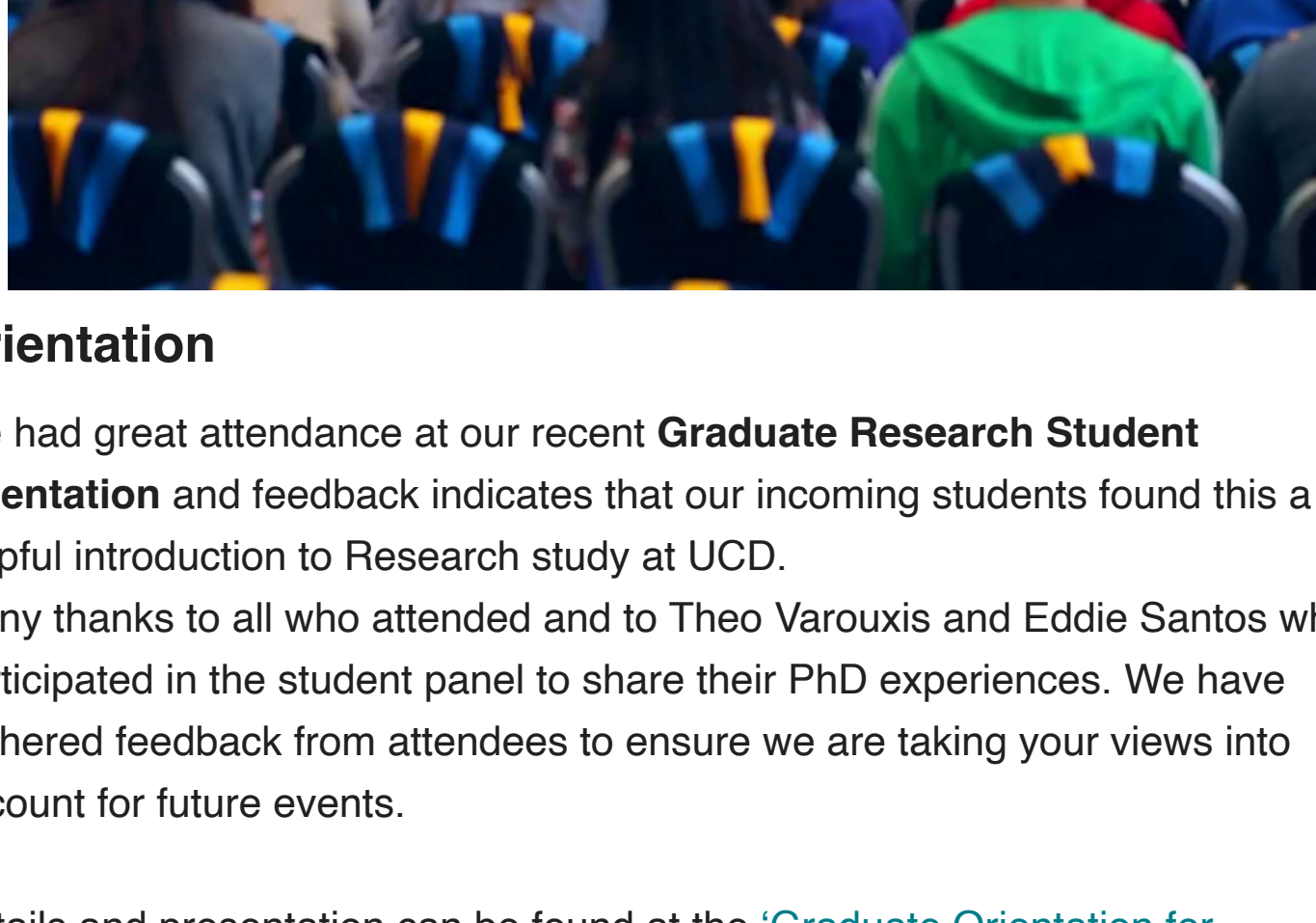


# UCD Graduate Studies Newsletter

October 2024

## Welcome from Graduate Studies

As we are now in October and the first trimester is well underway, we hope you are settling into university life. It is nice to welcome you to our beautiful parkland campus whether you are returning to campus or you are new to UCD.

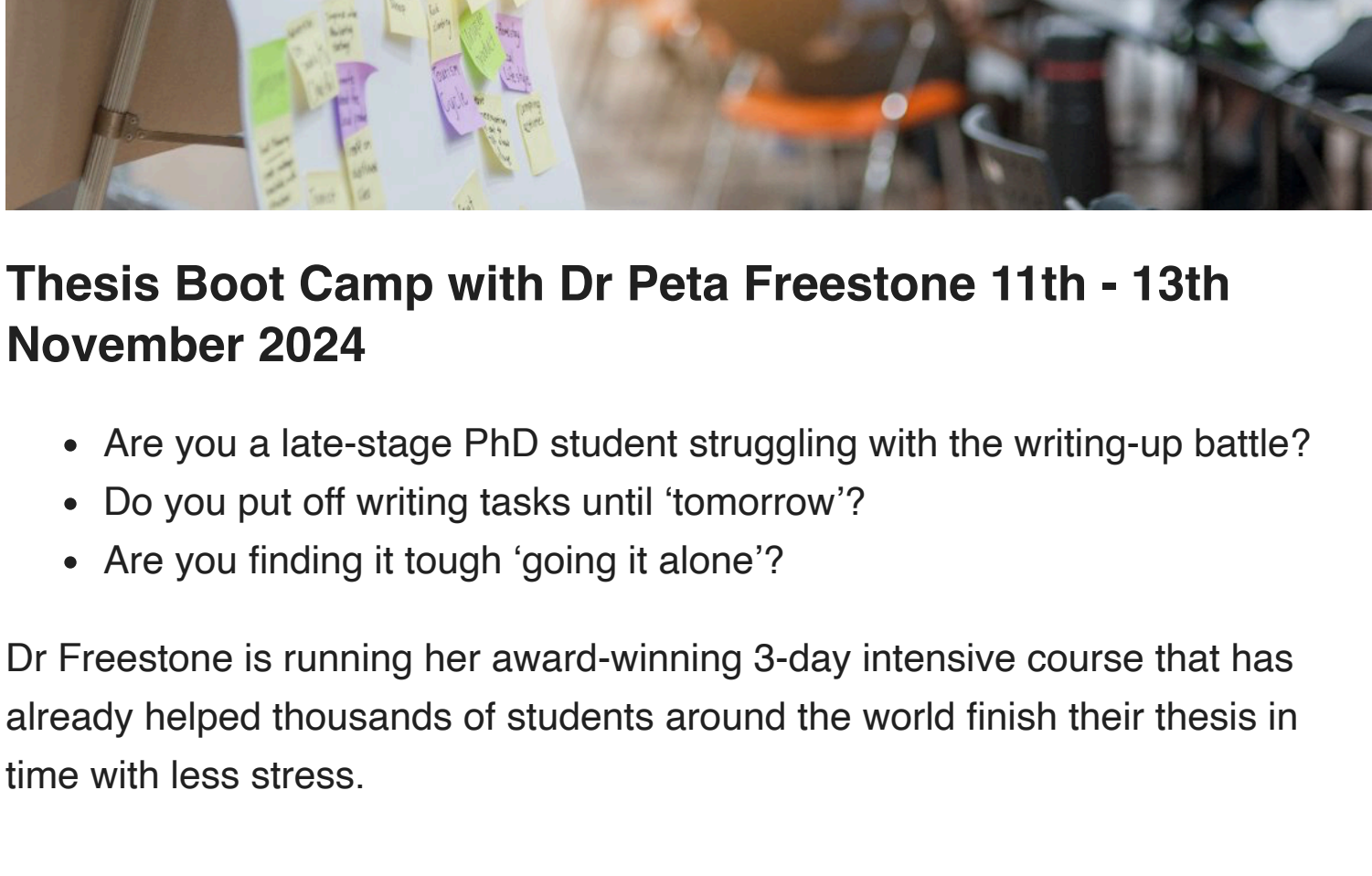


## Orientation

We had great attendance at our recent **Graduate Research Student Orientation** and feedback indicates that our incoming students found this a helpful introduction to Research study at UCD.

Many thanks to all who attended and to Theo Varouxis and Eddie Santos who participated in the student panel to share their PhD experiences. We have gathered feedback from attendees to ensure we are taking your views into account for future events.

Details and presentation can be found at the '[Graduate Orientation for Graduate Research Students 2024/25](#)' module on Brightspace. Please see Brightspace enrolment instructions for Graduate Orientation 2024 [here](#).

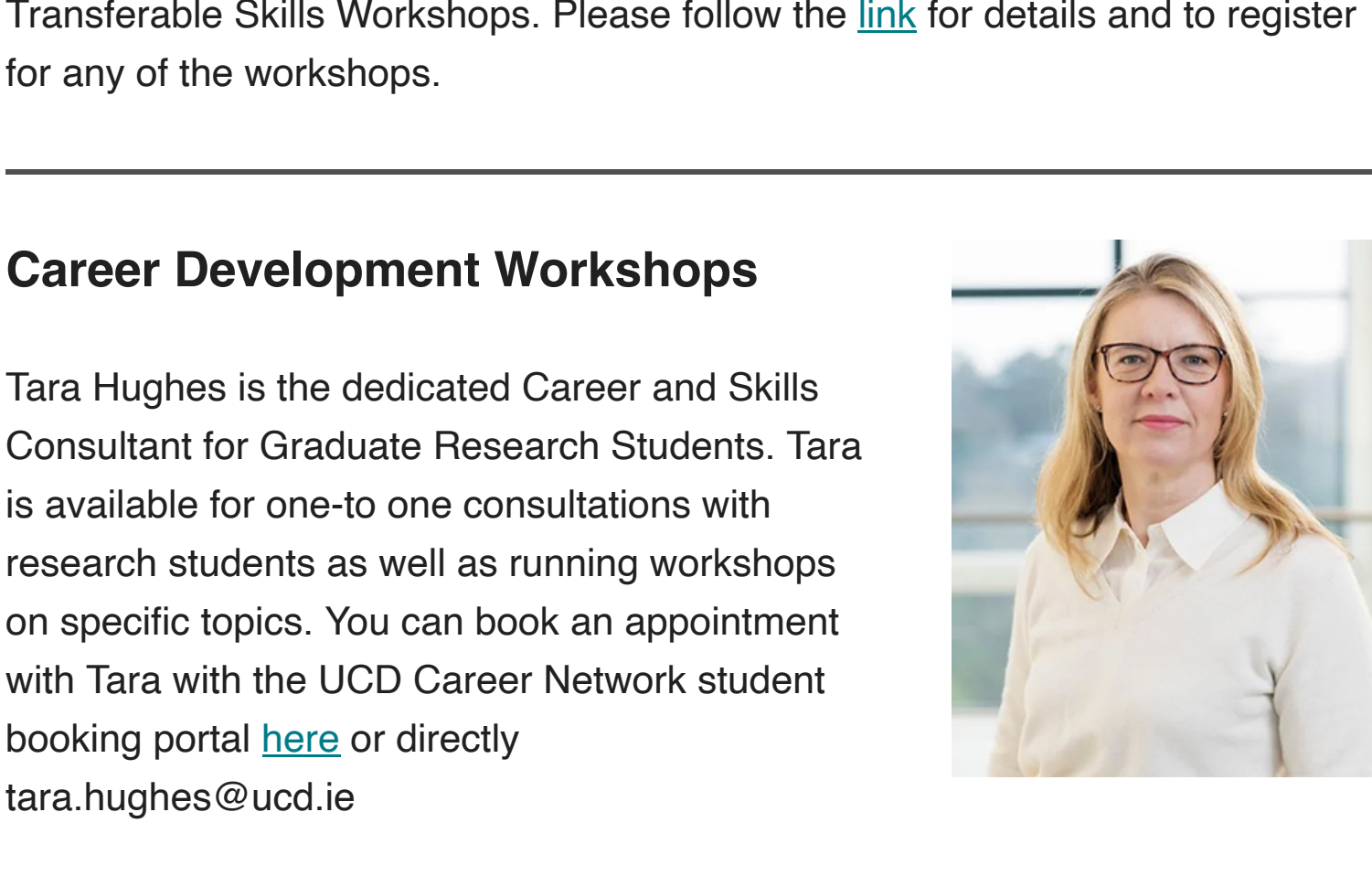


## Thesis Boot Camp with Dr Peta Freestone 11th - 13th November 2024

- Are you a late-stage PhD student struggling with the writing-up battle?
- Do you put off writing tasks until 'tomorrow'?
- Are you finding it tough 'going it alone'?

Dr Freestone is running her award-winning 3-day intensive course that has already helped thousands of students around the world finish their thesis in time with less stress.

The application deadline for this course is **Monday 7 October**, please see [link to course details](#) and the application form.

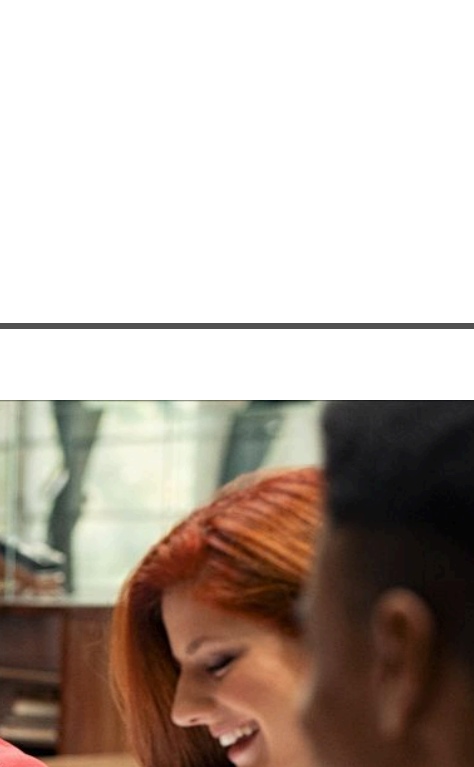


## Transferable Skills workshops

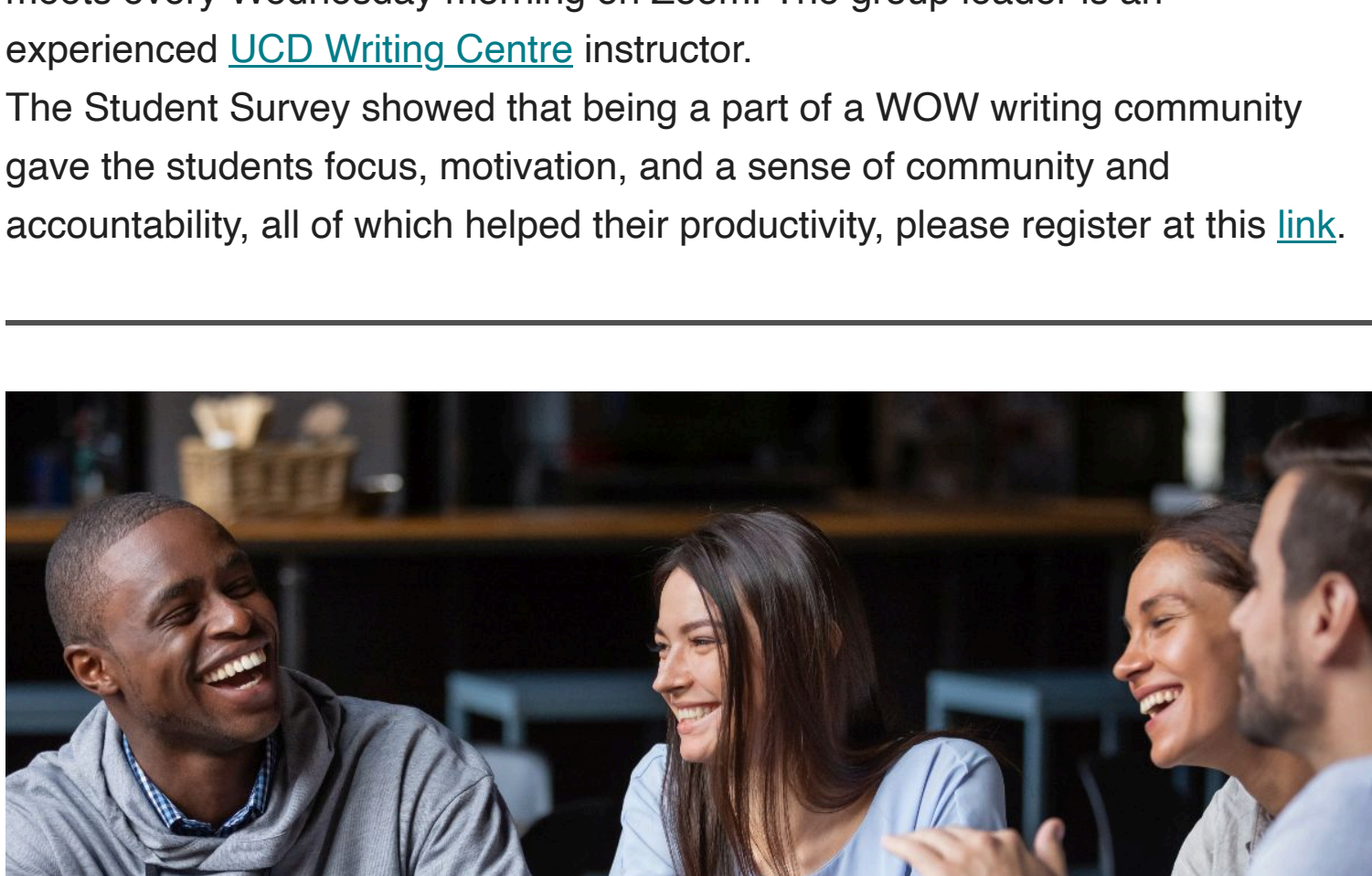
We are pleased to announce that Graduate Studies will be running our suite of Transferable Skills Workshops. Please follow the [link](#) for details and to register for any of the workshops.

## Career Development Workshops

Tara Hughes is the dedicated Career and Skills Consultant for Graduate Research Students. Tara is available for one-to one consultations with research students as well as running workshops on specific topics. You can book an appointment with Tara with the UCD Career Network student booking portal [here](#) or directly [tara.hughes@ucd.ie](mailto:tara.hughes@ucd.ie)



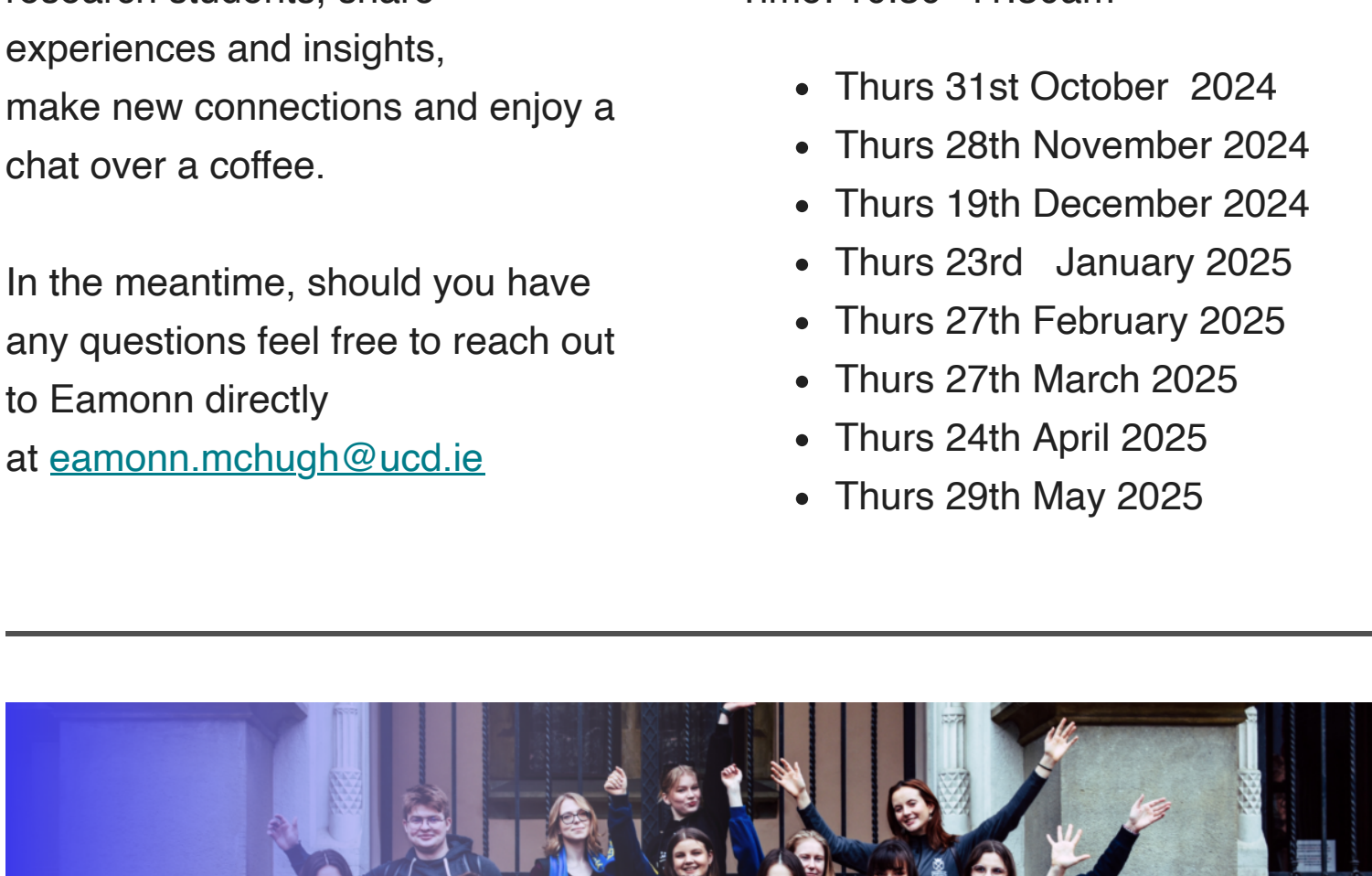
We would also like to highlight the Career Action Plan Programme run by UCD Careers Network. Designed as a 12-week career development programme by the Research Careers team the Career Action Plan for Graduate Researchers includes six online careers workshops featuring discussion, activities and chat with alumni, and supported by follow-up resources on Brightspace. You can book for this programme here: [Booking link](#)



## WOW (Write on Wednesday)

WOW (Write on Wednesday) is a writing group for graduate students which meets every Wednesday morning on Zoom. The group leader is an experienced [UCD Writing Centre](#) instructor.

The Student Survey showed that being a part of a WOW writing community gave the students focus, motivation, and a sense of community and accountability, all of which helped their productivity, please register at this [link](#).



## Graduate Research Student Coffee Mornings

Organised by Eamonn McHugh, [Student Adviser for Postgraduate Research Students](#) the monthly Graduate Research Student Coffee morning provides a great opportunity for students to meet with other graduate research students, share experiences and insights, make new connections and enjoy a chat over a coffee.

In the meantime, should you have any questions feel free to reach out to Eamonn directly at [eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie](mailto:eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie)

The full schedule of dates for 2024/25 is available below. Keep an eye out for email alerts with details on how to sign up.

### 2024/25 Schedule

Venue: Red Room, Student Centre  
Time: 10.30 -11.30am

- Thurs 31st October 2024
- Thurs 28th November 2024
- Thurs 19th December 2024
- Thurs 23rd January 2025
- Thurs 27th February 2025
- Thurs 27th March 2025
- Thurs 24th April 2025
- Thurs 29th May 2025



## Apply for the Una Europa Student Project Incubator 2024!

UCD is a member of the [Una Europa](#) and alliance of 11 partner universities who share a common goal of developing a European University of the Future.

Students from (Bachelor's and Master's students or Doctoral researchers) currently enrolled at an Una Europa university are welcome to apply to participate in this new initiation titled the **Student Project Incubator**.

Una Europa is looking for students who care about current issues linked to Europe's position and role internationally, and who want to develop their skills and thinking on how to act on this.

The Incubator invites *you* to bring your most pressing problem so that *together* we can learn, collaborate, share ideas, meet new people and develop proposals to move forward!

This is the very first time Una Europa are implementing the Incubator, so we hope you will participate in this important initiative

The deadline for applications is 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Application Form is [here](#)



## Do you want to speak about your research at Explorium?

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with a captive audience about the great research happening in UCD and beyond.

In an exciting new collaboration, University College Dublin (UCD) and [Explorium](#), Ireland's leading sport and science centre, have joined forces to bring cutting-edge research to the public in engaging and interactive ways. This collaboration promises to connect UCD's world-class academic expertise with Explorium's proven ability to captivate and inspire diverse audiences.

UCD x Explorium is a public and community engagement collaboration running from October 2024. We are calling for expressions of interest from researchers ([From PhD student to Professor](#)) who want to share the fantastic work they are doing to a public audience, or who want to meet the community to chat about their research.

### This opportunity is open to all disciplines.

Read more about [Public Engagement and Engaged Research](#). For more information, please fill in this brief expression of interest form: <https://forms.gle/aqYzGGPK39A6o8wW8>

## Student Support

We are always mindful of our students' **health and well-being** at UCD. The university offers a suite of supports for research students and for the entire student population. Do stay connected and avail of these valuable supports and services, which are there to help you. [This link demonstrates what types of support we offer our students.](#)

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