Library Workshop Programme for School of Health Sciences Masters and PhD students; researchers and academics 2018/19

The following workshops are aimed at Masters and PhD students, researchers and academics who are performing systematic reviews or other dissertation research projects.

The workshops follow the steps involved in retrieving relevant studies for your research and complement the guidance provided in the Doing a Systematic Review guide.

Workshops will run throughout the 2018/19 academic year. Dates and times can be viewed, and places booked, via the Library Training section on the Library website https://www.city.ac.uk/library/support/library-training

Formulating your research question

Aimed at those about to begin a systematic review or dissertation. In this session we will be examining ways in which you can turn a topic you are interested in, into a valid and answerable question.

Contents:

- Things to consider when formulating your question
- Using frameworks to structure your question
- Establishing your inclusion and exclusion criteria

Running time: 45 mins

Performing a scoping search to validate your proposed question

Aimed at those who have decided on a research question but have yet to create a research protocol. A scoping search is needed to check a systematic review has not already been performed on the question you are proposing (if you are following that path) and to test the depth of research available.

In this session we will be demonstrating a number of resources which can be used for this purpose.

Contents:

- PROSPERO
- The Cochrane Library
- NICE Evidence Search
- Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP)
- Databases in EBSCOhost & Ovid Online
Developing your search strategy
Aimed at those who have a valid question in place but have yet to create a research protocol. In this session we shall examine the tasks necessary to plan an effective literature search.

Contents:
- Structuring your search
- Finding relevant search terms
- Selecting resources to search

Running time: 45 mins

Advanced literature searching using health databases
Aimed at those who have completed their research protocol and are ready to perform a literature search. In this session we will cover how to perform an advanced literature search using databases available in the EBSCOhost and Ovid Online platforms.

Contents:
- Subject Heading (MeSH) searching
- Keyword search techniques
- Using the Search History function to combine your searches

Running time: 90 mins

Using resources other than EBSCOhost & Ovid Online for literature searching
Aimed at those who have completed their research protocol and are ready to perform a literature search. In this session we will examine other resources which can be used to find research studies.

Contents:
- Other databases (outside EBSCOhost and Ovid Online)
- Citation and Reference tracking
- Grey Literature
- Using websites
- Browsing key journals
- Contacting authors/experts

Running time: 60 mins