

Doctoral School Open Meeting  
22 March 2024

The following topics were raised and discussed:

1. Guest – Emily Gow from the [Social Science Impact Accelerator](#)
  2. Guest – Alice Goode from the [Accessibility and Inclusion Hub](#)
  3. Payment for marking update
  4. PGR space within the Department of Politics and International Relations
  5. Update on the Doctoral School Research Awards
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1. **Guest – Emily Gow from the [Social Science Impact Accelerator](#)**
    - a. ESRC grant for 5 years (until 2028) to support staff and PGR impact work in social sciences (i.e., initiatives that have an impact outside academia).
    - b. Training and events available:
      - i. 15 April – Writing for non-academic audiences
      - ii. Placements (1-3 months) – Deadline for application: 12 June
      - iii. Public Engagement Bursaries – next deadline in September. The 1<sup>st</sup> recipient is Courtney Hooton.
      - iv. 19 October to 9 November – ESRC Festival of Social Science. Deadline for applications: 12 June
  2. **Guest – Alice Goode from the [Accessibility and Inclusion Hub](#)**
  3. **Payment for marking update**
    - a. Discussions are ongoing.
    - b. Dawn Watling has joined the anti-casualisation working group to remove discrepancies and ensure transparency.
    - c. We are aiming to provide solutions by the start of the next academic year.
  4. **PGR space within the Department of Politics and International Relations**
    - a. Resources to build a new space are being explored.
    - b. The discussions about the space are continuing to ensure this is fit for purpose.
  5. **Update on the Doctoral School Research Awards**
    - a. We awarded 26 of the 24 applications received