Volunteering Opportunity
Beyond Academia: Alternative Careers Speaker

Volunteering opportunity
We are looking for alumni to provide career guidance for Postgraduate Research (PGR) students within the Faculty of Arts who are exploring career options outside of academia after completion of their PhD. You would give a short talk (5-10 minutes) about your personal experience going from postgraduate research into non-academic employment.

Ideally, your talk could cover topics such as:
- when and why you decided to work outside of academia (or in Higher Education in a non-academic role) after your PhD
- what skills and experience you have taken from your degree which you have applied in the workplace
- your experiences of the graduate recruitment process
- what your current role entails
- tips you might have for PGR students who would like to do something similar with their career

We hope you will also be able to take part in a short video interview with the Careers Team – please note this is optional and that the panel event itself will not be recorded.

Lunch and refreshments will be available from 12.30.

Who will suit this opportunity?
Alumni who:
- Have completed a PhD or PGR degree in the Faculty of Arts and are currently working outside of academia (or in Higher Education in a non-academic role)
- Enjoy public speaking and are happy to share their personal experience of the recruitment process after the PhD and their career to date
- Can help students realise how they can apply their skills and experience from the PhD within career sectors outside of academia

Date, time and expected number of volunteering hours
Date: 24th May 2019
Time: 12.30-2pm
Location: B2 Hemsley, University Park Campus
Expected number of volunteering hours: 1.5 – 3.5 hours (plus an optional short filmed interview before or after panel which will take 1 hour at most).

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The Role
You will talk for 5-10 minutes about your personal experience of going from postgraduate research into non-academic employment. Your talk should roughly cover:

- When and why did you decide to work outside of academia after your PhD?
- What skills and experience have you taken from your degree which you have applied in the workplace?
- Your experiences of the graduate recruitment process – both good and bad!
- What your current role entails and what you enjoy about it.
- Any tips for PGR students who would like to do something similar with their career.

Type of audience role will benefit
PhD and PGR students from the Faculty of Arts, who are considering a career outside of academia. Students will gain awareness of the different types of role available to them, and how their skills and experiences developed during the PhD can help them in the job application process.

Recruitment process
Please complete an application form by Monday 29th April 2019 at the latest. A member of the Team will then be in touch to discuss event details and answer any questions you have about the event.