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Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

March 2011

Inside this bulletin you will find information and events of interest to postgraduate researchers and research staff within the Faculty of Humanities. This bulletin and previous issues can also be downloaded from the <u>bulletins</u> page of the Research Skills Training website.

For all regular skills training updates please follow our <u>Twitter</u> page.



News

27th March 2011 is Census Day.

Don't forget that all students are expected to fill in a census form. More information can be found on **StudentNet**.

Useful links

Researcher Development site
PGR Training Calendar
Research Staff Calendar
PGR Resources
eProg
Vitae
Methods@Manchester

Postgraduate Training

Please only attend sessions when you have booked a place*. All training sessions are listed on our training calendar – please click on the course you want to attend then book it through eProg.

* Before booking onto a course please make sure that you can abide by our code of professional etiquette.

March Faculty Training Sessions with places still available to book (at the time of writing this bulletin):

Academic Writing 4 – Tuesday 8th March

Speed Reading – Tuesday 8th March

Psychometric Questionnaires – Thursday 10th March

GTA training – Monday 14th March

Improve Your Presentation Skills – Monday 14th March

Networking – Tuesday 15th March

Developing Yourself and Others – Wednesday 16th March

Writing for Oral Presentation – Tuesday 22nd March

Editing and Proofreading Your Thesis – Tuesday 22nd March

PPF2 – Tuesday 22nd March

Social Media & Web 2.0 for Researchers – Tuesday 22nd March

Developing your Awareness of Integrity in Research – Thursday 24th March

Word Level 2 – Thursday 31st March

Online Training: Media and Information Literacy for Researchers is now available through eProg. It will be added to your Skills Training Record by registering in eProg and submitting the online form on completion of the course.

For more information or to book on a course please go to the training calendar.

Upcoming training sessions in April are as follows:

Workshop in Academic Writing – Tuesday 5th April Mind Maps – Tuesday 5th April Developing Learning in Others – Wednesday 6th April



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Preparing to Undertake Fieldwork – Thursday 7th April Viva Survivor – Tuesday 12th April Landmap Training – Monday 18th April Publishing in Journals – Tuesday 19th April

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Research Staff

Information about research staff events is sent out in an e-mail bulletin. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients please contact claire.stocks@manchester.ac.uk. Alternatively you can visit the Research Staff blog at: www.researchstafftraining.wordpress.com.

University-Wide Training

<u>Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic</u> - Need help with your writing? The live writing clinic is an online cross-faculty resource for postgraduate students at the University of Manchester. The clinics will take place between 12.30 – 1.30pm on Fridays. You can find out more <u>information about this resource</u> or access the clinic directly <u>here</u>.

Methods@Manchester - What is ...?

A regular series of lunch-time talks which provide short, accessible introductory guides to key research methods. These talks are ideal for research students - or their supervisors - who want to find out what the method does and whether it might be useful in their research. They will also be of interest to any member of staff who is curious to find out about a new method. You might also like to have a look at the methods. Videos for summaries of talks on Social Sciences Research methods.

'Working with digital archives', research workshop organised by Manchester Digital Media Network and sponsored by Research Institute for Cosmopolitan Cultures - 17 March 2011, 3-6pm, University Place 4,211. Attendance is free. Tea and coffee will be provided.

This half-day workshop explores technical, methodological and cultural issues associated with increasing use of digital data and in particular, digital archives, in academic research. Full abstracts of presentations are available here.

Training at the John Rylands

Emerald Publishers Workshop for business, policy and education – Thursday 17 March Information Management Skills and the RDF for all subject areas – Wednesday 23 March Using Special Collections – Wednesday 23 March

Freedom of Information event

A free regional workshop will take place at the University on 22nd March for more information and to register for the event check out the Research Information Network website.

STEPS tea party – 9th March 2011, 3.30 - 4.45 in the Schunck Room, Burlington Building. STEPS is the Newsletter for Postgraduate Researchers on training issues. The tea party will be an opportunity to meet the editorial team. Dan Colgate and Elizabeth Wilkinson will lead a workshop and demonstrate the Postgrad Toolbox and Graduate Junction websites. Check out the <u>STEPS blog</u> for more information.



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Dates for your diary

Faculty Seminars To keep updated about what's going on in the Faculty check out the <u>Humnet Seminars and Events</u> web page. You can also use the online form to submit details of discipline specific seminars which you are organising.

Manchester GRADschool 2011 - applications of interest now open.

Communicating your ideas and research to different audiences is an essential skill for today's effective researcher. This interactive, non-residential, GRADschool taking place in Manchester 3 - 6 May 2011 is open to postgraduate researchers (PhDs) in any discipline who have completed their first year.