



# PGR Engage Research Conference 2023

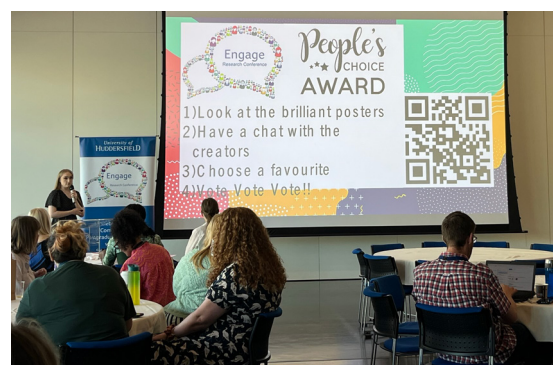
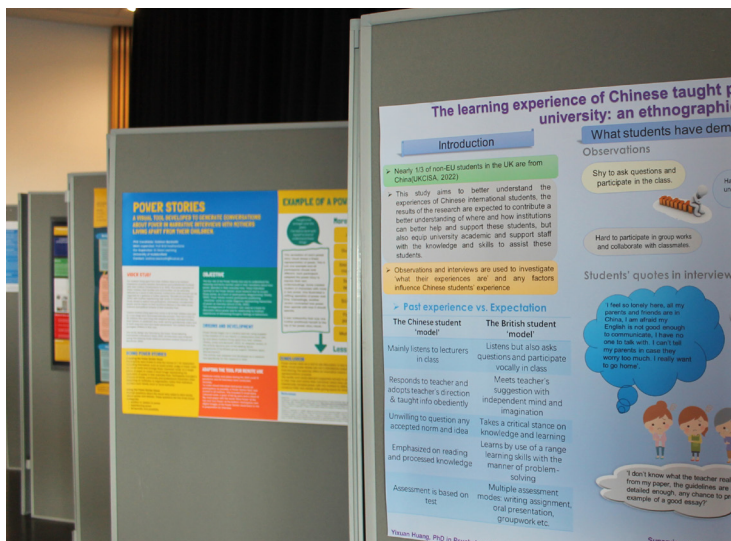
**Reimagining Research: Ideas,  
Innovation, and Impact.**

▶ **The PGR Engage Research Conference is an annual on-campus event for postgraduate researchers (PGRs) within our School of Human and Health Sciences (HHS) at the University of Huddersfield.**

The conference aims to encourage HHS PGRs and staff to come together, engage, exchange ideas, and share work confidently in a supportive and friendly environment.

The unforeseen global pandemic has transformed how we socialise and interact with one another - we live in a digital age; online communication and networking remotely have never been more accessible and has become the new normal. However, we recognise now more than ever how important it is for our vibrant research community to come together on campus to recognise and celebrate the dissemination of postgraduate research taking place in our School.

At this conference, PGRs from across the School can showcase their work via oral or poster presentations. The range of topics is diverse and reflects the vast array of health, behavioural and social sciences research being undertaken within the School.



## Oral Presentations

Throughout the day, a total of nineteen compelling oral presentations and five captivating posters showcased the diverse research efforts from various school departments and research centres, each drawing a substantial presence from the academic community.

### **Bolanle Adjeh**

Advanced care planning among individuals living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in the UK: a grounded theory study

### **Gabriella Annandale**

Exploring post-pandemic parental hesitancy towards routine childhood vaccinations: the role of personality, misinformation, and cognitive bias



### **Stacey Durham - 2nd Place**

“Home is where the ART is”; understanding the role of creative arts engagement for young people living with mental health difficulties



### **Funmilayo Fabiyi - 1st Place**

Maternal mental health and child wellbeing of black African immigrant mothers in the UK

### **Andrea Freeman**

Diaries as a research tool in Dementia

### **Gabriella Holt**

Extremist media, a living and breathing ecosystem

### **Hassana John**

Loss to follow up: a significant problem affecting the continuity of antiretroviral therapy (ART) programme among people living with HIV in Kogi state, Nigeria

### **Mishti Khatri**

Survey assessing nitrate supplementation in cyclists and runners

### **Lyndsey Layton**

Exploring interactions with looked after young people. What does responsiveness mean to practitioners?

### **Chelsea Leadley**

An exploration of the motivations and experiences in making negative emotional disclosures on social media

### **Shraddha Manandhar**

Marital relationships and health of non-migrating wives of international migrant men from Nepal

## **Hem Raj Neupane**

Understanding reintegration of the returnee labour migrants of Nepal: A longitudinal study

## **Lauren Powell**

Examining the Place Standard Tool through an inequality's lens

## **Dan Redfearn**

“Apart or a part”: what are adults who have learning disabilities experiences of inclusion?

## **Neringa Rucinskiene**

The gap between intentions to seek-help and Actual help-seeking behaviour for mental health in university students: Perception of barriers

## **Emma Shiel**

Blood sweat and Diabetes: Investigating T1D in the workplace and providing informed recommendations

## **Anju Vaidya**

Non-communicable diseases policy formulation process in Nepal: A qualitative study

## **Matt Westerman**

Neural components of decision making under ambiguity

## **Thomas Williams**

Foreshadowing Terror: Exploring the time of online manifestos prior to lone wolf attacks.



## **Poster Presentations**



### **Siobhan Beckwith – People's Choice**

'Power Stories' - a tool developed to generate conversations about power in narrative interviews with mothers living apart from their children with experience of emotional distress



### **Sally Crosland – Judges' Choice**

Perceptions of female-perpetrated intimate partner homicide

### **Caroline Hallowes**

The use of embodied, reflexive and sensory ethnography to investigate professional and therapeutic identity negotiation for physiotherapy degree students

### **Jake Small**

A qualitative study on individuals' understandings of mental health difficulties and how this may be shaped by interactions with others

### **Yixuan Huang**

The learning experience of Chinese taught postgraduate students in a UK university: an ethnographic exploration

## ▶ Speakers

### **Making the most of your PGR journey and preparing for the ‘what next?’**

**Dr Dara Mojtahedi** (*Reader in Criminological and Forensic Psychology, University of Bolton*)

Post-graduate research is arguably the most important period for academics. It is a pilgrimage that transforms students into skilled researchers; it provides them with the necessary skills and expertise to start making an impact in both academia and the real world, but what you get out of the journey corresponds with what you put in. Dara discussed his experiences as a PGR and provided advice on how PGRs could make the most out of their research degree and prepare themselves for a career in research.

### **From Ideas to Impact: Empowering your research for real-world change**

**Dr Tom Simcock** (*Research Fellow and Research Manager of the Healthy Housing Initiative, University of Huddersfield*)

In this keynote, Tom delved into the transformational potential of social science research and its potential to shape the world we live in. Drawing upon experiences in housing research, Tom explored the importance of turning research into practice and discussed effective strategies for maximising the potential of research.

## ▶ **Question Time: Technological advancement and its impact on future research**

**Professor David Peebles** (*Director of the Centre for Cognition and Neuroscience, University of Huddersfield*)

**Professor Simon Parkinson** (*Professor of Cyber Security, University of Huddersfield*)

**Dr Calli Tzani Pepelasi** (*Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Huddersfield*)

**Dr Ellen Martinez** (*Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, University of Huddersfield*)

As technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, it is important to explore the ways in which it has transformed the academic research landscape. From data analysis to collaboration tools, technological advancements have provided researchers with new tools and opportunities for discovery. However, these advancements have also brought challenges, such as data privacy concerns and potential biases in algorithms. This panel of experts delved into these issues and more, discussing the opportunities and challenges that technology presents for academic research and for researchers themselves. The panel explored topics such as the role of artificial intelligence in research, the impact of social media on academic discourse, and the ethical considerations of technology in research.

## Organisers

The conference is organised each year by a committee of PGR volunteers in collaboration with administrative and academic staff who work together to support the PGR community, enabling positive presentation experiences and space for knowledge exchange.

**Sarah Harlow**

**Dr Camilo Tamayo Gomez**

**Gabriella Holt**

**Tom Williams**

**Harriet Slater**

**Funmilayo Fabiyi**

**Lyndsey Layton**

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**Gabriella**  
@Gabs\_Annandale

Rounded off the week with #engage2023!

Did my first oral presentation on my MRes work, heard some really interesting talks and helped make "armless" the newest member PGR office in the networking workshop!



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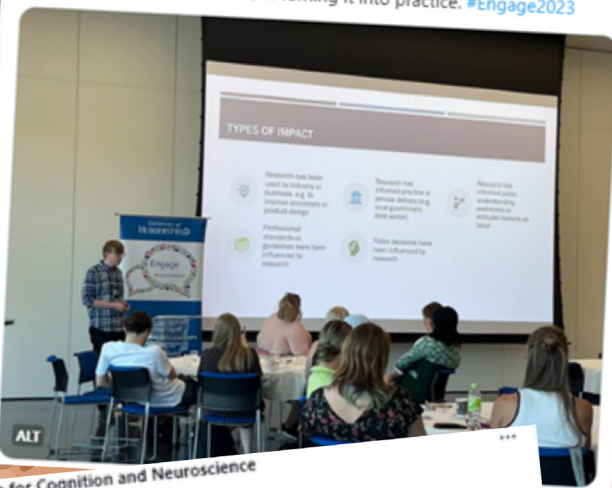
In the Decision Making session, we had @MattWest\_08 give us an overview of his PhD work with a talk titled: Neural components of decision making under ambiguity.



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'Build a community - we can't achieve the impact alone.'

Our 2nd keynote speaker, #Research Fellow & @InHealthyHomes Research Manager Dr @tomjsimcock explores maximising research potential, such as writing for @ConversationUK, & turning it into practice. #Engage2023



**Louisa Peters**  
@LouisaAPeters

Well done to the legend @SalDoesPsych for presenting her research at #engage2023 conference! @Hud\_HHS



**Centre for Cognition and Neuroscience**  
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Great to see CCN representation at the @HudEngage today! First was CCN alumni @darapsych giving a keynote titled: Making the most of your PGR journey and preparing for the 'what next?'. It was great to see you, Dara!



**Neringa Ručinskienė**  
@RucinskieneN

Had a great time sharing my MRes thesis and listening to other PGRs' projects today at the #Engage2023 conference! Absolutely loved the little robots made by collaborating PGRs while waiting to hear the results from the committee 🤖



**Liz Hather-Reeve**  
@liz\_hather

#Engage2023! Thanks @Hud\_HHS and @HudEngage for putting on a great PGR conference today. It was really interesting to find out more about some of the innovative research going on, alongside all of the PhD journey tips! Also, well done to everyone that presented! 🌞🌞

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Next up was @Gabs\_Annandale presenting some preliminary results from her MRes project titled: Exploring post-pandemic parental hesitancy towards routine childhood vaccinations: the role of personality, misinformation and cognitive bias.



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School Director of Graduate Education Dr Dawn Leeming opens the conference & highlights PGR activity including @TuringScheme\_UK participants & a @gladlib writing retreat. #Engage2023 @HudEngage



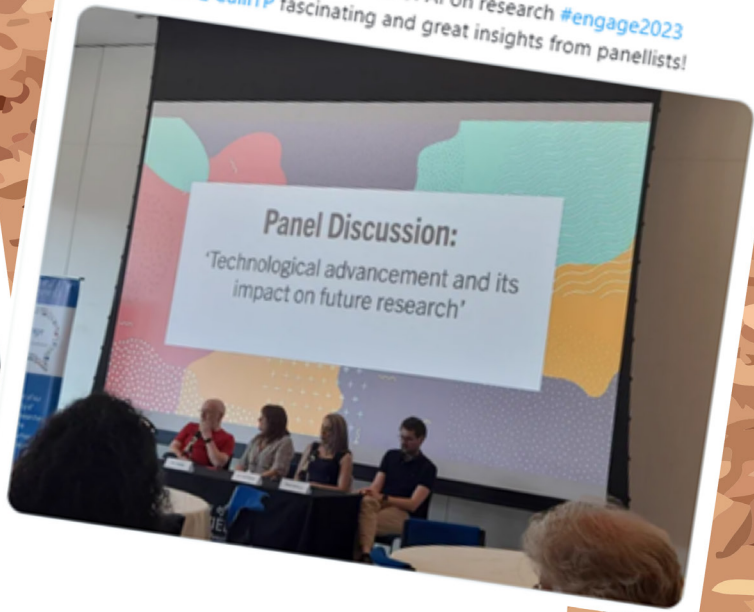
Bibha Simkhada  
@SimkhadaBibha

Some of our PGRs good work is highlighted at PGR Engaged Conference 2023. Excited to listen interesting presentation by our PGRs #Engage2023 @Hud\_HHS @WeLoveResearch



Sal Does Psychology  
@SalDoesPsych

Really interesting panel on the use of AI on research #engage2023 @djpeebles @CalliTP fascinating and great insights from panellists!

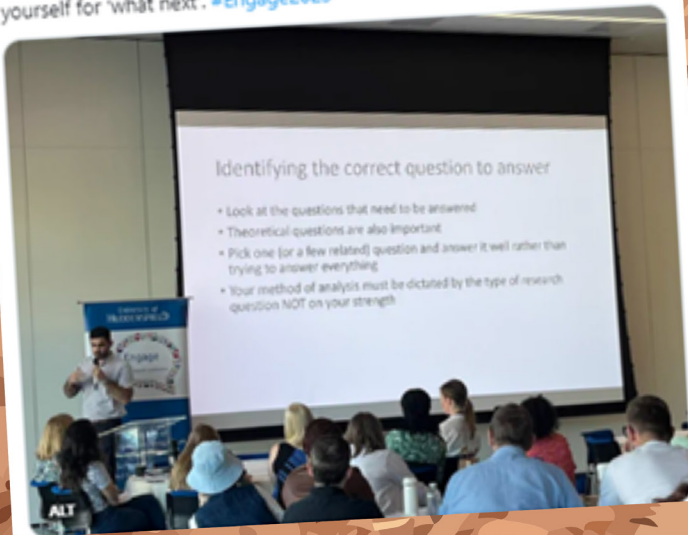


Jo  
@JoJoodams

My first time attending. Highly recommend. Some amazing work taking place.

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Our first keynote speaker! @BoltonUni's Dr Dara Mojtahedi (@darapsych) discusses how you can make the most of your #research degree & prepare yourself for 'what next'. #Engage2023



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From us to you - Thank you to everyone who came to #Engage2023 yesterday! Our keynotes, panel members, and judges were amazing, but the stars of the show, as always, were our #PGRs. They are what this conference is all about. Well done everyone, you were fantastic! @Hud\_HHS





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