

# Moving to responsive web templates: Research Centres and Institutes

## A new responsive web design (RWD)

As part of the process of moving all Humanities websites to new responsive design, we will migrate your Research Centre/Institute site to the new templates.

*Please note that this is only for sites within T4, and does not automatically apply for sites housed in WordPress or other platforms.*

You can see the new [www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk) for a live example of the new template, which is similar to the award-winning central University site.

*NB – you may need to view this site in Chrome or Firefox on a campus network as it has been displaying incorrectly in IE within the University.*

## What you need to do

In most cases, you will need to do nothing at all! We will do it all for you within the Web Team.

However, we will ask that you do not make any changes to your site and/or content whilst we are moving it over. This is to avoid any changes being lost and/or having to be remade on the work-in-progress site.

This will be for a short (c. 2 week) period and we will give you notice in advance of when we undertake the work.

## What will be changed

Obviously, the design and layout will change, but other than this, very little.

**We do not intend to make any changes to the actual content of your site.**

As such you will not need to do any work on the content or spend time checking and providing a sign off. It is the responsibility of the Web Team, with myself accountable, for ensuring the site is correct and of a high standard.

Faculty and School Web Committees have confirmed this approach, which also has the backing of HPRC.

There will be some essential changes to make your site work well across mobile devices and in the new templates, and this will mainly be a straightforward change to the top level navigation of your site.

To work well on mobile devices, a short main navigation is required, and many Centres have a lot more than the recommended four links.

This streamlining of the navigation is balanced in the new templates by the inclusion of a drop-down megamenu which will detail sub-sections, and the ability to use on-page elements to highlight key sections, pages and content.

We have prototyped and tested this approach, and it is the best way to do it.

An example of how this will adapt is given below.

## Example of rationalising the navigation structure

NB. This has been based on the Morgan Centre's website

### Current navigation

Main navigation	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level*
About us		
Our research	Kinship and relatedness	Relative Strangers
		Living resemblances
		Children creating kinship
	Relationalities, friendship and belonging	Shared housing
		Critical associations
		Inter/generational dynamics
		Global denim
		Living the weather
	Home and housing	Under the same roof
		Dormant things
		Family background and everyday lives
	LGBT lives	Relative strangers
		Just like marriage
		Gay marriage
	Real life methodologies	Sketching research
		Facet methodology
Realities		
Real life methods		
Our people	PhD students	
	Visitors	
	Professor David Morgan	
Events	Atmospheres	Registration
		Keynote speakers
		Programme
		Location and maps
		Speaker information
		Conference dinner
	Poetics and politics of the table	
	Past events	Do genes matter?
		Conversations with David Morgan
		Encounters conference 2013
		From memory work to experience stories
Homes instead of families?		
Genetic identities, personal lives and assisted donor conception		
Methods and resources	Toolkits	
	Working papers	
	AV resources	
	Resources for teachers and supervisors	
Contact us		

## Proposed RWD navigation

Main navigation	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	3 <sup>rd</sup> level*
Research	Current research	Kinship and relatedness
		Relationalities, friendship and belonging
		Home and housing
		LGBT lives
		Real life methodologies
	Working papers ( <i>could be Publications</i> )	
	Research outputs ( <i>or Research impact</i> )	
	Resources	Toolkits
		AV resources
		Resources for teachers and supervisors
Connect	Events	Atmospheres
		Poetics and politics of the table
		Past events
	Blog	
	Social media	
About us	Vision and priorities ( <i>could be added</i> )	
	News	
	People	
	Maps and travel	
	Contact us	

*NB. If the centre had PGT courses/PGR programmes associated with it, then a 'Study' section would be included after 'Research' in the main navigation.*

*\*Current structure's 3rd level becomes proposed structures 4th level without change.*

### Current main navigation compared to rationalised navigation and mega menu

Current: About us | Our research | Our people | Events | Methods and resources | Contact us

RWD: Research | Connect | About us

Our RWD sites have a mega menu which displays when a user moves their mouse over the main navigation items. This will display links that are under that section. So, for example, when you hover over Research:

Research:			
<b>Current research</b>	<b>Working papers</b>	<b>Research outputs</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Kinship and relatedness Relationalities, friendship and belonging Home and housing LGBT lives Real life methodologies			Toolkits AV resources Resources for teachers and supervisors

This actually displays more pages, making it easier for the user to jump to the page they are looking for directly from the homepage.

## Links and redirects

We will put redirects in place so current URLs will point to the new site, but new URLs should be used once the site is live, including updating references in print as well as online.

Any links published in print materials will continue to work (until the materials are updated or no longer in use) as long as we know it is needed.

These can either be emailed to the web team, or submitted via [IT Support Centre - Humanities web request](#).

## Business as usual – updates and maintenance

In order to migrate all Humanities sites to RWD at the required pace, the web team have less time to allocate to business as usual (BAU) work. It was agreed with Faculty Web Board that an 80:20 allocation in favour of RWD would be maintained throughout the schedule.

Unfortunately this means that the web team needs to rigorously prioritise other work. As such we will not be completing BAU as quickly as we would have previously. This will be the case for the duration of the RWD programme.

We recommend that in the first instance, changes are picked up locally, either by yourselves if trained, or via T4 web editors within your School. Your School Web Lead can provide details if you need them.

### **IT Support Centre online**

Any requests for work that need to come to the Web team should be made via our form within the online IT Support Centre:

- [IT Support Centre - Humanities web request](#)

## Research project websites and WordPress

We have developed WordPress templates for Research Projects.

We are not able to support ongoing maintenance of research project sites, but we can set up an initial site structure and provide training in WordPress.

We are currently producing a documented Research Project Website process for this with Research Support Services (RSS) and Faculty IT, and will supply details once complete. This will include a costing model to aid with research bids.

For now, please contact RSS in the first instance: [Research Support Services](#)

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