Hello

A lot has happened at the Leeds Social Sciences Institute (LSSI) during the first half of 2017. You can read about some of these activities in issue five of our Newsletter but we would also encourage you to find out more by taking a look at our new brochure.

There have been changes within our team and we are pleased to welcome Vicky Burrett, who will replace Elisa Coati as co-ordinator of the White Rose Social Science Doctoral Training Centre at Leeds. We are also sad to say goodbye to Josine Opmeer, our Research and Innovation Development Manager, who is moving to the University of Hull.

Please circulate this newsletter among your networks and contact Susan Darlington with any great social science stories you would like to share.

Social Sciences Impact Acceleration Account secures additional funding

We are delighted to announce that our Social Sciences Impact Acceleration Account (IAA), which was launched in association with the ESRC in October 2015, has secured additional internal funding of £125k to support activities for a further year. The money will be split equally across 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The timetable for 2017-18 applications is now available, with the deadline for the current open call being Friday, 22 September.

The deadline for the Parliamentary Academic Fellowship, which will offer researchers the chance

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Updated research library available

The library of funded research applications that is available on our website has been refreshed.

New applications to major funding bodies, which will provide an invaluable reference point for future applicants, have been added to the page.

It has also been re-organised to be more user friendly, with applications being divided into funding body first and then by scheme.

If you would like the password to access the library, or if you would like to submit your application for inclusion, please contact Susan Darlington. All forms are anonymised.

Positive Impact Partners Programme launched

University of Leeds Sustainability has launched a Positive Impact Partners (PIP) Programme that aims to bring together University of Leeds colleagues and a wide range of third sector organisations.

These mutually beneficial partnerships will develop goals and objectives to address specific challenges for both organisations and individuals.
to work on specific projects from inside Westminster, has now been extended to Monday, 21 August.

To date the IAA has supported 40 projects and four interdisciplinary events with external partners. This includes the ‘Future of Public Parks Conference’, which was held on 13 July at the British Academy, London. Read more about the project behind the event.

It has also awarded pump prime funding to support the development of the Inequalities Research Network, has had engagement from across all the social sciences.

Find out more about the **Responsive Mode, Knowledge Exchange, and PGR placement projects** that have been supported.

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**Conference reimagines the future of urban public space**

Over 110 people attended the 'Reimagining the Future of Urban Public Space' conference on Monday, 5 June.

The one-day event, which was organised by LSSI, brought together practitioners and academics from diverse disciplines to explore the current challenges facing, and ways of reinvigorating, urban public space.

Delegates also discussed a number of contemporary themes and the manner in which these are played out in different types of public spaces, including regeneration areas and parks.

With keynotes speeches from Allison Dutoit (Gehl Architects) and Sophie Watson (Open University), the event provided a lively forum to debate current issues and to explore new collaborations.

Read [here](#) for more information and to view presentations.

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**Upcoming events**

‘Urban Justice from the Grassroots’ will showcase community initiatives in Leeds that are designed to tackle injustices in the city. The event, which will be held on 12 September, is being organised by Geography and Sociology with sponsorship from LSSI. It is being held in the context of a wider [urban studies international conference](#).

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The PIP programme is open to all University of Leeds staff, individuals working (either paid or voluntary) in the third sector, charitable organisations, state funded schools and any other not for profit social-benefit organisations.

To register for the scheme or to find our more information visit the [webpage](#).

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A GCRF Global Inequalities showcase is being planned for Monday, 2 October. Put the date in your diary and keep visiting our website for further information about the LSSI sponsored event.

Research call announcements

The fourth round of the ESRC Transformative Research call has been announced. The closing date is Tuesday, 31 October 2017. Please note that a maximum of two applications can be accepted from each eligible research organisation, so there will be an institutional process for this call (check with RIS).

The EU-India Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (EuUIP) has pre-announced its first call for collaborative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections. The call is at the end of August 2017.

A pre-call has been announced for the Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) Joint Research Programme under the theme 'Public Spaces: Culture and Integration in Europe'. Note that the programme is subject to the signature of the Grant Agreement with the European Commission for co-funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

The call is expected on Thursday, 24 August 2017 and the deadline outline proposals on Tuesday, 24 October 2017.

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