

NEON Working Group

Widening Participation in Post Graduate Study

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Chat Feature

00:29:45 Lucy Clague: I'm a researcher from Sheffield Hallam University, mainly working on evaluations within HE. I'm currently leading the YCEDE evaluation. YCEDE is a large inter institutional project addressing access and progression for BAME PGR students

00:30:18 Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds: Welcome Lucy!

00:30:29 Louise Banahene: Welcome Lucy!

00:30:29 Lucy Clague: Thank you!

00:43:30 Chantel Le Carpentier - Russell Group: Thank you Penny!

00:43:36 Rachel Van Krimpen : Thanks Penny!

00:43:51 Stacey Mottershaw: Brilliant presentation, thanks Penny!

00:44:38 Nicola Critchlow: Thanks Penny

00:44:39 Cheryl Jones (Warwick): Really comprehensive report Penny, thank you

00:48:04 Penny Sucharitul: <https://teachingexcellence.leeds.ac.uk/research/student-success-and-belonging-research-group/student-research-experience-placements/project-widening-participation-in-postgraduate-study/>

00:48:27 Penny Sucharitul: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGDWoBbVUkE&ab_channel=LeedsAlumni

00:53:28 Felicity Wicks, UoManchester: The meeting Louise mentioned is 10-11 this coming Tuesday. Happy to forward on the link to anyone interested in hearing more about WP PG Criteria

00:53:51 Professor Simon O'Leary: I would be interested to know more about Louise's area, Simon.

00:54:14 Felicity Wicks, UoManchester: Sure - what's your email address please, Simon?

00:54:37 Jamal Kinsella (In2scienceUK): I would love to be invited as well - I'm jamal@in2scienceuk.org

00:54:53 Karen Western: I would be interested karen.western@brunel.ac.uk thank you

00:54:57 Professor Simon O'Leary: simon.oleary@canterbury.ac.uk

00:56:22 Kirsty Janes: Hi Felicity, please do forward the link for Tuesday, not sure if intended for the whole subgroup to attend or if you'll be reporting back after to the subgroup? Anyway happy to attend if helpful

00:59:47 Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds: https://www.educationopportunities.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/NEON_Postgraduate-Diversity-Strategy-Blueprintv2.pdf

01:00:35 Professor Simon O'Leary: Rachel, I would like to know more
simon.oleary@canterbury.ac.uk - thanks, Simon.

01:01:28 Rachel Van Krimpen : Thanks Simon, I'll be in touch

01:04:18 Rachel Van Krimpen : UKCGE are very interested in this area at the moment, yes!

01:04:38 Rachel Van Krimpen : shall I bring it to our next UKCGE Exec meeting?

01:06:48 Jo: Maybe consult with students involved in Stacey's research, and Rachel's

01:10:18 Cheryl Jones (Warwick): Perhaps financial support could be separated as a
recommendation for review?

01:10:25 Rachel Van Krimpen : I've got a nice case study on using guaranteed interview
schemes and applicant mentoring to increase BAME participation in PGR

01:15:18 Amy L: I've barely got started yet! 😊

01:15:32 Penny Sucharitkul: 78 85 16 8

01:21:39 Kirsty Janes: Are the PG targets around access or access and success?

01:22:31 Louise Banahene: PGT access and student success' PGR access.

01:25:53 Penny Sucharitkul: Definitely agree with the engagement of UG students- It is a
lot easier to reach them with offerings of food/social event!

01:26:32 Rachel Van Krimpen : Our PGT was a bit floaty and strange for a long time but
much more strategically led now!

01:27:27 Rachel Van Krimpen : we've got an APVC with a specific interest and just taken on
(or about to take on) a member of staff to work on PGT strategy implementation

01:28:58 Jamal Kinsella (In2scienceUK): need to run off to a meeting now, but thanks so
much for this event all!

01:29:02 Janice Simpson: In considering WP in PGR/YCEDE we are starting to develop ideas for
doing more work around PGR study with our PGTs - can't add to Menti any more.

01:29:07 Rachel Van Krimpen : we've got our Excel in Science programme which is designed
to develop understanding of research careers from Y1 UG

01:29:46 Rachel Van Krimpen : I don't think we've got a good website sorted yet but they're
on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ExcelNottingham>

01:32:32 Rachel Van Krimpen : engagement issues across the PGR training space compared
to last year, definitely

01:34:44 Rachel Van Krimpen : There's going to be a UKCGE seminar in (I think) May on
'pre-docs', and summer schools will be on the agenda there

01:43:30 Kirsty Janes: thanks that would be great

01:46:44 Rachel Van Krimpen : we use BBSTEM to advertise our DTP (though we don't have
any institutional scholarships)

01:47:41 Rachel Van Krimpen : we also find current student social media networks quite powerful!

01:48:05 Cheryl Jones (Warwick): We are midway through reviewing our scholarships and studentships webpages as it's really difficult to collate all the opportunities available. The plan is to have a searchable collection but it will only cover Warwick-specific funding

01:48:16 Helen Claxton: This is the information on the York Graduate Research School Scholarships through the YCEDE project <https://www.york.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/funding/uk/ygrs-scholarships/>

01:48:52 Karen Western: Please ca <https://www.brunel.ac.uk/scholarships/page?id=f634a0dd-a3c0-4e8a-9215-d504a182dcb0n> you

01:49:12 Louise Banahene: On a related note, as part of a collaborative UKRI/OfS project (YCEDE) we have a virtual network targeting Black, Asian and minority ethnic students. On Twitter, it is @YCEDENetwork and on LinkedIn it is Student Research Network (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14054108/>). If you have students who would benefit or be interested please share.

01:50:00 Rachel Van Krimpen : NERC's take on things: <https://nerc.ukri.org/skills/postgrad/policy/dei-best-practice-principles-in-doctoral-recruitment/nerc-best-practice-principles-in-doctoral-recruitment-and-training/>

01:50:34 Chantel Le Carpentier - Russell Group: The issue with advertising that courses are delivered online is that the SoS and Ministers have been very public in their pressure to make unis return to face to face. We've been clear when online teaching has had pedagogical/access benefits but I think they will continue to take issue with 'online learning'. Doesn't mean we shouldn't do it, we just need to make sure we're messaging it correctly - this is about access to learning.

01:50:35 Rachel Van Krimpen : yes, it does help if one of your current students is involved in a student EDI network etc

01:50:38 Cheryl Jones (Warwick): We have a couple of ring-fenced PGRs in our MRC DTP. We worked together closely to make sure the messaging was encouraging to the groups we were aiming to gain interest from <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/mrcdtp/apply/ringfencedstudentships/>

01:50:51 Jo: Maybe student societies / student unions or community groups

01:53:50 Amy L: I wonder if the findamasters site might do a feature page on this type of funding? At the moment they signpost to university websites

01:56:31 Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds: Thanks everyone for all your comments in relation to studentships - all really useful! I like that idea Amy - it would be great if there was a specific area to direct students to, as there's so much info out there

01:57:14 Louise Banahene: Yes, I like the idea too Amy. We can take it as an action to follow up.

01:57:37 Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds: Would others be happy to circulate studentship/scholarship opportunities of this type through the group mailing list? We could definitely promote other WP studentships to our WP cohort here at Leeds - we have around 6000 students now who we communicate with weekly.

02:01:20 Penny Sucharitkul: Happy to provide student opinion

02:01:29 Felicity Wicks, UoManchester: Thanks Penny

02:01:47 Penny Sucharitkul: ll16ppjs@leeds.ac.uk my email

02:02:04 Nicola Critchlow: Sounds very helpful

02:02:05 Felicity Wicks, UoManchester: Noted, thank you

02:02:18 Karen Western: Access HE

02:02:42 Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds: Thanks Penny, that would be brilliant, if you don't mind

02:05:13 Jo: Just a quick comment, to say how valuable I find this group so thank you to all.

02:06:37 Charlotte Claydon (she/her): Thank you! :)

02:06:37 Charmaine Valente: Thanks Karen , yes Access HE and you too

02:06:41 Karen Western: Thank you

02:06:43 Amy L: thanks all!

02:06:46 Janice Simpson: thanks

02:06:47 Professor Simon O'Leary: Thanks

02:06:47 Nicola Critchlow: thanks all