

What do Year 1 students need to know? Let's start afresh

Date: Wednesday 15th February

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

Venue: Aston University Library, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET

Description: For the vast majority of our students, the first year at university is a dramatic change from the educational experiences that have gone before. They arrive at our institutions and are immediately thrown into a whirlwind of inductions before starting out on their degree programmes. Where does the library feature in this major year of transition, from welcome week to summer vacation? What do first year students *need* to know about our library services and resources? Are we telling them too much or too little? Are we engaging them just in time or not at all at the right time? Are we turning them on to what we have to offer or putting them off until needs must?

If you want to start afresh with your thinking, then this workshop is for you! You will get to hear about different approaches taken at Aston, De Montfort and Nottingham Universities to kick start your thinking. You will then be working with other participants to map the first year student journey, consider key messages for induction and beyond, draft learning outcomes and start your own action plan to initiative change at your university for the first year library experience.

The programme will be:

Refreshments on arrival

10.00 - 10.20: Welcome and introductions

10.20 - 11.20: How Aston, De Montfort and Nottingham Universities support their first year students... 3 different approaches

11.20 - 12.00: Mapping the student journey - Year 1

12.00 - 12.45: Lunch

12.45 - 1.45: Key messages to learning outcomes

1.45 - 2.00: Tea Break

2.00 - 2.40: Action planning

2.40 - 3.00: Closing remarks

The seminar will be led by:

- Clare Langman, Aston University
- Elizabeth Newall, Nottingham University
- Ceri Laing, De Montfort University

Audience: This event is aimed at subject, study skills and user experience teams.

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-do-year-1-students-need-to-know-lets-start-afresh-tickets-30484410693> to book a place by **10th February 2017**.

Travel: [Travel directions](#) and a [campus map](#) are available from the Aston University website.

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