

Code of Conduct for BDC Clubs and Networks

Introduction

BDC Clubs and Networks connect and uplift PGRs by facilitating community and peer support.

By attending a BDC Club or Network, you agree to follow our code of conduct. The University of Bristol Acceptable Behaviour Policy

(<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/secretary/student-rules-regs/>) applies to all activities.

BDC Clubs and Networks are peer led and not intended to be a service through which students can directly receive support related to their studies or wellbeing. If you need support from the University please see <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college/guidance/support-for-postgraduate-research-students>

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Clubs and Networks provide a welcoming, harassment free and inclusive environment, both in person and online, for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof), or technology choices.

Participants are expected to contribute to creating a safe, inclusive environment by:

- Being friendly and respectful of others
- Keeping debates constructive and healthy, approaching conversation in good faith
- Recognising that not everyone will share the same views. We have a diverse PGR community with a range of backgrounds and experiences.
- Respecting confidentiality
- Ensuring topics, links and resources shared are relevant to the overall themes of the group
- Reporting discussions that become uncomfortable to a Network/Club Lead or the BDC
- Removing yourself from the discussion rather than engaging in an argument

Freedom of Speech

Discussion and sharing of individual experiences are encouraged and valued. The University of Bristol's [Freedom of Speech Code of Practice](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/university/freedom-of-speech/) applies to all participants. For further information see: <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/university/freedom-of-speech/>