

Innovative Learning Week 20-24 Feb 2012



Information for **Taught Masters** students

'Normal' teaching will be suspended for this week, and instead the week will be used as an opportunity for experimentation and innovation in areas which may normally be constrained by the curriculum.

The Institute for Academic Development are offering the following workshops to **Taught Masters** students.

To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw> or email iad.masters@ed.ac.uk

Timetable Summary *** all events have refreshments***

Mon 20 Feb	12:00-15:00	The Secrets of Efficient and Effective Study
Wed 22 Feb	11:00-12:30	What you need to know – applying for a PhD @ Edinburgh (panel discussion)
Wed 22 Feb	13:00-14:30	What you need to know – the PhD experience (panel discussion)
Wed 22 Feb	13:00-17:00	Mastering Creativity
Thurs 23 Feb	09:00-12:00	Take Five: Time Management
Thurs 23 Feb	13:00-16:00	Cross Purposes: Network & Negotiation
Thurs 23 Feb	13:00-16:00	Selling the Dream: professional presentation skills for positive engagement
Fri 24 Feb	09:45-12:00	Mastering Social Media

The Secrets of Efficient and Effective Study (Steve Hutchinson)

Mon 20 Feb 12.00-15.00



Rene Descartes once said that "it is not enough to have a great mind, the main thing is to use it well". So, how well do you use *your* great mind?

In this 3 hour workshop we'll consider how you can use some simple techniques to improve your reading speed and efficiency, critical faculties, memory, creativity and planning for writing.

Bring along some reading material and some coloured pens.

IAD, LT4, 7 Bristo Square, Central

To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>

Mastering Creativity (Dave Filipovic-Carter)

Wed 22 Feb 13.00-17.00



Despite what you might believe, there is no great secret to creativity. All it requires is a brain and some techniques. You bring your brain, and I'll provide the techniques. I don't promise you'll be composing sonnets by the end of the session, but you will leave with some clear approaches to being more creative in your work.

IAD, LT5, 7 Bristo Square, Central

To book a place:

<http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>



**What you need to know –
applying for a PhD @
Edinburgh**

Wed 22 Feb 11.00-12.30



This panel discussion is open to all Masters students considering a PhD at the University of Edinburgh. There will be staff from Registry, Admission, IAD and more, to answer any questions you have.

What you need to know – the PhD experience
Wed 22 Feb 13.00-14.30

This panel discussion will provide different perspectives from current/past PhD students from across the university. It will be a great opportunity for you to ask them anything you want to know about the undertaking a PhD.

A networking lunch will be available 12.30-13.00

Venue: **IAD, LT1**, 7 Bristo Square, Central
To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>

**Take Five: Time
Management (Piero Vitelli)**
Thurs 23 Feb 09.00-12.00



There are many methods of considering, examining and quantifying how we use our time, and they all can be extremely valid. However, there are a few fundamental questions which should be addressed before this course can be effective.

Albert Einstein once said that the definition of insanity was doing the same thing and expecting a different result, and so this is true of how we use our time. Do we really want to change? Are we prepared to learn new habits?

Venue: **IAD, LT5**, 7 Bristo Square, Central
To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>

**Selling the Dream: professional
presentation skills for positive
engagement (Iain Davidson)**

Thurs 23 Feb 13.00-16.00



A short masters course introducing new ideas on engaging, holding and working an audience from the seminar room to the conference auditorium. Be prepared to be interactive!

Venue: **LT2, Appleton Tower**, Central
To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>

**Cross Purposes: Network
and Negotiation (Piero Vitelli)**

Thurs 23 Feb 13.00-16.00



- Do we have to network?
- How can we network in such a way as to feel genuine yet be effective?
- Why do we sometimes feel like a spare part at networking events?
- Why does everyone else seem so much more confident than we feel?
- If we show any weakness is that bad?

If any of these questions sound familiar, then this could be the course for you.

Venue: **IAD, LT5**, 7 Bristo Square, Central
To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>

**Mastering Social Media
(Nicola Osborne)**

Fri 24 Feb 09.45-12.00



In this workshop we will look at how to make the best use of social media to support your learning, to research and stay up to date with your subject area, to share your ideas and let people know about your work, and to build your profile and network. Bring your questions and concerns, ideas and experiences - good and bad - to share and discuss!

Venue: **IAD, LT3**, 7 Bristo Square, Central
To book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/6rg3oxw>