

"Creativity, Collaboration and Co-Creation: Building Positive Networks"

An Onsite Workshop for Postgraduate Researchers and Early Careers Researchers



Time: 13:00-17:30 UK Time, 22nd November 2023.

Location: Room M602, University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, NW1 5LS

London.

We warmly invite you to join other Postgraduate Researchers (PGRs) and Early Careers Researchers (ECRs) in this onsite event at the University of Westminster, Marylebone Campus, London.

This event is designed to foster debates and conversations that support your Postgraduate or Early Career Research journeys. The aim is to facilitate creative approaches to research and collaborative learning, helping us understand how to build positive relationships and co-produce knowledge that address challenges in the complex research, teaching, and organisational cultures that we navigate. Additionally, this event will be a great opportunity to find and develop collaborative relationships and micro-support systems within the Positive Academia Network for PGRs and ECRs. By participating, you will pioneer a unique global support network designed to make positive differences to universities worldwide.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the following workshops:

A: Julian Stodd: The Organisation as Ecosystem: The Shadows in Positivity

In this workshop we will consider the Organisation as Ecosystem: the ways that we are interconnected, and the forces that act upon us, both to bind us together and hold us apart. We will consider the tribal nature of our social structures, and what it means to belong. We will examine the ways in which membership requires

conformity, and the ways that we create 'the other'. Finally, we will consider the nature of interconnection, and our individual roles in weaving a culture of collaboration through difference.

B: [Nico, Christa, + Guests]: Mapping the borderlands of creativity

Modern academia does not seem structured to foster creativity. There is little awareness of how creativity emerges in research and any effort that does not contribute to meeting immediate deadlines and target metrics seem to offer little rewards. In this participatory session, we will discuss where and how creativity flourishes in the borderlands in between institutional demands, disciplines, and the siloed structures of academia.

C: Wrap up session: How can we incentivise collaborative and positive research culture?

In this session, we will look into applying some of the learning of the day into building a fulfilling, positive and collaborative culture in academia and the workplace.

The workshop will be followed by social drinks and nibbles.

To register for this event please sign up via https://gck.fm/dqxfb. Spaces are limited, so we recommend securing your place early to ensure your participation.

We are very much looking forward to meeting many enthusiastic PGRs and ECRs!

Warmest wishes,

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