


Research Voice Forum – Feedback Log									
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Date	10.09.2025								
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Attendees									
Staff	Sarah Patrick, Annie Bryon, Vasilje Padade, Jesper Christensen, Holly Singleton, Joa Gibbs, Sam Morgan, Jayne Beaufay, Jason Bagley, John Gordon, Ali Raza, Sam Krumins, Sheena Gardner, Joanne Marsh, Katy Morrison, Mark Adams, Luca Morini, Carolyn Wynne, Edward Chamunokara, Hetty Blades, Elpida Protopoulou, Ahmed-Kaïse Mohamed, Chris Day, Soroush Foramehr								
Reps	Mohamed Mehiaoui, Arghavan Sharafi, Sana Cheruvalli, Matt Cook, Sindhu Khanna, Mislav Vasic, Bushra Zaidi,								
Your SU	Bessing Wemere, Petronela Talmaci, Sophie Nova								
FEEDBACK LOG									
Agenda Item	Centre	Type	Summary of Item	Summary of discussion	SMART Action	Action responsible to	Feedback status	Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting/s	
7.1	GLEA	Learning Community	Positive Update – Writing retreats and seminars done for the Centre	LM – A new update is working with Colleagues from other University on Doctoral reading and not just doctoral writing. Preparations for Autumn writing retreat.	N/A	N/A	Answered	N/A	
7.2	CAMC	Other	the centre move to William Lyons, PGR have settled in well.	LP – This move was done in the summer and there are informal rooms for PGRs, there are also labs there. So really a good space with room for different purposes.	N/A	N/A	Answered	N/A	
8.5.1	CFMG	Other	The impact of centre move to the Elm Bank	<u>There are some meeting rooms available in Elm Bank, that has not been really utilised. PGRs can book them for meetings or specific purposes using this link.</u>	Reps to pass this information to other PGRs in the centre.	Research reps	Answered	N/A	
8.10.1	CPS		Writing retreats held, but there are need for more.	PGR Lead absent (sent apologies)	PGR Lead to update rep and other students	JM & MM	Open	N/A	
8.11.1	GLEA	Learning Resources	Change to the new version from NIVVO not communicated properly	Agrees that this was not communicated properly initially by IT due to the way licencing works. It has said all Mac uses can reach out to them, but PC users can access the new system – Apps anywhere. However, this was communicated in the newsletter. If there are any questions or support needed on this, please reach out to the IT team.	Research reps to share message with other PGRs	Research reps	Answered	N/A	
9.1	Research Wide	Learning Opportunities	7000 Access, this has been raised previously, to find out how the PGRs can get more teaching opportunities in order to access 7000 Module.	JT – Staff can't give just any class, but depending on the schools. However, the schools are not having these opportunities due to consultations going on.	Research Reps to reach out to Dr Messoud. <u>PGR Reps Meeting Dr Messoud on 15/09/25</u>	SN/PF/Reps	Open	N/A	
			Research reps had reached out to Jan T. regarding this, and there has been back and forth emails, and this has been quite frustrating for PGRs.	SH- Dr Messoud was to provide an update on the progress of the list taken from PGRs regarding teaching opportunities. Suggests that the reps reach out to Dr M. ahead of the next RVF to receive an update on why the opportunities are not readily available and being advertised, as this is not really in the remit of the DC to provide them.					
10.1	DRC Update	Students' Union	N/A	SH- SU staff to go ahead to reach out to college staff and state the need to share opportunities for PGR students	SU to add standing item to RVF agenda <u>Done 11/09/25</u>	N/A	Answered	N/A	
10.2	DRC Update	Other	PGR Officer gave quick overview of their manifesto, which includes mental health support. This would be added to the SU website soon and available for all to view.	Mental Health Support- Is there an update on this based on previous feedback	PGR Officer and SU to update when the manifesto has been added to the website	PGR Officer/SU	Answered	N/A	
10.3	DRC Update	Students' Union	N/A	Change of Name – needs updating on Talk and agenda from DC to DRC	BW/SU to note and update <u>Done 11/09/25</u>	BW/SU to	Open	N/A	
10.4	DRC Update	Students' Union	N/A	Statement of Membership – The invite for the forum was sent to over a 100 invitees.	N/A	KM	Answered	N/A	
10.5	DRC Update	Students' Union	N/A	BW – Explained that there's been quite a number of rep leavers but the number of current reps are 43 and staff are 51, excluding the PGR Officer and SU staff members, so the numbers are quite	N/A	KM/ BW	Answered	N/A	
10.6	DRC Update	Organisation & Management	N/A	Format of these meetings – Would this only be held online, or there would be physical meetings.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.8	DRC Update	Other	N/A	BW – There would be in-person meeting, rooms to be confirmed	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
				Regulations and Procedures – There would be a couple of changes in Coventry Research. A couple of PGRs have been contacted regarding this. They also understand that the impact on these changes on PGRs have been quite overwhelming, but CW and KM are there to support the PGRs through the way.					
10.9	DRC Update	Organisation & Management	N/A	SG – wants to know which PGRs have been contacted. This has been clarified that it is only the current PGRs and not the non-enrolled PGRs.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.10	DRC Update	Other	N/A	PIES – Thanks everyone for their involvement, surprised at the response rates. However, there is still some work to do, especially the priority areas, also plans to have a roundtable talk with PGRs to address some of the feedback in the PIES report.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.11	DRC Update	Other	N/A	Mental Health support was a big one on the report, DRC has been in talks with GL from the H&W team.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.12	DRC Update	Other	N/A	DRC Review was done recently with an external reviewer. The recommendations from the reviewers are things that are already being put in place. Thanks to the PGR students who were involved in this review, as well as colleagues who were involved in the supervisor and research report.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.13	DRC Update	Other	N/A	Members of this forum would be shared the report.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.14	DRC Update	Other	N/A	CD – Social events – support for rooms and funding. Resources finance are not as they used to be. Suggest that PGRs reach out to the SU through WenEn, who can source for funding through some SU committees.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.15	DRC Update	Other	N/A	JB – They are aware of the need for social events, for centre-specific social networking events, this would come from the centre budget. However, there would be prioritisation of the budgets for academic (research cultural development) and if there are bits left, the social events can be considered. Would also appeal to reps and PGRs to be aware not to expect this from their PGR Leads.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.16	DRC Update	Other	N/A	SG – The PGR Leads do not all have the same budgets, as CAMC has never has this budget.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.17	DRC Update	Other	N/A	LP – In terms of processes, the Centre Directors have the budgets for their centres, so there would need to be proposals for the budget for PGRs.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.18	DRC Update	Other	N/A	CD – Important reminder for PGRs to get involved with RCAD.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.19	DRC Update	Other	N/A	CD – Researcher development Update – IW has introduced online and in-person welcome events.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.20	DRC Update	Other	N/A	There's also been a Prep for VIVA in the evenings, which has been quite popular.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.21	DRC Update	Other	N/A	AB & CD – Being a researcher – There is now a mandatory video to watch on Harassment.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.22	DRC Update	Other	N/A	Ethics course is now available through a different platform for people who had not previously done it.	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.23	DRC Update	Other	N/A	https://courses.epigeum.com/	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.24	DRC Update	Other	N/A	AB – Acknowledging the achievements of colleague Tom Webb who has been nominated and shortlisted for a National Award – New Corner of the Year. To be done on 22nd September	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
10.25	DRC Update	Other	N/A	https://vita.ac.uk/support-services/events/vitae-impact-culture-and-engagement-ice-awards/vitae-impact-culture-and-engagement-ice-award-2025/	N/A	CW	Answered	N/A	
11.2	Asst	Students' Union	N/A	Rep Recruitment – We would need support from PGR Leads and current Reps. So BW and SU staff would reach out via email to ask for recommendations for research rep recruitment in their centres.	BW to send initial email to all reps and PGR Leads for support with rep recruitment	BW/PF, Reps, PGR Leads	Open	N/A	