

# ResearchYourWay

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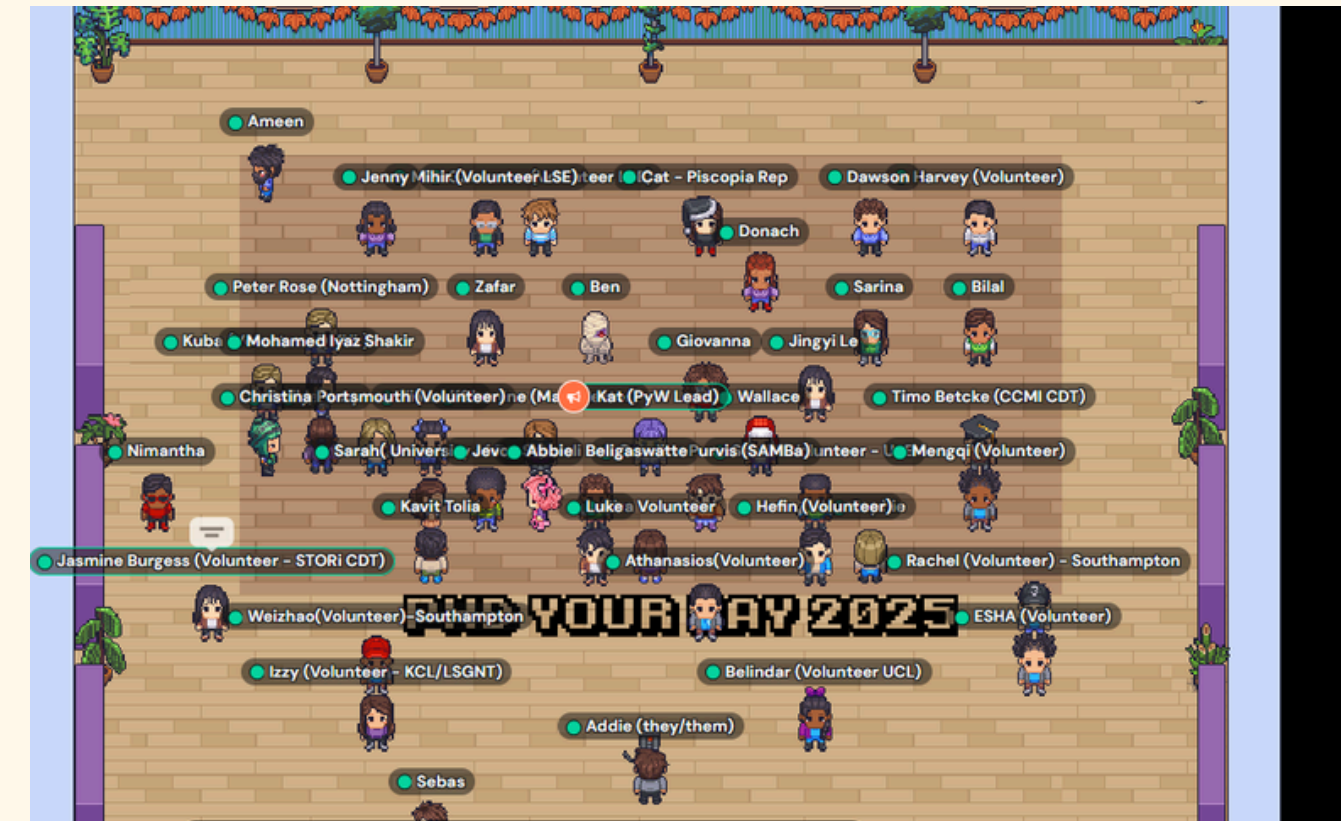
# 2022 - Motivation



PhDYourWay Creators Kat Phillips and Patrick Nairne

- Our Own Experiences for Applying for a PhD
- Recruitment is by a university for a university
- There's a struggle to find the right information

# 2022- 2025 Delivery



# OUR UNIVERSITIES



# PhDYourWay - Impact

**750+ registered attendees**

**76% reporting feeling the event positively impacted their thoughts about applying for a PhD**

**55% self identify as part of a group currently underrepresented in UK Mathematics**

***“Very well run and communicated, also nice trying gather for the first time definitely feels cutting edge!” - PYW '25 attendee***

***“The session helped to demystify the idea of 'who' a PhD student is, and show what the general day-to-day looks like.”- PYW '23 attendee.***

**Scale-up**

# The Problems

## Breadth

We currently support the mathematical sciences, what about the rest of EPMS?

## Depth

There's never enough time in a single event to support everyone, can we tailor events to specific groups?

## Height

Our attendees from 2022 are now applying for postdocs, how do we support them?

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## Sustainability

Ensure we can still deliver the same quality of events and support post-funding.

## Evidence-based Evaluation

Work with evaluation specialists to survey perceived and structural barriers to entry

Breadth  
Workshop  
academic  
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## Questions for potential supervisors

A non-exhaustive list to decide if they're a match for you, according to a current Maths PhD student!

Swipe to find out →



## How does PhD funding actually work?

A guide for mathematics applicants (26/27)

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## IS A PHD RIGHT FOR ME?

WEBINAR +  
Q&A WITH PHDS



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**However...**

***How do you effectively scale-up  
grass-roots initiatives, if you have  
to sacrifice freedom of design for  
funds and institutional support?***

# The Call-To-Action Bit

*We can't run our events without volunteers and advocates*

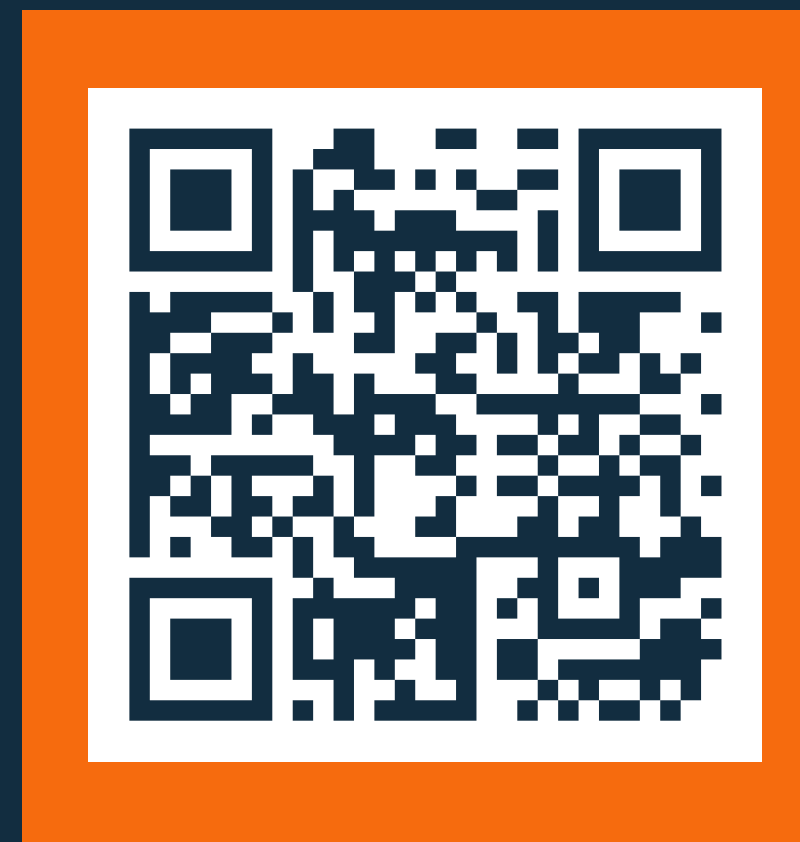
Sign up to our Supporters Network at one of three levels of engagement:

- **Attend** - hear about the events we have on offer.
- **Advocate** - share our events and opportunities with your network.
- **Volunteer** - play a role in our events, social media, and evaluation initiatives.



# Thank You

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