

LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 on the [University website](#). Click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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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 reception is open weekly from 9:30 - 12:30 and any changes to this will be communicated via our social media pages. Please check our [Minerva page](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for updates relevant to the PGR community. You can also reach us [via email](#) with any queries relating to your time at Leeds.

****Key Travel****

The University uses [Key Travel](#) to book accommodation, flights and rail for staff travelling for work purposes. This service is now available for PGRs to use to book their own travel requirements.

PGRs will only have ‘Trip Holder’ access on the Key Travel system (and not booker status).

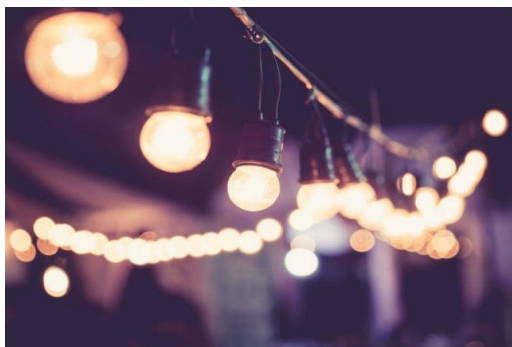
You will therefore be able to go onto the Key Travel system (or use the off-line Key Travel team) to organise your own travel requirements, but will not be able to make the final booking for the travel. There is a simple process to follow once you have finalised your itinerary on-line.

You should soon receive information from your School about how to sign up and what you need to do next. Keep an eye on your emails and [Minerva](#) for updates. For longer-term stays or when it is not feasible to use Key Travel for other reasons, please contact your Graduate School Office, as exceptions to the general rule that Key Travel must be used can sometimes be made.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Research Nights. Our next Research Nights event will be on **Tuesday 11th June** 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! Please [email](#) if you are interested in presenting – training provided!



Postgraduate Ball. This summer LUU will host their first ever Postgraduate Ball. They've been planning alongside a number of postgraduates from around the University and have set a date which suits the rhythms of the year for PGRs and which still lets you go to the annual Summer Ball if you want. Finally, a chance to celebrate with your friends and peers, whatever you have to celebrate. Save the Date: Saturday 14 September. **Tickets on sale Tuesday 18th June.** Keep an eye on the event page [here](#).

Research Ethics Workshop. Would you like to enhance your understanding of the research ethics processes and requirements in a group setting? Due to demand, OD&PL have added a further date for their Research Ethics Workshop so sign up soon! The next workshop takes place on **10th June**. [Book your place on the OD&PL website](#).

WRDTP 8th Annual Conference. The White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership holds its 8th Annual Conference here at the University of Leeds on the **19th June**. The theme for this year's conference is 'The Sustainable Development Goals'. The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 Global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. As in previous years, there will be a Poster Competition and the opportunity to present your research in the afternoon Pathway Sessions. Register [here](#).

PGR Peer-Mentoring Scheme. Reminder: whether you are a new PGR looking for guidance, been here a year or 2 already or in your final year of PG study, PGR peer mentoring is a great way to build confidence, share experiences and encourage your fellow PGRs. Consider signing up for the PGR Peer Mentoring Scheme! To find out more, or register as a mentee or mentor, please contact us at doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk.

Planetary Atmospheres Symposium. The Priestley International Centre for Climate invites you to this half day symposium on planetary atmospheres. The symposium will explore whole atmosphere chemistry, upper atmosphere composition, space weather and the link to climate change. The symposium is taking place on campus on **4th June**. For more information and to register go to the [event page](#).

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

Great British Cooking Demonstration. Join this cooking demonstration hosted by Great Food at Leeds and Global Community. Professional chefs will show you how to make some delicious traditional British dishes. You'll have a chance to taste them too, so come with an appetite! Takes place **19th June**, 14:00-16:00 at The Refectory. It's family friendly AND free! [Please book a place in advance](#).

Eid al-Fitr Celebration. Celebrate Eid al-Fitr together with LUU on **11th June** marking the end of the fasting period of Ramadan. Lunch will be provided from 12:15 and will contain a selection of halal, vegetarian and vegan foods. There will also be a range of fun activities including a natural henna station, craft activities, a games area, table football and more. The event is open to everyone! More information is available on the [LUU event page](#).

Oxfam Volunteering Session. Oxfam runs pop-up shops at festivals and events, raising vital funds to help fight poverty. You will spend the day behind the scenes at the Oxfam warehouse helping to sort donations and prepare for the next festival, whilst meeting new people and having fun. The next session is taking place on **21st June**, 09:15-15:30. It's free and you can book a place [here](#).

Make a film, win £300. The University has set out [a vision to make our campus smoke free](#). Make a short film for students about the University's move to become a Smokefree campus and be in with a chance to win £300 in vouchers. More information can be found [here](#). **Closing date Friday 28th June.** Good luck!

RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

Researchers in Schools. *Application deadline extended due to demand!* Have you recently completed your PhD? The Researchers in Schools programme is the world's only route into teaching tailored exclusively to PhD researchers. As a subject leader within your school, you will support pupils, regardless of their background, to excel and progress to higher education. [Find out more and apply](#) by **27th May!**

Library and OD&PL Courses. 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](#).

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON... POETRY

Our Professor of Poetry is the UK's next Poet Laureate. University of Leeds Professor of Poetry Simon Armitage has been appointed the UK's new Poet Laureate. Originally chosen by the monarch, the appointment is now approved by Her Majesty the Queen, acting on the advice of the Government; a shortlist of candidates for the poet laureate is selected by an advisory panel.



In due course, Professor Armitage will be received in audience by the Queen on his appointment as Poet Laureate.

Congratulations Professor Armitage! More information about the award and a video of the honorary graduation ceremony is available on the University's [website](#).

HELP WANTED

Volunteer Befriender/Mentor with Leeds Asylum Seekers Network (LASSN). Would you be able to offer some regular support to a new migrant or refugees in Leeds? LASSN are looking for Volunteer Befrienders/Mentors, on their 'Connecting Opportunities' programme, to offer a listening ear and support the mentee to achieve their personal and professional goals. To find out more about this role please click [here](#).

Ilkley Literature Festival Volunteer. An exciting opportunity to gain valuable arts and events experience as a volunteer at one of the UK's top arts festivals. The Ilkley Literature Festival are currently recruiting volunteers in a wide variety of roles from late September. There's also the potential to get involved throughout the summer with the planning of the festival. Their [website](#) has loads of information about the event and the volunteer roles available. The closing date for volunteer applications is **2nd August**.

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,

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

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