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Engagement for PGRs’ online
module: a UoB DTP researcher
development case study

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Workshop outcomes

- ❑ Gain knowledge of public engagement training and distance learner researcher development.
- ❑ Use interactive exercises to allow sharing of best practice in public engagement and distance learning researcher development.
- ❑ Gain insight into the University of Birmingham's approach to Doctoral Training Partnership researcher development.

The background

- ❑ The UGS & UoB's Doctoral Training Partnerships
- ❑ What is PGCARMS?
- ❑ Canvas – University of Birmingham's virtual learning environment

Why public engagement?

- Relevance across research disciplines
- Strong link to Research Councils UK strategy
- Growing public engagement movement at the University of Birmingham
- Equally important for distance learners

Structure of the module

- All of the module content is on Canvas
- Public engagement activities are proposed at the end of the online course
- Students assessed entirely on a presentation given after delivering their activity
- Two face-to-face sessions – the induction session and the assessment day, although presentations can be delivered electronically.

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Module Overview

- Module code:** 08 26418 **Year of study:** Postgraduate
- Prerequisites:** Must be registered on PGCARMS
- Mode of study:** 100 hours self-directed study online, developing a public engagement activity, presenting activity at module assessment day
- Timetable:** Two iterations of the module will run each year. The first will run from November to April, the second from April to September.

For more details please see the [module handbook](#) or [module specification](#).

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To Do

Grade Time to share public engagement ic 7 need grading

Recent Feedback

Nothing for now

Plan a public engagement activity

- Divide up into 3-4 groups
- Devise a public engagement activity proposal
- Think about your topic, audience, activity, funding source and method of evaluation
- See the hand-out for examples, or draw from your own experiences
- Report back your proposed activity

Results from this year's cohort

- Cohort of 13 postgraduate researchers
- All 13 participated in the online module, although some engaged more than others
- All 13 submitted activity proposals
- 10 of the 13 completed their activity
- 9 of the 10 passed the assessment

Changes for the next academic year

- Add weighting to completion of the online module
- Tweaks to the marking criteria
- Changes to the online module to emphasise evaluation
- Stronger involvement of public engagement mentors

Could you be a mentor?



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