

DIGITAL CULTURE

Academic Retreat 2019

The University of Nottingham's Digital Cultures Research Network (DCRN) are holding a week-long residential academic retreat at Riverbank House (Matlock, Derbyshire) between **Saturday 6th – Friday 12th July 2019**.

The retreat will be open to all postgraduate researchers across the 8 Midlands4Cities institutions (including non-funded students). With in-depth reading groups, show-and-tell feedback seminars and Digital Humanities skills workshops, the retreat will provide an invaluable opportunity for a diffuse network of like-minded Midlands-based researchers to gather and share their knowledge and methods in Digital Cultures. Sessions will include:

- **Reading Groups:** materials (e.g. book chapters, journal articles) are circulated before the retreat, to be discussed in sessions co-chaired by a PGR student and a visiting ECR/Staff member who has expertise in the subject topic. We plan to hold three sessions: Linguistics; Systems and Management; and Videogames (in collaboration with PLAY/PAUSE).
- **Research Practice Workshops:** sessions that will encourage the cascading of invaluable research skills and academic approaches. These sessions will include: Methodologies; Life in Academia; and Writing for Publishing and Journals.
- **Show and Tell Sessions (early-stage)/ Work in Progress Seminars (late-stage)** for researchers to discuss their own work in a friendly, productive environment. Show and Tell sessions will be centred on an object (real or digital) that is an important part of the speaker's research. Work in Progress seminars will be a discussion in response to a pre-circulated paper of roughly 5,000 words by the speaker. We will have four slots for each of these Seminars, so make it known on your application form if you are interested in presenting.

Whilst we are able to provide accommodation for the week at Riverbank House, this accommodation is limited. Please indicate when applying which days you are most interested in attending. Day participation is also encouraged. Food will be provided.

The application form for the DCRN Academic Retreat can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/DCRNAR19>.

Please send your completed form to george.cox@nottingham.ac.uk by **midnight on Sunday 31st March**.

