

## Call for Faculty of Humanities Research Staff Representative (RS Rep) for Research Staff Strategy Group

The Research Staff Strategy Group (RSSG) is a University wide group responsible for contributing to policy, strategy and initiatives aimed at improving the support for, and development of those whose primary responsibility is to conduct research. The Group plays a vital role in contributing to the creation of a supportive and inclusive research environment and culture. Membership includes Faculty academic leaders, Faculty research staff representatives, colleagues from professional services teams (Researcher Development, HR and Staff, Learning and Development) and is chaired by the Associate Vice President Research

A vacancy has arisen for the Faculty of Humanities research staff rep role. The rep is expected to act as a conduit between RSSG and Humanities research staff through raising the concerns and representing the views of Humanities research staff, cascading information to Humanities research staff and contributing to discussions about actions and initiatives aimed at supporting the professional and career development of research staff.

RSSG meets between five to six times a year and the rep will have the opportunity to gain experience of liaising with colleagues across Faculties and professional services teams, contributing to the development of policies and strategies and influencing the University's approach to researcher development.

Deborah Ralls who is stepping down from this role as she moves on from her Research Fellow position to a lectureship at Newcastle University commented *"I've really enjoyed my time working with such an innovative and supportive group of colleagues and contributing to positive changes to policy and practice for research staff."*

If you would like to be considered for the Humanities research staff rep role please email [avp-researchers@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:avp-researchers@manchester.ac.uk) with a short statement (250 words max) outlining your motivation to join the Group and your experience of engaging with research staff by **Monday 8 November**.

If you would like to discuss the role and the work of the group further you can contact any of the following RSSG members.

Professor Melissa Westwood, AVP Research and Chair of RSSG, [avp-researchers@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:avp-researchers@manchester.ac.uk)

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