



# 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

The University is changing the way it delivers inductions for new postgraduate researchers. From Oct 2018 we are incorporating a **self-guided, app-based campus orientation tour** into the induction. The orientation tour is designed to give new researchers the opportunity to explore the campus and discover services and places that will be helpful during their time at Leeds. In order to include the most relevant and useful stops on the campus tour we want to know about the services and places our existing postgraduate researchers think are important. We've put together a **quick survey** and would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete it:

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/doctorientation-survey>

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## 2. Upcoming Events

- [Women of the Global South and its Diasporas: Rights, Representation and Activism](#), Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jun, 9:30-17:30, LT LG.06, Liberty Building, School of Law. [Women's Paths Research Group](#)'s event explores how feminist scholarship and practice might coalesce to create real change for women of the Global South, including those living in the diaspora. Register free (including breakfast and lunch) [here](#).
- [Great British Cooking Demonstration](#), Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Jun, 14:00-16:00, Refectory, LUU. Join Great Food at Leeds and Global Community for a cooking demonstration. Professional chef Simon Wood will show you how to make some delicious British dishes. There will be food to taste, so come with an appetite! This event is free and open to all University of Leeds students.

- **Research Nights, Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Jun**, 18:00-20:00 in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. All are welcome – no booking necessary. Follow the link for info. Contact us at [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk) to find out how to take part as a speaker at future events and gain valuable presenting experience (training is provided).
  - **2018 CERIC Doctoral Conference, Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Jun**. The theme this year is ‘Inequalities in the Workplace’ and registration is now open [here](#). CERIC is the Centre for Employment Relations Innovation and Change, part of Leeds University Business School. *Call for papers closes Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jun*.
  - **‘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)
  - **Graduation Ceremonies, 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Jul**. Graduation dates for July are online [here](#). Registration for July graduations is open now. [Application for extra tickets](#) to attend Graduation is open from 12:00 on Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Jun until 12:00 on Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Jun.
  - **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](#).
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### 3. Wellbeing

#### Workshops

The [Student Counselling Centre](#) is running a series of monthly ‘Dr Who’ workshops that focus on challenges and strategies that are particularly relevant to postgraduate researchers:

- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Jun, 16:30-18:30 – Manage your own Wellbeing

To find out more about these workshops, including how to sign up for them, [click here](#) or email [scc@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:scc@leeds.ac.uk)

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### 4. Research Skills

#### Library Workshops

- Shut Up and Write! For postgraduates and staff (weekly sessions; [book here](#) - further sessions released weekly)
- Literature Searching for your Research Degree, 15<sup>th</sup> Jun: [book here](#)
- Increasing the Visibility of your Research, 8<sup>th</sup> Jun: [book here](#)
- Research Data Management Essentials, 21<sup>st</sup> Jun: [book here](#)

#### IT Training

- Matlab Advanced (2-day course), Wed 27<sup>th</sup> & Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Jun, 09:30-16:30: [book here](#)

This is a two-day practical advanced [MatLab](#) course aimed at postgraduate researchers who need to build up MatLab skills for their research. Participants must have completed the Introductory MatLab Online Training Workshop or have previous experience in Matlab.

#### Talking Writing Seminar Series

- Sharing Writing Resources and How to Work with Them, 13<sup>th</sup> Jun, 17:00-18:00
- Writing Question Time, 27<sup>th</sup> Jun, 17:00-18:00

The aim of this series is to open up discussion of thesis and research writing, making the often hidden processes of writing more transparent. Each session includes both established researchers talking about writing/their own experiences of writing, and opportunities to seek advice about your own writing concerns. No need to register, just turn up to the Edward Boyle Library, Level 13 Meeting Room 1.

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## 5. Spotlight on...

### Hillary Place Papers

The online journal of the School of Education is a student-managed outlet for research students to publish their work, and share their ideas and innovations with the wider educational community. Find out more about Hillary Place Papers and read the new 2018 issue here: <https://hpp.education.leeds.ac.uk>

### 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.

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## 6. Help Wanted

### Research Participation

Researchers from the University of Sussex, Brighton and Sussex Medical School and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust are looking for participants in an online survey that aims to understand and improve the mental health of PhD students. The survey should take no longer than 20 minutes and there's the chance to win an iPad mini. Find out more about the project here: <http://bit.ly/u-doc>

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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,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Claire". The signature is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

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