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## WELCOME TO THE FIRST BULLETIN OF THE WARWICK PGR TEACHING COMMUNITY!

Hi! This is the first bulletin of a new initiative by postgraduates for postgraduates. We're aiming to help foster a community of practice for postgraduates who teach. We're really excited to be launching formally with a good range of exciting events and activities!

### 'Teaching for Learning Online' now available for PGR teachers!

In response to the global pandemic and the shift to online and blended approaches, a substantial online course was designed by ADC and Academic Technology, 'Teaching for Learning Online', to support Warwick staff with the pivot into new ways of working. A version of the course for PGRs is available now! [The TfLO course, based in Moodle and available here](#), is designed for self-paced learning: you are free to explore the materials, focus on one or more sections and revisit anytime. In addition, we ran a pilot more structured opportunity this July, to explore these materials as a cohort, alongside PGRs from University of Hull, and discuss the themes on the course, including the Student Experience, the Role of the Tutor, Course Content, and Inclusivity and Accessibility.

We are looking to offer this course again in the Autumn, so to express your interest and prepare yourself for online teaching in Term One, [please click here](#).

### PGR Teacher Survey launch

If you are a PGR at Warwick, [please fill out our survey, accessible here](#)! Your answers will be completely anonymous and will help us gain valuable insights into the experiences of PGR teachers at Warwick - we hope to use this information to better advocate for opportunities for PGR teachers, to better understand and address challenges faced by PGR teachers and to also understand reasons why PGR students do or do not become involved in teaching. The survey should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

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## Website and social media launch

Though still in their infancy, the broad framework of our new Sitebuilder and Moodle spaces is in place. The [Sitebuilder is the initial hub where you can find out all about WarwickPTC](#) – what is is, what we do, how you can get involved, and more! By autumn term, we will also have created a Moodle space as a repository of resources, training opportunities, and other events for PGRs who teach. We'll keep you updated with its progress over the summer via our Twitter account. If there is content you would like to see on this Moodle, please email us at: [PGRteachercommunity@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PGRteachercommunity@warwick.ac.uk)

[We've also launched a Twitter account](#) – so follow us to keep up-to-date with the latest WarwickPTC developments!

Also – [meet the PGR Teaching Community team here!](#)

## Call for Papers - 'Postgraduate Pandemic Pedagogies'

Our new Journal of PGR Pedagogic Practice Call for Papers is open!

The JPPP a new initiative to share, discuss, and disseminate the unique pedagogies, methods and experiences of postgraduates who teach in all disciplines at higher education institutions.

For our pilot launch issue, we would particularly encourage submissions reflecting on the theme of 'Postgraduate Pandemic Pedagogies'. How have PGRs experienced the challenges of teaching during the pandemic? What lessons have been learned? How can PGRs consolidate the benefits of these experiences once universities pivot back to face-to-face teaching and learning, and what challenges still need to be overcome? We welcome stories of success, but perhaps more so stories of failure or adaptation.

[See the full Call for Papers and further guidance here.](#)

We've also heard from Warwick PGRs interested in helping us with editorial work! If you'd also like to lend a hand that way – especially if you teach in the sciences and have experience lab demonstrating, please get in touch, but we'd be more than happy to hear from anyone – please drop us an email!

**Find out more about the [PGR Teaching Community at our website here](#) and how you can join us!**

In the autumn, we'll be looking to organise an executive committee to help run the teaching community and organise social and other personal development opportunities, and an editorial team to help produce a second volume of the JPPP! We'd love you to be involved!

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**Contact us and join our mailing list!**

To keep up with all the activities and opportunities with the Warwick PTC, please [click here to register your interest](#). For all queries about the Warwick PTC, please email [PGRteachercommunity@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PGRteachercommunity@warwick.ac.uk)

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