

# DESIGN THINKING Workshop for PhD/MPhil Students

At STEAMhouse, 108 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DT

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 9.00am – 4.30pm

Workshop - Invitation & Registration Details



## Interdisciplinary Design Thinking Workshop for Higher Education Students

We are inviting PhD/MPhil students from Birmingham City University (BCU) and other Higher Education (HE) organisations to participate in a one day Design Thinking workshop. Design Thinking (DT) is a set of tools and techniques that help to solve complex problems through team working.

Specifically designed for PhD/MPhil students, the workshop will explore a **user-centric perspective of what makes an effective supervision process and environment, including questions** such as:

- What does effective supervision look like?
- How can the (interdisciplinary) learning environment be 'optimised' for postgraduate-level personal and academic development?
- How can supervisor and supervisee expectations, goals and ways of working be aligned?

Through following a typical process, you will learn about DT tools and processes. You will explore a challenge (based on the three questions listed above) and prototype solutions. You will be encouraged to think in different ways, through contemplating challenges in a more divergent and creative way. As a result, you will be able to apply DT techniques into your practice, learning and work. The workshop also provides an opportunity to network with like-minded people.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Participants should be a PhD or MPhil student within a higher education institution
- Participants should be able to attend the full day workshop
- Participants should be willing to proactively share the learning from the workshop within their student learning groups afterwards

### WORKSHOP DETAILS:

**Venue:** Birmingham City University/ [STEAMhouse](#), 108 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DT

**Dates:** Monday 27th January 2020

**Times:** 9.00am – 4.30pm (registration 9.00-9.15am)

The **ERASMUS+ Design Thinking University (DT.Uni)** project is coordinated by [Maria Curie-Sklodowska University \(UMCS\)](#), Lublin, Poland in partnership with seven European universities.

### HOW TO APPLY:

To apply please complete the following form by **THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019** and submit to: [Charmaine.stint@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:Charmaine.stint@bcu.ac.uk)

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. First Name and Surname	
2. E-mail address:	
3. Contact number	

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4. Course & Faculty	
5. What postgraduate student duties are part of your day to day remit?	
6. Please state how you would describe your knowledge of the design thinking (DT) approach ( <i>circle the option that fits best</i> ): a. I am not familiar with DT b. I have heard about DT but I have never used it c. I use DT partially/ only some aspects of DT d. I occasionally use a DT approach e. I use a DT approach in my everyday work	Please provide details to demonstrate your level of awareness/implementation of design thinking:
7. In your opinion, how can the DT approach/tools & techniques help you in your everyday work?	
8. Why do you want to take part in the workshop? Do you have a specific challenge/issue you feel could benefit through the implementation of a design thinking approach?	

## Approvals and obligations:

I agree to take part in the DT.Uni workshop, taking place 9.00 am – 4.30pm on Monday 27 January 2020, at STEAMhouse, Birmingham City University, 108 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DT.

Signature: .....  
 (PG Student Participant)

Date: .....

Post Graduate Supervisor approval:

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....



We are organising the DT.Uni Erasmus+ Workshop for Students in collaboration with the PhD Hub.

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