



## 54 Degrees Project Training University of Huddersfield

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### Employability Skills for Post Grads

#### Project Client

Sarah Wilson was approached by the University of Huddersfield to deliver courses to post graduate doctoral students and researchers, with the aim of providing them with employability skills to add value to their academic offering and prepare them for project life in industry.

Sarah delivered the courses for the Post Graduate and Research Skills Development service at the University of Huddersfield.



#### Project Aim

There is an increasing demand from post graduate students to increase skills to improve their employability alongside delivering their doctoral research and thesis.

The students who attended the courses came from a whole range of disciplines from Criminology to Fine Art and Mechanical Engineering. When discussing what they wanted from the course it always fell into similar categories:

- Time management
- Prioritising work
- Getting help from other people who do not have your work at the top of their priority list
- Working with partners including other Universities, Police Forces, Councils, Industrial Partners, Funding organisations etc
- Dealing with the administration involved in their projects which is not always where their strength lies

The courses were a great introduction to the world of project management and gave invaluable tips which can be used to help in the planning and delivery of their research work, but can also be used to support work outside of their studies or in their future careers.

As part of the day, Sarah also found time to answer any specific questions raised by delegates. With delegates coming from such a range of backgrounds and experience it can be quite challenging to make the day relevant to everyone, so making time to help on an individual basis is vital.

#### Project Result

*"It was really helpful. I can link the relevance of project management to my career."* Post graduate student

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