Volunteering opportunity

We are looking for alumni to provide career guidance for Postgraduate Research (PGR) students within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Humanities disciplines only) 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.

Who will suit this opportunity?

Alumni who:

- Have completed a PhD or PGR degree in the Faculty of Arts or Social Sciences (Humanities) 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: 18th May 2020
Time: 12.30-2pm (Lunch and refreshments will be available from 12.30)
Location: B2 Hemsley, University Park Campus
Expected number of volunteering hours: 1.5 – 2 hours

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.

Recruitment process

Please complete an application form by Monday 20th April 2020 at the latest. A member of the Team will then be in touch to discuss event details with you and sort any travel arrangements.

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