



# LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE

Newsletter

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The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers each month and can also be found online [here](#). We know you get a lot of emails, so we like to keep things brief – click on the (underlined) web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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## 1. Doctoral College News

There's still time to contribute to our new 'Doctororientation' induction for new postgraduate researchers, which launches in October 2018. The 5 minute survey – about the best places to visit on campus – closes at the end of the day on 30<sup>th</sup> June: <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/doctororientation-survey>

Please note that our daily lunchtime drop-in schedule has now ended. Thank you to everyone who got involved, either hosting or coming along to find out more about the support offered by services across the campus.

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## 2. Upcoming Events

- **Women at Leeds Network Conference, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Jun, 12:00-15:00 Civil Engineering, LT A (1.10).** The theme for this year's conference is *Meeting Communication Challenges*. Hear about how women at Leeds have met the challenges of communicating their work – in media, public engagement and schools work, and work with policy-makers. Includes [public lecture](#) by Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE. Register for the conference [here](#).
- **'Crippling the Muse', 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Jul.** Are you interested in Music & Disability? Would you like to develop inclusive research practices? This School of Music 2-day summit event will explore the interfaces between music and disability studies. Booking is now open [here](#) (student tickets are just £20).
- **International Day of LGBT+ people in STEM, 5<sup>th</sup> Jul.** The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) faculties at Leeds are planning a seminar event to improve the visibility and representation of LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender +) people in science. If you are a researcher in a STEM subject who

identifies as LGBT+ and would be interested in presenting your research work at an LGBT+ STEM Day event, or if you would like to know more, please contact: [h.coop@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:h.coop@leeds.ac.uk)

- **Learning Technologist of the Year Awards**, held in Sep 2018 at the [ALT](#) (Association for Learning Technology) Annual Conference in Manchester. Find out more and enter the Awards [here](#).
- **Research Nights, Tue 24<sup>th</sup> July, 18:00-20:00, Pyramid Canteen, LUU**. Join us for another thought-provoking evening of talks, delivered by our very own postgraduate researchers. Whether you're new to presenting or research, or want a chance to practice before your viva, everyone is welcome to speak at Research Nights, and everyone is welcome to come along and listen. Training is provided. If you'd like to find out more, just get in touch! [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk)

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### 3. Wellbeing

#### Summer Activities

There are a wide range of events and activities happening both on and off campus during the summer months, from countryside walks and trips to sports matches, to volunteering opportunities and shared meals. For the full schedule of activities and information on how to sign up, please visit the [Global Community webpages](#). For further updates, follow the **Global Community** [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

You can also follow our friends at Leeds University Union's **PG Hub** to find out what they have planned over the summer (and beyond): <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsPGHub/>

On Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July campus will be hosting the annual **Staff Festival**. With the theme 'A Festival of Making', there will be a packed programme featuring workshops, refreshments, entertainment and competitions suitable for all ages. Postgraduate researchers are welcome to attend and get involved. Find out more [here](#).

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### 4. Research Skills / Training Opportunities

#### ESPRC Enterprise Challenge

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jul 10:00-17:00 & Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Jul 09:00-16:00

Free **residential** two day event at Weetwood Hall Conference Centre for EPSRC-funded Postgraduate Researchers, including overnight accommodation. This event is a perfect opportunity to network with researchers from a range of disciplines and includes a free networking evening meal. Places are limited, book [here](#) to secure yours!

#### Feeling at Home in Leeds

The International Student Office and the Doctoral College are running a free 2 week course for **international postgraduate researchers** to help you improve and develop your skills in the following areas:

- Participating in academic groups
- Making social conversation
- Seeking help
- Expressing disagreement and saying no

Sessions will take place on **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> and Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018, 14:00-17:00**.

To register your interest, contact [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk) by **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

The Feeling at Home in Leeds course was developed in collaboration with Student Counselling and Wellbeing.

#### Festival of Teaching

This summer the university is celebrating higher education teaching by showcasing a host of national and international speakers. Guest presenters from Harvard, as well as a host of National Teaching Fellows, will join a number of others speakers in the festival of events jointly organised by the Academy of Innovation and [Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence \(LITE\)](#) View the programme, which will be updated with new events throughout summer, here: [Programme Festival of Teaching 2018](#) To register your interest in one of the Festival events please email [LUBSAcademyofInnovation@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:LUBSAcademyofInnovation@leeds.ac.uk)

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## 5. Spotlight on...

### Graduation

Summer graduations begin on 9<sup>th</sup> July and continue through to 20<sup>th</sup> July. You can find the schedule online [here](#). If you're tweeting photos from graduation the University hashtag is **#LeedsGrad18** – if you include 'PhD' somewhere in the tweet too we'll be able to find you and retweet your image to celebrate your achievements!

On Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July the Doctoral College is hosting its first PhD Graduation Celebration in the Pyramid Canteen. If you are graduating in July you should already have received an invitation to this event – if you haven't and would like to know more, please get in touch at [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk) If you have been invited but haven't registered yet, you have until 30<sup>th</sup> June to do so.

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Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with all of our exciting developments and events!

Best wishes,

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