

# Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

## February 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 [bulletins](#) page of the Research Skills Training website.

For all regular skills training updates please follow our [Twitter page](#).



### News

**Congratulations** to Gillian Mawson from SAHC, who has been nominated for an award in Guernsey for her work on Channel Islands evacuees in the North West. Gillian has been able to develop the Public Engagement aspect of her research as a result of a [Manchester Beacon](#) award.

### 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](#).

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

[Presentations, Practice and Feedback 1](#) – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
[Planning Your PhD](#) – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
[Word Level 1](#) - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February  
[Presentations, Practice and Feedback 2](#) – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
[Project Management Tools](#) – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
[Reactivating your Writing Skills](#) – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
[Engaging Others with your Research](#) – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
[GTA Training](#) – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
[Academic Writing 1](#) – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
[Completing Your Literature Review](#) – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
[PowerPoint level 1](#) – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
[Academic Writing 2](#) – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [training calendar](#).

### Dates for your Diary

**Upcoming training sessions in March are as follows:**

Academic Writing 3 – Tuesday 1st March  
 Preparing for your Review Panel – Tuesday 1st March  
 Building Effective Relationships – Wednesday 2nd March  
 PowerPoint level 2 – Thursday 3rd March  
 Word Level 2 - Thursday 3rd March  
 Academic Writing 4 – Tuesday 8th March

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Speed Reading – Tuesday 8th March  
Fieldwork – Wednesday 9th March  
Psychometric Questionnaires – Thursday 10th March

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**Coming soon...**

Media and Information Literacy for Researchers: an online resource. Access through eProg will soon be available to allow your participation to be recorded in your skills training.

**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](mailto:claire.stocks@manchester.ac.uk). Alternatively you can visit the Research Staff blog at: [www.researchstafftraining.wordpress.com](http://www.researchstafftraining.wordpress.com).

**University-Wide Training**

**[Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic](#)** - 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 2pm and 3pm on Wednesdays. You can find out more [information about this resource](#) or access the clinic directly [here](#).

**[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.

**[Junk the Jargon](#)**

Congratulations to Bob Nicholson, Mahfuz and Dan Welch for being chosen to represent the Humanities Faculty in the Junk the Jargon final. This will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 3.30 – 4.30pm, in C16, Renold Building. Do come along to support our finalists.

**[Training at the John Rylands](#)**

Landmap for architects, planning, environment and development Tuesday 22 February  
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 Please note change of date.

**Dates for your diary**

The [STEPS](#) tea party 9<sup>th</sup> 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.