

## York Graduate Research School newsletter - 3 May 2024

### Update from the Dean



I want to start this newsletter by celebrating the contribution of international PGRs to the University. The vibrant multicultural community of postgraduates and staff is a strength of York. There has been a lot of discussion in the UK media about the UK Government's 'contradictory' approach to international students and researchers. They want the UK to be an international science powerhouse - attracting global talent to the UK - but at the same time restrict the numbers of international students to the UK. In contrast, we want to maintain York's reputation for welcoming the brightest and best from across the globe to train as researchers and join our community. Our international PGRs are welcome at the University of York and we appreciate everything you bring to our research community!

Next, I want to draw your attention to a few interesting opportunities. One is a paid role as a [part-time Research Associate](#) to work with (the amazing) Dr. Karisha Kimone George on an Enhancing Research Culture funded project to develop an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Research Centre. Other opportunities might be helpful for those thinking of moving into a career outside academia - there is an opportunity to meet employers at the [Graduate Jobs Fair](#) and also a workshop on preparing for interviews for non-academic jobs. Non-academic interviews are so different to academic ones... as I discovered when I had a career break working for the civil service.

Finally, enjoy the bank holiday weekend and if you get a chance to pop onto campus - the spring flowers and flocks of students photographing ducklings are joyful to see!

Best wishes,  
Kate

### YGRS and University news

#### YGRS Conference Fund: deadline 1 June

Self-funded PGRs can apply to the [YGRS Conference Fund](#) to attend UK and international conferences when other funding options have been exhausted. The closing date for the next round of funding is midnight on 1 June 2024.

#### Want to win an iPad?

[Complete the 2024 Active Lives survey](#) before midnight on 17 May and you could be in with a chance of winning an iPad. Your feedback will inform our strategic direction for sport, physical activity, and wellbeing at York.

#### Come to York Festival of Ideas

Supported by our generous sponsors, [York Festival of Ideas](#) (1-14 June) presents over 200 mostly free events. Don't miss talks by world-class speakers, exhibitions, performances, guided tours and more, including:

- The Art of Darkness: The history of goth (in person)
- Black England in the Eighteenth Century (online)
- Orwell's Ghosts (in person)
- The Book Your Cat Wishes You Would Read (in person)

Plus, there's also the chance to hear from and support fellow PGRs at various events, including at [York's Three Minute Thesis Competition](#)!

## Music and food at CultureFest

Black Access, in collaboration with [Professor Kiran Trehan](#) (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Enterprise, Partnerships and Engagement), is proud to present [CultureFest](#) on 8 May - an event to highlight cultures on campus which don't receive much recognition. This year's theme is African and Caribbean culture.

## XR Stories launches residency programme

XR Stories has launched a [new residency programme for researchers and creative businesses](#) to work on projects using extended reality technologies in a space outside their usual environment. Successful applicants will become residents in the XR Stories immersive technology lab in The Guildhall, for up to five days' focused research and development time, with support from the XR Stories team. Application deadline: 24 May

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## Support and wellbeing

### 15 May: Disability Research at York – Informal Networking Meeting

This is an initial informal networking meeting to bring together researchers (staff and PGRs) broadly engaged in [disability research at York](#).

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## Researcher development

### 7-17 May: [Open Research at York fortnight](#)

Join fellow PGRs and staff for an exciting and inspiring series of events addressing open, accessible, reusable, reproducible and transparent research practices and principles. The programme includes training workshops, discussion groups and showcases with the aim of being collaborative and accessible, with relevance to researchers at different levels and across disciplines. We hope to see you there!

### 7 May: [Microsoft Word: Academic Documents \(online\)](#)

Explore fundamental principles to using Microsoft Word, including using and modifying styles to make it easier to add outline headings, tables of contents and to make your document accessible, as well as using automated tools like adding automatic page numbers and heading numbering.

### 9 May: [What is Open Research and why does it matter? \(online\)](#)

This session will look at what open research means, its benefits, methods, and how it is supported at York.

### 13 May: [Exploring resilience and work-life balance: Combating Imposter Syndrome \(online\)](#)

This session, tailored to the research environment, will focus on the Inner Game of being a researcher. We'll examine the beliefs that help and limit our capabilities, and specifically we'll focus on: confidence building, and dealing with 'Imposterness'; building personal resilience for handling rejection and criticism; personal wellbeing and work-life balance.

### 15 May: [How to prepare a presentation \(in-person\)](#)

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the various presentation styles focusing on the importance of structure and the best use of visual aids. In addition the session will offer hints and tips on how to combat nerves.

### [Creativity Lab researcher skills sessions](#)

Come and join us in the Creativity Lab this June and July for our staff/researcher skills sessions. Enhance your creative skills by delving into a variety of topics, including 3D design and printing, virtual reality and video editing.

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## Careers

### PAID ROLE: Psychology Research Associate (deadline TODAY)

The Department of Psychology is seeking a [part-time Research Associate](#) to work with Dr. Karisha Kimone George on an Enhancing Research Culture funded project to develop an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Research Centre. Application deadline: 3 May

### Join the EDI Research Centre Advisory Board

The new EDI Research Centre is to develop an [EDI Advisory Board](#) to provide guidance on areas pertaining to the Centre's priorities. It is open to all members of staff across the University including PhD students and Postdoctoral researchers.

### 8 May: [Graduate Jobs Fair](#) (in-person)

This fair is primarily aimed at final year undergraduate and masters students, but there are employers attending who may be of interest to PGRs, including Costello Medical, Fera Science, Crayon and TPP. International PGRs may also be interested in the support available from Student Circus. Sectors represented include Engineering, Technology, Finance, Transport, Recruitment, Teaching and Data.

### 14 May: [Non-academic interviews](#) (online)

This workshop is aimed at researchers who are applying for job opportunities outside academia. It will include discussion of the function of interviews, some practical advice about preparing for and handling interview situations, plus an opportunity to practise interview skills.

## Teaching

### Introduction to Teaching and Learning training: now booking for Sep 2024

If you're planning to teach as a GTA at York, you need to complete [Introduction to Teaching and Learning training](#) first. There are three different workshops; you should complete the one recommended by your department. For any queries, please contact the Academic Practice Team: [academic-practice@york.ac.uk](mailto:academic-practice@york.ac.uk).

### Current teaching opportunities

See all current Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) [teaching opportunities on Handshake](#).

## News from the Graduate Students' Association

### Forthcoming GSA events

9 May: [The Last GSA Ceilidh!](#)

11 May: [GSA day trip to Manchester](#)

18 May: [GSA trip to the Lake District](#)



### Events and opportunities:

- [Anarchy and Activism event: Call for submissions](#)
- 13-15 May [Pint of Science York](#)
- 21 May: [Anti-colonial agendas](#)
- 18 June: [2024 Place and Community Partnership celebration](#)

More news and opportunities can be found on the [Research Student Community blog](#)

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