Humanities Researcher Development and Training Newsletter
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We hope you enjoy reading about some of your Researcher Development and Training Programme opportunities.

We offer a comprehensive programme of events, opportunities, workshops and resources to support and develop Humanities researchers at all stages of their career from postgraduate level upwards. Some of these opportunities are bespoke and developed in-house; others are provided through external partners, student support services or in partnership with faculties. Most workshops and events are free, or require a £20 refundable deposit. They are open to Master's and DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers (including teaching-only and college-only appointments). All times given are GMT.

This newsletter is sent once a week during term-time to all current MSt, MPhil and DPhil students in the Humanities Division. To unsubscribe, send a blank email to humanitiestrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk.

You can see a list of all our events here (under the 'events' tab).

Building a Strong Working Relationship with Your Supervisor
Monday 6 November, 2pm - 4pm
Colin Matthew Room, Radcliffe Humanities

Do you feel the relationship with your PhD supervisor could be better? Are you looking for ways to improve communication and collaboration? **In this interactive workshop, you'll discover practical tips for optimising this important relationship.** You'll consider common problems and develop strategies for overcoming them.

By the end of the session, you'll have a clearer sense of the supervisory relationship and how it develops, and an awareness of common problems and how to deal with them.

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Preparation for Transfer of Status

Monday 6 November, 11am - 1pm
In-person and online
Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education

This session will consider the practicalities of the transfer process, including the appropriate timing of the application, the required paperwork, the selection of examiners, the respective roles of students and supervisors, the feedback process and possible outcomes. The session will also reflect on the nature of the interview, the kind of challenges to expect and how to make the most out of the opportunity to get some independent input into the direction of the project.

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iSkills: Managing research data and Data Management Planning (DMPs)
Wednesday 8 November, 10am - 12pm
Social Science Library, Information Skills Training Room, Manor Road, OX1 3UQ
In partnership with the Bodleian Libraries

Good research data management is a vital component of academic practice. Part of this is the principle that the data used to develop the arguments and outcomes of your research should be effectively stored and managed during a project, preserved for the future and – where possible – shared with other academics. This session introduces the University's research data policy and outlines the practical impact this will have on your work.

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Presentation Delivery Skills
Wednesday 8 November, 2pm - 5pm
GUDTP Hub Room, 3rd Floor, Manor Road Building, Oxford OX1 3UQ

Have you ever watched an amazing presenter build a relationship, a connection, with their audience and wondered how they do it? This workshop focuses on how to give a good presentation rather than what makes a good one, can help you identify your authentic style and provides you with a set of practical tools with which to approach your next presentation.

We will go beyond superficial discussions of speaking pace, good eye contact, and adopting open body language to explore how you can use internal and external resources to create impact in your presentations. It releases you from many of the myths around public speaking and explores what we do intellectually, emotionally and physically when we communicate effectively.

Preparing for the DPhil Viva
Monday 13 November, 2pm – 4pm
Online

This Preparing for the DPhil Viva Workshop is for those who are expecting to sit their viva in the next six months. The workshop focuses on the practical issues surrounding the viva and tries to demystify as much of the process as possible. The workshop provides participants with some resources that aim to help manage expectations, develop confidence, and clarify the institutional systems within which the viva operates.

Developing Resilience Now and for the Future
Thursday 16 November, 3pm – 4pm
Online and In-person - Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PA
Hosted by the Careers Service

This session will help you explore what resilience means to you in the context of studying at Oxford and career planning. We will look at practical ways to develop resilience, particularly when looking for jobs or internships. We will also share ways of building resilience that have helped other students and provide you with useful links and resources to take away after the session.

Building Your Academic Web Presence
Wednesday 22 November, 11am – 1pm
Online

Do you want to be more visible to potential employers, collaborators, and funding bodies? It's more important than ever to have a strong online presence. But where on earth do you start? This interactive workshop provides you with the tools and strategies you need to promote your research online, using social media, blogs, videos, podcasts, and networking sites.

By the end of this session, you'll have a plan for building an online presence that helps you

achieve your academic goals.

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