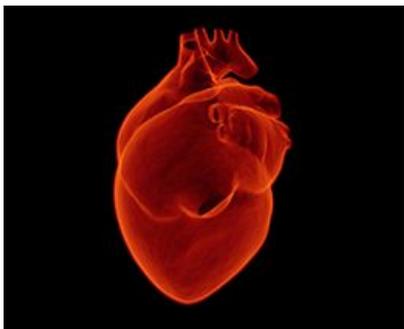


## June 2017 newsletter

### PhD student awarded *Heart's* Paper of the Year



Congratulations to Nicole Valtorta (Health Sciences), whose paper on the health risks of loneliness was selected as the Best Paper of 2016 by *Heart*, the BMJ journal of cardiovascular science.

The paper was shortlisted on the basis of page views, citations, and [Altmetric score](#) and it was selected as the overall winner on the basis of the quality of the research. This is a fantastic achievement for any researcher and it is unheard of for the award to be given to a PhD student.

We hope that Nicole and her co-authors will be very proud of their achievement and this very important paper. [Find out more](#), [view the announcement on the \*Heart\* website](#) and [read the winning paper](#).

### Funding for Life Beyond the PhD Conference

The York Graduate Research School (YGRS) is offering funding for one postgraduate research student to attend Cumberland Lodge's tenth annual conference: Life Beyond the PhD. The funding will cover travel, registration and accommodation.

This is a great opportunity to take part in training and share experience with early career researchers, helping you to explore the opportunities available to you after your PhD.

The conference will run from **Tuesday 29 August to Friday 1 September 2017**. [Find out more and book your place](#).



### Three Minute Thesis (3MT) 2017



The clock is ticking down as the University of York 3MT event approaches.

[Book your free ticket](#) and join the audience, **9.30am to 1.30pm, 13 June 2017**, National STEM Learning Centre.

Ten University of York PhD research students will have just three minutes to communicate the impact of their research to an audience and judge panel. The panel will include Joan Concannon, Director of External Relations (University of York), and Professor Melissa Sturge-Apple (University of Rochester, New York).

The 3MT event will also feature: [Research Bites](#), an exhibition of PhD research; a talk from [Dr Tom Hartley](#) (Psychology); and presentations from the finalists of the [North Yorkshire Coast Higher Education Collaboration's Give Me Five Competition](#).

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## **Falling Walls: Join the audience as walls fall**

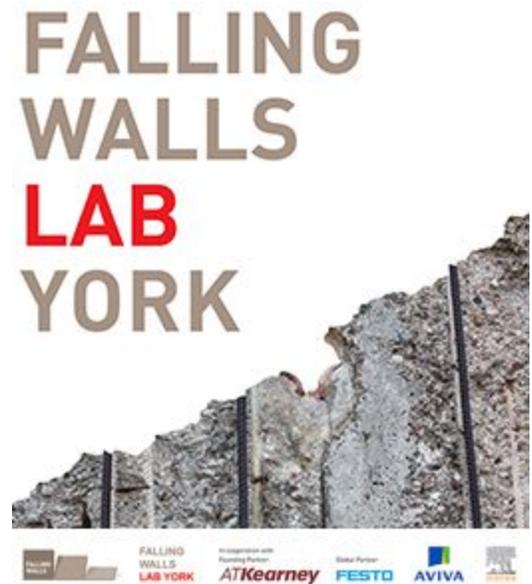
On **23 June 2017, 2.00pm to 4.30pm**, York's best and brightest will compete to captivate you with their groundbreaking research.

Inspired by the symbolism of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Falling Walls Labs challenge up-and-coming researchers to articulate how their work contributes to the fall of intellectual, societal and scientific walls.

Our researchers will have just three minutes to capture your attention as they are judged by an expert jury on breakthrough factor, impact and performance. And look out for the winners from our 3MT competition, who will be presenting alongside our research staff!

The overall winner will have the chance to give their talk at the Falling Walls Lab Finale in Berlin.

[Find out more](#) and [book your free ticket now](#).



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