#### Thank you for coming!

# **Crossing Paths Conference**

Thank you for coming along to the PGR Student 'Crossing Paths' conference.

We had a great day and we really hope that you did too.

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## Thank you to our wonderful presenters!

We would like to thank our wonderful keynote speakers Alan Tomlinson and Billy Clarke for their talks on how interdisciplinary practice has impacted their research and our panel speakers Jonathan Skinner, Avanthi Meduri, Miguel Merino, Olympia Palikara and Wolfgang Mann.





We were also excited to hear from our many student presenters: Chai-Ju Shen, Sophie Jackson, Revd. Samuel Thomas, Alexandra Dias, Richie Barclay, Wei Sam Soo, Sarah Hesketh, Catherine, Dulin Doris Dornelles, Mary Henderson, Kay Waddilove and Charles Boadi.

It was great to hear about the research currently going on at the University of Roehampton in a wide range of departments including Dance, Life Sciences and Education, with topics as including the role of metacognition in reading and comprehension and a sociocultural analysis of the evolution of the Waltz in Vienna.





## Your feedback

We emailed everyone who attended the conference to seek their feedback on how the day went.

Here are some things that conference attendees thought was good about the day:

'Hearing about others experience of interdisciplinary research, both in presentations and conversations'

'It was great to hear from different departments. There is very interesting work going on in Roehampton!'

'The interdisciplinary research outlook! It was fascinating to learn new things from other fields!' 'Very friendly atmosphere and a helpful experience for bettering conference skill along with the purpose of sharing'

'A good starting point as a new research student to think about trans-disciplinary approaches to research'

'The keynote speakers were lovely. The fact that they stayed all day and asked questions was great'

'I particularly enjoyed the presentations from students which gave a good overview of some of the research work currently underway'

Thank you to all of you who took time to give us this feedback!

#### Thoughts for next time...

We were also keen to hear about the things that those who attended thought could be improved.

Here are some of the things that conference attendees thought could have been better:

'I was a little disappointed to see so few of my new cohort there and it might have been good to emphasis the value of attending the conference during the Induction days' 'It would be nice if you can provide some interesting topics about lab experiences of some students'

'Perhaps having more interaction and having the conference over two-day period hence allowing more research students to participate'

'Smaller discussion groups factored in rather than panels, to enable more student participation'

'More time given to students presenting research'

'Ten minutes is very short per paper'

Thank you for providing this useful feedback. We will make sure that it is passed onto the group of graduate students organizing the conference in 2018.

We also wanted to extend our thanks to the Elm Grove Events team for hosting the conference and the catering staff who worked on the day. We had many lovely comments about the venue, food and staff.

There is very interesting work going on in Roehampton!'

'It was fascinating to learn new things from other fields!'

'An excellent conference!'

