October 2015 newsletter

Why does research matter to society?

We ran a competition at the YGRS Launch event to answer the question 'Why does research matter to society?' in 15 words maximum. Two winners were chosen by the Head of Researcher Development and the Head of Research Student Administration.

They were Francesco Ramponi (Health Sciences) with

Because research is the only way to transform a problem into a stimulating challenge

and Miles Salter (English) with

As Socrates nearly said "the unexamined society is not worth living in"

They each win a pair of Sony MDR-ZX770BN Wireless and Noise Cancelling Headphones.

In fairness to those not able to attend the event in person, we are taking online entries for an opportunity to win a third pair of headphones! See the Question of the month below. (Existing entries from the Launch are still in the competition!)

Have you seen BERT?

Becoming an Effective Researcher Tutorial is an interactive tutorial that provides you with essential information to get you off to a good start with your research degree, including: support and opportunities available to you, the PhD process at York, your responsibilities, how to have impact, and developing your career.

Find BERT in the VLE.

Five top tips from the Library

1. Check out Your guide to e-resources for research for further help with accessing our resources and don’t forget our Subject Guides. We do have a unique collection in the Borthwick Institute for Archives and at York Minster Library which could be invaluable to your research efforts.

2. Your Academic Liaison Librarian can direct you to the best resources and help you to track down what you need.

3. You can access most academic libraries in the UK using the SCONUL Access Scheme. Don’t forget our interlibrary loan service, which can deliver journal articles directly to your desktop, and our free mini bus service to the British Library at Boston Spa.

4. Look out for our “More Books” events where you can ask us to buy books not in stock, and suggestions can be made all year round by using the Purchase suggestion form.

5. Item out on loan? We buy additional copies of books in high demand - so please put in a reservation so we know lots of people are chasing the same title.
Are you interested in helping improve services for postgraduates? Email faye.woodham@york.ac.uk with the subject line "Improving services for postgraduates".

Meet the research champions

As part of the celebration of the inauguration of the new Chancellor, the seven University Research Champions will be presenting their research themes at 10.00am on Tuesday 27 October. Each will outline their vision for the future, opportunities for collaboration and the key strengths inherent in each research theme.

Find out more about events marking the new Chancellor’s Inauguration.

Jorge Cham: PhD Comics Creator Comes to York!

Jorge Cham's insightful and hilarious take on Graduate Student life has been entertaining PhD students and academics since 2005. Now Jorge is coming to York to present his new film, 'The PhD Movie 2; Piled Higher and Deeper'. Jorge will also give a short talk, answer your questions, and be available to meet after the screening.

Wednesday 4 November, 6.30 - 8.30 pm in the Physics Lecture Hall (P/X/001)

Booking is essential. Book your FREE tickets now.

External Opportunities

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the External Opportunities page on the YGRS website for information about:

- funding
- conferences
- postdoc opportunities

View current external opportunities

Question of the month: Why does research matter to society?

Answer this quick question in 15 words maximum to enter the competition for a pair of Sony MDR-ZX770BN Wireless and Noise Cancelling Headphones. Winner to be announced at the Jorge Cham Event.
Last month’s prize winner: Veronica Garcia

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