CONTRACT RESEARCHERS FORUM (CRF) NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the June edition of the CRF's newsletter. As our team and our activities have grown in the past 12 months, this newsletter reflects on what we've been up to this past academic year. Read on to find out more…

Our membership has grown - thank you to all our new members for joining us…

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CRF members

Our committee now has 2 co-chairs, 2 deputy co-chairs, and 15 members. We also have liaisons with the DoHS Research Impact Group and the DoHS EDI committee.

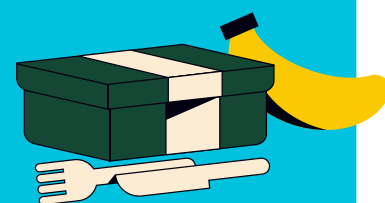**We've hosted two training events for DoHS researchers…**

In October 2023, 25 people attended our session on 'Academic Use of Social Media and Generative AI'. We had presentations from the University's Central Communications Team; the Building Research and Innovation Capacity (BRIC) Team; DoHS BALM Programme Research Team; Digital Education Team and Academic Quality Team.

In February 2024, 28 attendees and speakers attended our session on "Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Department and our Research". We connected with the BRIC team to organise the event, and researchers in DoHS presented on specific projects.

We've hosted 9 Bring Your Own Lunches…

We've chatted about life as a contract researcher, including marking dissertations; getting involved with teaching; Athena Swan, and dissertation supervision. We feedback ideas for improvements to senior management.

Our members have shared the CRF's impacts across the University…

Our CRF deputy co-chair, Emma Standley, was invited to speak at the Women in Research Network Conference in March 2024. We've also linked with the new EDI Research Centre to showcase the CRF; and the Department of Sociology to organise our next training event.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Join us for our next Bring Your Own Lunch, which is on Wednesday 19th June at 12pm, in ARC/201A. Our topic for this lunch is grant applications, and the discussion will be led by our co-chair, Kate Morton.

WATCH THIS SPACE

- September 2024 (date TBC) - Additional seminar on EDI in research
- October 2024 (date TBC) - Research Impact Training Event
- The CRF will be mentioned in the new EDI Research Centre's Research Framework, going live later this year.

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