

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 by/for PGRs, free of charge – 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.

Library Spaces Survey

Please tell the University Library teams what you think about the Library spaces by completing [this short survey](#) and you will be entered into a draw to win one of five Love2Shop £10 shopping vouchers. It doesn’t matter whether you are a regular Library user or whether you have never visited them before, they are interested in hearing your views.

To be entered into the shopping voucher draw please complete the survey and enter your name and University of Leeds email address in the final box. The survey will close on **30th June 2019** and winners will be informed the week beginning 1st July.



If you have any questions about the survey please email research@library.leeds.ac.uk.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Research Nights. Our next Research Nights event will be on **Tuesday 31st July** from 6pm-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Check out our [Facebook page](#) and [Minerva announcements](#) for updates. The bar will be open and the event also features a Pub Quiz! Please [email](#) if you are interested in presenting – training provided!

Postgraduate Ball. [Tickets now on sale!](#) 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. **Saturday 14th September.**

Piers Sellers Prize 2019. The annual Piers Sellers Prize recognises world-leading contributions to solution-focused research in the names of name of climate scientist, astronaut, and Leeds alumnus Piers Sellers. 2019 winner, Professor Petra Tschaskert will deliver a lecture titled Climate Justice and the Anthropocene: Why We Need Social Scientists. **Monday 24th June**, 14:00 - 15:15, Speakman Lecture Theatre, Clothworkers Central. Please register [here](#).

Priestley Centre birthday events. To mark its 3rd birthday and the formal launch of the Priestley Building, the Priestley Centre is hosting a week of special events. All the events are listed [here](#) and include talks such as “Being a social scientist on the IPCC: Reflections on invigorating highs and deflating lows”, “The life and times of Joseph Priestley” and “A Laughing Matter? Comedy and climate change”. The week of events runs from **24th – 28th June** at various locations across campus.

CERIC Workshop. Centre for Employment Relations, Innovation & Change is hosting a workshop titled “Formulating research questions: how, why, when and where”. This class will examine how to formulate higher-level or higher-order research questions which are more profound in their depth and breadth of critical social science inquiry. **Thursday 4th July**, 9:30 – 13:30. For more information and to book your place, go to the [website](#).

WRoCAH-funded training course. “Writing Abstracts in the Humanities” is open to all Arts and Humanities doctoral researchers at Leeds, not just WRoCAH-funded PGRs. The one-day intensive workshop is being held at the University of York and as a Leeds PGR you may [claim travel expenses](#) up to the value of £15 to attend. **Tuesday 2nd July**, 9.30am - 4.30pm. More information and registration [here](#).

UK Congress on Obesity (UKCO). This year the [UKCO](#) will be held at the University of Leeds **12th-13th September**. As a University of Leeds student, the Faculty of Medicine and Health is providing further reductions in registration costs for the first 20 students who submit an abstract to UKCO2019. See [here](#) for full registration details.

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

Bedford Fields Forest Garden Volunteering. Bedford Fields Community Forest Garden is an open-access garden that provides valuable green space to the local communities of Woodhouse and Hyde Park. You'll have the chance to learn about forest gardening and get involved in practical tasks, whilst socialising, relaxing and having fun. It's free but do [book a place](#). **Saturday 20th July**, 11.00 – 16.00, Meet at Leeds University Union main entrance.

First Responder Training for PGRs. Organisational Development and Professional Learning (OD&PL) is offering PGRs who are in teaching roles the opportunity to attend a new training session: “Receiving and Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence, Harassment and Abuse.” The purpose of this one-day interactive workshop is to ensure staff and PGRs in a broad range of roles feel confident in how to receive and respond to student disclosures of sexual harassment and assault. This is a full-day participative workshop involving a mix of tutor input, individual and group

tasks, discussion and opportunity for reflection. **Thursday 18th July**, Please book your place [here](#).

Trip to Whitby. Visit this seaside town with Leeds University Union and take a stroll around the Abbey, made famous by Bram Stoker's Dracula. Meet at the Parkinson Building steps at 8:45am to depart at 9am. **Saturday 13th July**, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, £15.00. For more information and how to book see [here](#).

Picnic in the park. Join LUU on a trip to beautiful Roundhay Park, one of the biggest parks in Europe. Make sure to bring snacks to enjoy at the group picnic. Open to all. **Sunday 14th July**, meet at the Parkinson Building steps at 10:45am to depart at 11:00am. For more information and how to book see [here](#).

RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

Work for Leeds University Union. LUU's Political Engagement Team are looking for a new Democracy Project Worker to join their team for the 2019/20 Academic Year. It's a paid position, 20hrs a week for a year and you get to work on and support LUU's democratic processes like the Better Forums, policy work, and Lead LUU, the massive campus-wide election. **The closing date for applications is Friday 9th August**, and there's more information on their [website](#).

Sustainability opportunity. Sustainability is part of being a student at the University of Leeds, no matter what your discipline. Sustainability is cross-disciplinary, perfectly slotting into the majority of undergraduate and postgraduate courses and opening up a rich seam of research possibilities. The Sustainability team at Leeds are looking for a PhD or Masters student to work with them to develop resources for staff on embedding sustainability into the curriculum and to develop training resources for staff and students. [Find out more and apply](#) by **Wednesday 3rd July**.

Internship opportunity. WUN and the International Organization for Migration's Global Migration and Data Analysis Centre (IOM GMDAC) are delighted to be able to offer to a PhD student the opportunity to undertake a prestigious research internship at the IOM GMDAC office in Berlin, Germany. The intention is to offer the PhD student a placement of at least 8 weeks during the summer of 2019 (to be arranged by the selected candidate in conjunction with GMDAC) with funding for travel, accommodation and living expenses. For more information on projects and how to apply, please see [here](#).

Workshop - Time Management during your Research Degree. The aim of the workshop is to help postgraduate researchers to find ways to improve their time management. You should be able to leave the workshop with a range of ideas to have a go at implementing so that you can use your time better to achieve the things you want to achieve, be it more time for research or more time for leisure! Taking place on **Wednesday 26th June**, 9.30-12.30. For further details and to book on, click [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON... SUMMER IN LEEDS



Lots of students and PGRs are in Leeds during the University holidays and there are a wide range of events and activities which you can get involved with to make the most of this time of year.

From social events and wellbeing classes, to trips and volunteering opportunities, there are lots of things happening during the summer months. All students and postgraduate researchers are welcome to attend and many events are family friendly.

Please click [here](#) for the full programme and to find out more about the event (and booking details if it's necessary to reserve a place or buy a ticket in advance). For more updates and information, follow the [Global Community Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

HELP WANTED

Chapeltown Citizens Healthy Holiday Scheme Volunteer. Are you in Leeds this summer and want to be a part of a fantastic healthy holiday scheme which makes a huge difference to young children's lives? A fun and rewarding volunteer role whilst gaining experience if you're thinking of a teaching career. The scheme runs for 4 weeks from **Monday 29th July**. For a more detailed role description and to apply please see [here](#).

Volunteer Guardian at Growing Points. Would you like to provide some practical help to refugees and asylum seekers here in Leeds? A Volunteer Guardian will give friendly advice and support for service users to help them gain work in the UK. Growing Points are looking for volunteers for two projects: The Hidden Talents Project and The Pathways Project. More information about both projects can be found [here](#).

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 background.

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