



## Good News

### No Newsletter in January

The gif above shows how we are all feeling like an end of year break is needed. So, there will be no Newsletter issue in January, as the team will be taking the Christmas period as a break. We return to normal release in February.

### Viva passes!

- Congratulations to **Danielle Ladhardt** for passing her viva with minor corrections.
- Congratulations to **Philippa Carr** for passing her viva with minor corrections.
- Congratualtion to **Anne Turner** for passing her viva with minor corrections.
- Congratulations to **Jo Parsons** for passing her viva with minor corrections.
- Congratulations to **Nicola Yaylor** (CIRAL) for passing her MRes.

## Publications

- **James Bartlett** co-authored a new paper titled "[The Influence of Mate Choice Motivation on Non-Financial Altruism](#)". An Open Access version can be found [here](#)
- **Josh Hurst** published a paper as a lead author from his PhD. The article is called [Investigating a dose-response relationship between high-fat diet consumption and the contractile performance of isolated mouse soleus, EDL and diaphragm muscles](#).

## Reward Nominations

- **Laura Wilde** and **Sarah Charles** were both nominated for Postgraduate Research REP of the year
- **Jenny Mckay** has been nominated for PGR of the year!
- **Laura Wilde** was nominated for the 'HLS Faculty Associate Deans' award.
- **Sarah Charles** was nominated for the 'Contribution to Coventry University Research Community' award.

*If you want to have your good news in future issues, please contact us at:*

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## REP UPDATES

### HLS PGR Feedback - Meeting with Senior Staff

On **Wednesday 5th December** there will be a meeting with HLS senior staff, including [Richard Aspinall](#) where all PGRs can attend. It will be held at **3pm on RC4th floor**

This meeting will allow PGRs the opportunity to inform changes that will be made in our faculty.

For those who cannot make it, the feedback from the feedback survey sent out last month will be used to inform the REPS' points being brought forward.

### Research Student Forum

The 1st Research Student Forum of this academic year, held on Wednesday the 28th of November, was chaired by **Sarah Charles**,

with the other HLS REPS **Danii Chippett** and **Laura Wilde** also in attendance. It went very well, with many issues brought forward by students set to be addressed in the near future as a result.

### **Hot Desking in RC4 - More Space!**

HLS are making space available for hot-desking for PhD and MRes PGRs in the CABS open plan area. This is in the central-right section RC4 (to the right of the reception desks if you enter via the lift). If necessary, reception can point you to the correct location

### **New Framework**

The new research student framework is now in place. Those with PRPs this month, or in January may choose to move to the new framework.

For more information about the new framework, please go to [this site](#).

For those who have moved to the new system, you will have now been contacted by rru.reg to complete your **Research Degree Development Agreement**. Please be sure to complete this before the deadline that you have been given.

Also, please do write into us with your experiences on the new framework, so we can inform people who are having PRPs in Jan/May on whether it will benefit them.

### **Booking Rooms at Elm Bank**

The RECAP team have now started allowing students to book rooms at Elm Bank for studying or meeting purposes.

For booking a seminar/workshop/reading group (capacity 25 people) just fill in [this form](#)

For larger spaces, send an email to the RECAP team ([RECAP@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:RECAP@coventry.ac.uk)) with your request. These will be dealt with on a case by case basis.



## Research Spotlight - Sahar Shahid

This month, forensic psychology PhD researcher **Sahar Shahid** is put under the spotlight.

[Click here to see the full article](#)

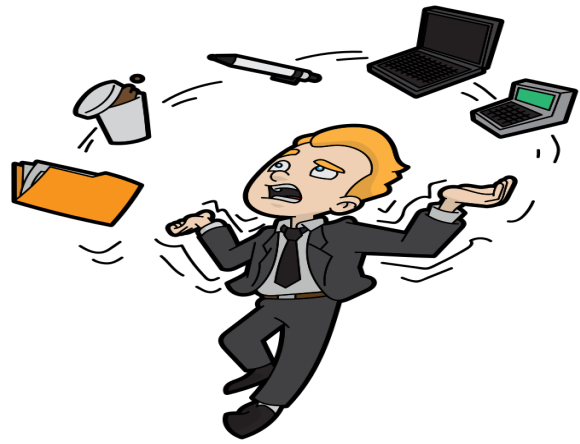


## Thinkpiece: Stress during a Research Degree: How to deal with it in Coventry

In this Thinkpiece, **Sarah Charles** Speaks about stress during a research degree and how to deal with it in Coventry.

[Click here to see the full article](#)

# PARTY



## Event Highlight: Christmas Party

As Christmas nears, end of year parties are very much needed. So, **Laura Wilde** has arranged for a Christmas party - with food and drink provided - to be hosted in the Refectory in **Elm Bank** from **4pm-6pm on Friday the 14th December**.

[Click here to see the full article](#)

## Reflection: Balancing a PhD and a Job

In this piece, **James Bartlett** reflects on juggling a job and doing his PhD at the same time. This may be of interest to others working and studying, or those on an MRes thinking of doing so.

[Click here to see the full article](#)



## Event Highlight: PG Community Meeting

The next PG Community meeting will take place **Thursday 13th December**, at 4pm-5pm in **The Hub, Meeting Room 2**. This is a forum where all post-graduates can voice all concerns/issues and recommend events. More information is on the [CUSU](#) website

## Research Participation

We do not have any research being advertised on the website at this time. However, if you would like your research to be listed on the website if you are in need of participants, please email **James Bartlett** at: [cov.pgrnewsletter+researchptps@gmail.com](mailto:cov.pgrnewsletter+researchptps@gmail.com).

## Opportunities

Many opportunities are listed on the website, from PhD and post-doc positions, to workshops and events. Click [here](#) or the picture above to see more opportunities that might be of interest.



## Spending the Holidays in Coventry

Are you staying in Coventry for Christmas? Do you want to hang out with other PG students over the holidays?

If you answered YES to either of the above questions, please send your details to the Newsletter Team at [cov.pgrnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cov.pgrnewsletter@gmail.com) and we'll put you in touch with other PG students to meet up with!

**Please note:** By providing your contact details you are consenting to them being shared with other students who respond to this call 😊

Have a Happy, Friend-filled Christmas Holiday Break

**Becky Seymour** and **Sarah Charles** have also put together a full article with more information.

[Click here to read more](#)

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