



## Humanities Researcher Development and Training Newsletter Michaelmas 2023 | Second Week

We hope you enjoy reading about some of your [Researcher Development and Training Programme](#) opportunities.

We offer a comprehensive programme of events, opportunities, workshops and resources to support and develop Humanities researchers at all stages of their career from postgraduate level upwards. Some of these opportunities are bespoke and developed in-house; others are provided through external partners, student support services or in partnership with faculties. Most workshops and events are free, or require a £20 refundable deposit. They are open to Master's and DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers (including teaching-only and college-only appointments). All times given are GMT.

This newsletter is sent once a week during term-time to all current MSt, MPhil and DPhil students in the Humanities Division. To unsubscribe, send a blank email to [humanitiestrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:humanitiestrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk).

[You can see a list of all our events here \(under the 'events' tab\).](#)

## EVENTS

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### **Heritage at Oxford: An Introduction**

*Tuesday 17 October, 11am – 12.30pm*

*Online – tomorrow*

This first Heritage Pathway session of the term will introduce the heritage sector within the academic context, exploring the many ways in which researchers can engage with historic sites and collections in addition to the people tasked with caring for, researching and interpreting heritage today. Case studies from the Oxford University Heritage Network will be shared alongside participatory workshop activities.

[More information and booking >>](#)

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## **Saying No: Establishing Healthy Boundaries in Academia**

*Tuesday 24 October, 10am - 12pm*

*Online, £20 deposit required*

Are you feeling overwhelmed by the demands of academia? Do you find yourself saying yes to too many things, even when you don't have the time or energy? If so, you're not alone.

In this interactive workshop, we'll explore the importance of setting personal boundaries. We'll discuss how to identify your needs, communicate your boundaries to others, and enforce them when necessary. You'll understand which boundaries need the most attention so you can learn to thrive in academia.

[More information and booking >>](#)

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## **Effective CVs and Cover Letters for Researchers**

*Wednesday 25 October, 4pm - 6pm*

*Hosted by the Careers Service*

CVs and cover letters are read very quickly (think seconds!) yet are crucial for getting an interview. We will share tips on how to tailor your CV, articulate relevant skills and experience, and deliver an effective application. Through individual and group exercises, you will apply the learning to your own application materials.

This session will cover applications to a wide range of sectors, including academia.

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## **Heritage Pathway Workshop: Curating for Change- Interpreting Disability Histories**

*Tuesday 31 October, 11am - 1.00pm*

*Ashmolean Museum Headley Lecture Theatre*

This interactive workshop at the Ashmolean Museum will introduce participants to curating and interpreting inclusive histories of disability within established museum settings. This session will be led by Kyle Lewis Jordan who is the Curating for Change Fellow working with both the Ashmolean Museum and Pitts River's Museum in Oxford.

The Curating for Change programme exists to create strong career pathways for d/Deaf, disabled and neurodiverse curators, currently seriously under-represented in museums. Working with a range of museums across the UK, the Curating for Change Trainees and

Fellows are producing exhibitions, events and blogs, exploring disabled people's histories – while gaining skills for careers in the sector.

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### **Building a Strong Working Relationship with Your Supervisor**

*Monday 6 November, 2pm - 4pm*

*Colin Matthew Room, Radcliffe Humanities*

**Do you feel the relationship with your PhD supervisor could be better?** Are you looking for ways to improve communication and collaboration? **In this interactive workshop, you'll discover practical tips for optimising this important relationship.** You'll consider common problems and develop strategies for overcoming them.

By the end of the session, you'll have a clearer sense of the supervisory relationship and how it develops, and an awareness of common problems and how to deal with them.

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### **Presentation Delivery Skills**

*Wednesday 8 November, 2pm - 4.5pm*

*GUFTP Hub Room, 3rd Floor, Manor Road Building, Oxford OX1 3UQ*

**Have you ever watched an amazing presenter build a relationship, a connection, with their audience and wondered how they do it?** This workshop focuses on how to give a good presentation rather than what makes a good one, can help you identify your authentic style and provides you with a set of practical tools with which to approach your next presentation.

We will go beyond superficial discussions of speaking pace, good eye contact, and adopting open body language to explore how you can use internal and external resources to create impact in your presentations. It releases you from many of the myths around public speaking and explores what we do intellectually, emotionally and physically when we communicate effectively.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Video Training Programme**

*Deadline for applications: 20<sup>th</sup> October*

Would you like to produce original and purposeful videos based on your research? Video content spreads faster and further than text, and using different media offers unique opportunities to disseminate research findings to new, non-specialist audiences. The Humanities Division in collaboration with OxCo are offering an opportunity to take part in the 2023-24 video training programme! Deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> October. Apply now!

<https://oxco.typeform.com/Hums2023-24>

### **Funding Call: TORCH Critical Thinking Communities**

*Deadline for applications: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm*

TORCH invite applications for a funding initiative open to Oxford DPhil candidates looking to collaborate with other students across faculties and divisions: the “Critical-Thinking Communities” fund. These communities will be able to critically consider historical, cultural, or aesthetic ideas or methodological issues. TORCH is particularly keen to receive applications that take a culturally diverse and/or transnational approach to an issue or set of related questions. Participants must include Humanities students, but can also include students from other divisions.

Successful applications will receive max. £500, which should be for activities to be completed by **31 July 2024**. Funds can be used to cover expenses related to the running of reading groups, workshops, and other discussion forums. We do not typically fund other websites, as we offer space on the TORCH website.

Applications should be sent to the TORCH team ([torch@humanities.ox.ac.uk](mailto:torch@humanities.ox.ac.uk)).  
The deadline is **5pm on Friday 27 October 2023**.

For more information and the application form, [see this webpage](#).