



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 web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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1. Doctoral College News

*This month we've invited **Serene Esuruoso**, the new **Education Officer** at Leeds University Union, to introduce herself:*

"I'm really excited to be working with you all this coming year, as improving the experience of postgraduate researchers is high on my agenda. We also have a PGR as part of our exec this year, Tom, which will give us authentic input on what we can do for you.

Here at the union, we want to make sure improving the offer for PGRs is a university priority too. As a result, we have a new position in our Academic Representation Team dedicated to postgraduates. The role holder is Simon Sandison (s.r.sandison@leeds.ac.uk) and you can get in touch with him about anything.

We're currently working on a number of things including improving opportunities and support for researchers to go abroad, providing better guidance on PGR career paths outside of the academy, and getting improved recognition for postgraduate reps. We're still involved in a number of talks on some of the bigger ongoing issues around fair pay, car parking, and research spaces. As part of this, we're improving summer opening hours in the libraries (find out more [here](#)), and are involved in talks with the library about work spaces in the Brotherton.

In the meantime, feel free to get in touch with me at a.s.esuruoso@leeds.ac.uk. I'll be keeping you up to date with any progress made. Good luck with your research, speak to you soon!"

2. Upcoming Events

- **Research Nights, Tue 4th Sep**, 18:00-20:00, Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Our three speakers and talks are:
 - Luca Balata (Business School): The World Café: a qualitative research method
 - Jamie Ward (Earth & Environment): Earthquakes, Wiggles, Blobs and the Interior of the Earth
 - Abigail Frost (Physics & Astronomy): How do giants grow? An investigation into massive star formation
- **Freshers' Events, from 18th Sep**. Undergraduates will be returning to campus soon, and a new influx of postgraduates will be joining us in October. Check out the Union's [webpages](#) to find out about Freshers' Events you can get involved in, and watch for emails from the Doctoral College about new induction events!
- **Leeds International Piano Competition, from 24th Sep**, city-wide events, check the website for details.
- **China in Africa Symposium, Wed 26th Sep**, 15:30–16:30, Liberty Building LG.06. This seminar, featuring presenters from South Africa and Kenya, along with renowned UK-based authors and academics, will consider China's activities in Africa from a variety of perspectives including industrialisation, agricultural development, security and international relations. Find out more and register [here](#).
- **Student Education Conference 2019 (#SEC2019), 10th – 11th Jan 2019**. Contributions are being invited for #SEC2019, which will explore **Learning Spaces** as its main theme. The event will examine the many arenas in which students can learn and develop, create and collaborate, forge partnerships with communities, cross thresholds or take risks. It is part of a portfolio events organised by the [Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence \(LITE\)](#). Abstracts are due by Mon 10th Sep 2018, and more details can be found [here](#).

3. Wellbeing

Summer Activities

Summer's almost over, but you can still check out <http://students.leeds.ac.uk/outofterm> and follow the **Global Community Facebook** and [Twitter](#) pages for information on events, volunteering opportunities and study support!

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/>

4. Research Skills

'How to publish your PhD thesis' Fri 7th Sep, 11:00-12:00

Suitable for postgraduate researchers and research staff who are interested in publishing their PhD thesis. Particularly aimed at Arts and Humanities researchers. Currently fully booked, but you can email researchworkshops@library.leeds.ac.uk to be put on a waiting list in case places become available.

5. Spotlight on...

[Minerva](#)

Are you making the most of Minerva?

The Doctoral College will be launching its own Organisation in Minerva very soon, in which you will be able to access resources such as the PGR Journey modules, which will take you from induction to transfer, and post-transfer to completion, offering lots of helpful advice.

Discover more about support available to you at Leeds through the **Discover** tab in Minerva – a searchable resource featuring links to Wellbeing, Safety and Health, Academic Support, Sport, the Union and Opportunities.

Minerva

James Mason

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Discover

What are you looking for?

Try a keyword!

Your course

- Registration
- Paying fees and charges
- Module enrolment
- Making changes
- Academic dates and deadlines
- Timetables
- Exams and assessment
- Attendance and absences
- Cheating and plagiarism
- Rules, regulations and guidelines
- Official documentation

Wellbeing, Safety and Health

- Wellbeing and health advice
- Financial support
- Disability, mental health, learning difficulties
- Prayer, contemplation and faith-based support
- Counselling
- Nightline
- Leeds Student Medical Practice
- Staying safe
- International student support
- A-Z of support resources

Academic Support

- Minerva help
- Leeds for Life
- Study Support
- Skills@Library

Living in Leeds

- Accommodation advice
- Accommodation portal
- Unipol
- Find your way around
- Bringing your family to Leeds
- Students as Leeds residents

SKILLS@LIBRARY
ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS
1-TO-1 ACADEMIC SUPPORT
ONLINE RESOURCES
MATHS SUPPORT

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The British Universities and Colleges Learning Video Centre

6. Help Wanted

Volunteering Opportunity at 'Future Engineers' event, National Railway Museum, York

Future Engineers is the National Railway Museum's flagship Science Engineering Technology and Maths (STEM) event. Future Engineers is focused on engineering in a contemporary context and the idea that 'the future of the railways is unknown and yet to be designed and anyone could be an engineer and shape this future'. The event is programmed in a festival style and includes hands-on activities, a series of shows and interaction with working Engineers and STEM ambassadors.

It's the third year the event has run and this year they are introducing a "research zone". Volunteers are sought to spend a day during the school October half-term (Sat 27th Oct – Sun 4th Nov) to showcase their research to visitors, along with an interactive activity. Ideally the research/activity will be in some way related to railways but it isn't a requirement as they want to showcase all STEM-related jobs that are available. For more information, contact Andy Lickley at the Museum: Andrew.Lickley@railwaymuseum.org.uk

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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