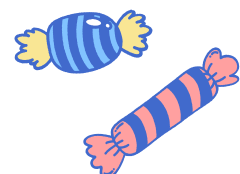
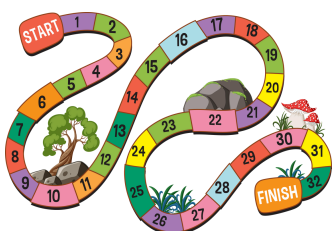
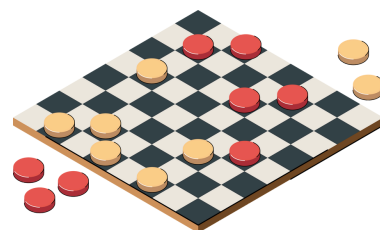
## WHAT'S YOUR SUGGESTION FOR A SECRET SANTA GIFT?

**Emma:** Gift sets (Lush, Boots), chocolates, mini-hampers (cheese, chutney, crackers), board games.

**Ray:** Candles or a box of chocolates are always a safe and appreciated choice.

**Athanasios:** Chocolates is always nice or 2 tickets to an interesting event.

**Stuart:** PuttOUT Devil Ball - perfect for golf fans!



# IN CLOSING

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A big thank you to our KTP community - business partners, academics, and KTP Associates - for their incredible efforts over the past months. We're excited to embark on new partnerships with Aldomak and Houston Kiltmakers while seeing existing projects, like Kooltech, progress with the KTP Associate now in post.

2024 has been a year of change and growth for the KTP team, with new colleagues, KTP Associates, and business partners joining us. We're grateful for the collective innovation that drives our success and appreciate everyone involved in making these partnerships thrive. Here's to an exciting 2025 for Team KTP!

Want to learn more about Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)? Turn the page to find out how to get in touch.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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UPCOMING BID DEADLINES

5th February 2025

9th April 2025