
The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers (PGRs) and members of the Doctoral College, and is published as an announcement on the Leeds Doctoral College Organisation on [Minerva](#). Past editions can also be found online [here](#). Click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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1. DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWS

Leeds Doctoral College incorporates all eight Faculty Graduate Schools and the central Doctoral College Operations team. We also have a base on Level 12 of the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff building, where you can find the Doctoral College Seminar Room (12.21) – which holds up to 15 people and is available for booking – and the Doctoral College Reception (12.22a), which leads to the Dean of the Doctoral College's office (12.22b).

The Doctoral College Reception is open **9:30 – 12:00, Monday – Friday**. You can also reach us via email at doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk with any queries relating to your time at Leeds.

UNIVERSITY INDUCTION

If you are new to the University you are welcome to attend our Induction for PGRs on the afternoon of **Tuesday 19 February 2019**. The Induction includes **Doctorientation**, a self-guided tour of campus, and a chance to meet fellow researchers. You can sign up for the Induction here: <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/pgr-induction-february-2019>.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **University of Leeds Student Sustainability Research Conference 2019**, Friday **29 March**. This annual event is an opportunity to experience the latest sustainability research and projects taking place at Leeds. A full programme is available at sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/ssrc19. Registration is open [here](#).
- **Leeds Partnership Awards 2019**. The Partnership Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements, commitments and impact of students, staff, and PGRs at Leeds. We had a great showing for PGRs among last year's winners, including the academic representative of the year. It would be brilliant to replicate that success and celebrate our communities. Make your nomination [here](#) before 18 Feb 2019.

- **PhTea** will run in Pyramid Canteen from 3pm on Wednesday 6 February. We'll be joined by Inés Soria-Donlan and Katie Hodgkinson from the [Changing the Story project](#) who will share their experiences of taking their research into the public realm.
- **PG Breakfast Seminar** will take place in Common Ground from 9am on Thursday 7 February. The seminar theme of **interdisciplinary approaches to climate change** will be continued by the climate scientist Professor Tami Bond.

For more events, training and information look out for Leeds Doctoral College Announcements on Minerva.

3. WELLBEING & COMMUNITY

- **Dr Who: Wellbeing Workshop for PGRs.** [Student Counselling & Wellbeing](#) delivers an ongoing programme of workshops for postgraduates from all disciplines and stages of research. Everybody is welcome to attend as few or as many sessions as they wish! Find out more about the upcoming workshops and how to sign up on our [Minerva announcements page](#).
- **Feeling at Home in Leeds workshop for international (including EU) students and PGRs.** Whether you've recently arrived in Leeds, or been here for some time, the University offers face-to-face support and online tools to help you feel at home and make the most of all aspects of University life. [See our Minerva page](#) for more info on this opportunity, and apply [here](#) before midnight on Monday 11 February.
- **LeadLUU. Running in Leeds University Union election as a Postgraduate.** Leeds University Union (LUU) are led by six people elected from among their membership, and this includes PGRs. A position on the executive offers an extraordinary insight into how the University actually works and can lead to valuable changes. Read more about it on our [Announcements page](#). There will be a [special session for PGRs considering standing in the election](#) on 1 February at 4pm. If you want to run you can let LUU know before 8th February by completing [this survey](#).
- **PGR Rep Forum.** All PGRs are invited to submit questions anonymously to be discussed at the PGR Reps Forum, and to attend to raise questions in person. The Dean of the Doctoral College and LUU's Education Officer will take up and respond to any issues raised, big or small. The next forum will be held on 26 February in LUU and lunch is served. More information as well as the form to submit your questions is available [here](#).
- **Chinese Dumplings Cooking Demonstration.** Join Ellen Wang (Business School) on 21 February as she demonstrates how to cook traditional Chinese dumplings. You'll have the opportunity to have a go at making them yourself and tasting them too. A vegetarian option will be available. To find out more about Global Community's Eat Global activities, visit <https://students.leeds.ac.uk/eatglobal>.
- **Get Out, Get Active.** For day trips, walks and other adventures around Yorkshire and beyond, check out Get Out, Get Active's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). They run regularly, weekly activity programmes, as well as ad hoc kayaking, hikes and nutritional workshops that are open to all.

4. RESEARCH SKILLS & CAREERS

- **Individual Writing Consultations, 1-3pm, Tuesdays.** Available to book through the [training catalogue](#): 30 minute consultations to develop your doctoral writing (NB not proofreading). Focus is on helping you to help yourself resolve a specific writing issue.
- **Peer Review Workshop for PGRs in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures.** The workshop will consist of two activities: a panel session with experienced reviewers/editors/publishers from different disciplines, and a practical session. Find out more and register [here](#).
- **Library Workshops.** Sign up to one of the Library's [workshops or webinars](#) if you need help with literature searching, open access, research data management, using EndNote, or increasing the visibility of your

research. If you are looking for help with academic skills, writing your PhD thesis, research ethics, data protection, career development, getting funding and getting published, then [take a look at the OD&PL courses for research staff and students](#).

5. SPOTLIGHT ON...

RESEARCH NIGHTS

Over our 11 previous events, we have heard talks from 33 researchers, covering subjects as diverse as leadership and friendship, massive star formation, teens and technology, theatres as politics and much more! We are happy to announce that all Faculties have been represented, and talks received a high level of interest, engagement and questioning from the audience. Each Research Nights event features 3 speakers delivering short presentations about their research. We provide a training session for all participants one week before the event that our speakers have found very useful, as our audience is more general than you would find at a subject-specific conference. Whether you've just started your research and want to test some ideas, or want to practice talking about your work before your viva, everyone is welcome to speak or to be part of the audience.

Our next Research Nights event will be on **Wednesday 13 February** from 6pm-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Check out our [Facebook page](#) and [Minerva announcements](#) for updates. Drinks will be available, and the event also features a Pub Quiz!

If you would like to take part as a speaker please don't hesitate to get in touch – doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

6. HELP WANTED

Volunteering opportunity: Language Group Leaders

The [Language Zone](#) is looking for native speakers of **English, French, German, Japanese or Spanish** to volunteer as Language Group Leaders for semester 2. Please see our [Minerva page](#) for details. If you are interested you can apply online [here](#). The deadline is Wednesday 30 January at 5pm.

Student Volunteering Week 11 – 17 February 2019

For Student Volunteering Week 2019 the University and LUU will be offering lots of taster and information sessions. On Monday 11 February you can spend the day behind the scenes at the Oxfam online shop. On Friday 15 February you can join the Canal and River Trust to explore Leeds' historic canals and contribute to keeping the city's waterways and green spaces clean and tidy. Find out more and sign up at <https://oxfamonline.eventbrite.co.uk> and <https://canalriver.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and watch out for announcements on [Minerva](#) to keep up with future developments and events!

Best wishes,



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