

Rory and Elizabeth Brooks Doctoral College
Induction activities for incoming GDI PGR cohort 2016/17

(Please also refer to the PhD Induction Programme for details of the Faculty Induction held on Tuesday 19th September in the Whitworth Hall)

Wednesday, 20 September 2017 – SEED “Meet your GDI DISCO” 11:00-12:30

Activity	Who?	Time
Introduction to GDI/new PGRs. Opportunity for new PGRs to introduce themselves and their research proposals briefly. Basic data on GDI's number of staff, PGRs, Master's students. REBDC (PW/AC). Opportunities for PGRs (teaching, research support, masterclasses). Announcement of full induction day on 23 September.	PW/AC	11:00-12:00
Introduction to PGRs/student reps. Housekeeping points: info available from student union, role of student reps (volunteers?), policy on use of kitchens	PW/AC, two current PGRs (Matthew Walsham, Media Askar, Bala Yusuf)	12:00-12:30

GDI Induction day - Friday, 22nd September 2017, 09:30-17:30

Friday 22nd September Boardroom, 2nd floor Arthur Lewis Building (all day)

GDI REBDC Induction day

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Who?</i>	<i>Time</i>
Meet the Brooks Doctoral College. Explanation from PW/AC about what REBDC is, what it contributes (funding, masterclasses).	PW/AC	09:30-10:15
Coffee break		10:15-10:30
PGR Expectations – doing a PhD at GDI Annual review dates/times, what they involve. Working with your supervisor (DisCo support available). Research Training. TA training and experience. Housekeeping: how do you book a room? Etc.	PW/AC, GDI	10:30-12:30
Lunch		12:30-13:15
Meet the research themes. Explanation of GDI's four research themes; rationale behind them. Explanation of	Diana Mitlin	13:15-13:40

relationship to reading groups.		
Meet the reading groups. Introduction e.g. by Director of Research on what the purpose of reading groups is, why they are worth engaging with. Lightning round for all ten reading groups: presentation of three minutes each by convenors/PGR members on what they are, what they focus on, how (often) they meet, who to contact.	PW/AC	13:40-14:40
Meet the GDI Admin/Communications teams. Introduction to key GDI Admin people to know. Comms: presentation on what the Communications team do and what they can offer to/where they need support from PGRs.	Kerry Mccann, Emma Kelly, Minna Lehtinen, Caroline Boyd, Cloe Mcevoy	14:40-15:15
Coffee break		15:15-15:30
Meet your fellow PGRs. Speed Dating	all existing PGRs	15:30-16:30
Closing remarks	PW/AC	16:30

In the weeks following induction:

What?

At their own convenience: Induction to reading groups: provide reading groups with money to take out members for lunch, i.e. induct and introduce newcomers.