



# FIRST YEAR COHORT TRAINING

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What kind of  
researcher are you?

Blue = qual

Red = quant

Yellow = something else



# THE WISH LIST

- Appreciate your peers in the SCDTP and the learning and support you can give each other
- Develop a supportive culture within the cohort
- Explore the limitations and potential of different practices, positions and contexts
- Understand and manage researching in the context of multiple uncertainties



# THE PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Welcome and visualising the journey
- 11.30 Researching in times of uncertainty
- 12.00 Photographic exhibition
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Photographic presentations
- 14.00 Group supervision
- 14.30 Creating training mosaics
- 15.15 Evaluation and planning





THE VEHICLE

Thinking visually

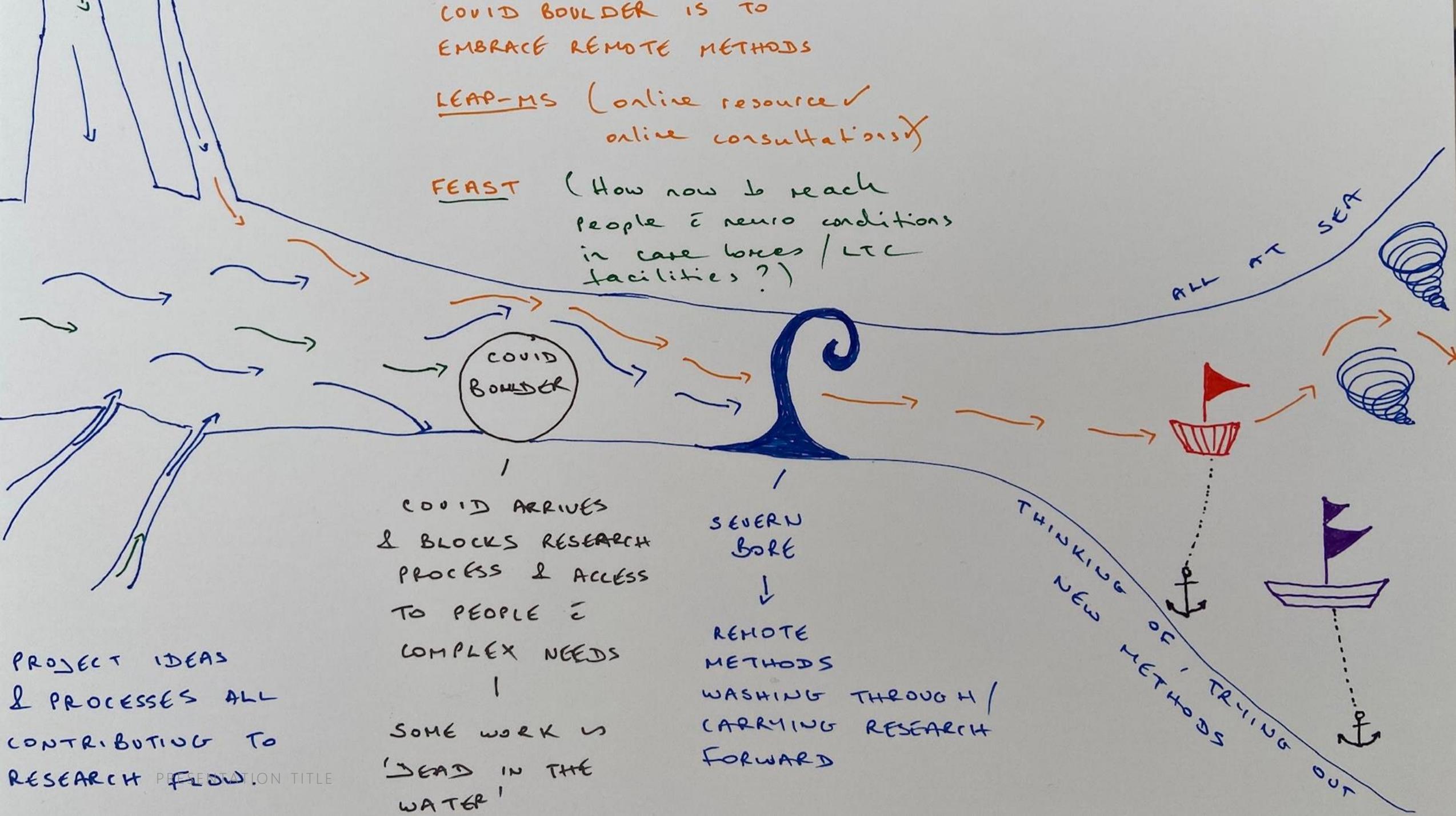


PRESENTATION TITLE

COVID BOULDER IS TO  
EMBRACE REMOTE METHODS

LEAP-MS (online resource ✓  
online consultations)

FEAST (How now to reach  
people in neuro conditions  
in care homes / LTC  
facilities?)



PROJECT IDEAS  
& PROCESSES ALL  
CONTRIBUTING TO  
RESEARCH FLOW.

PRESENTATION TITLE

FEBRUARY 2020

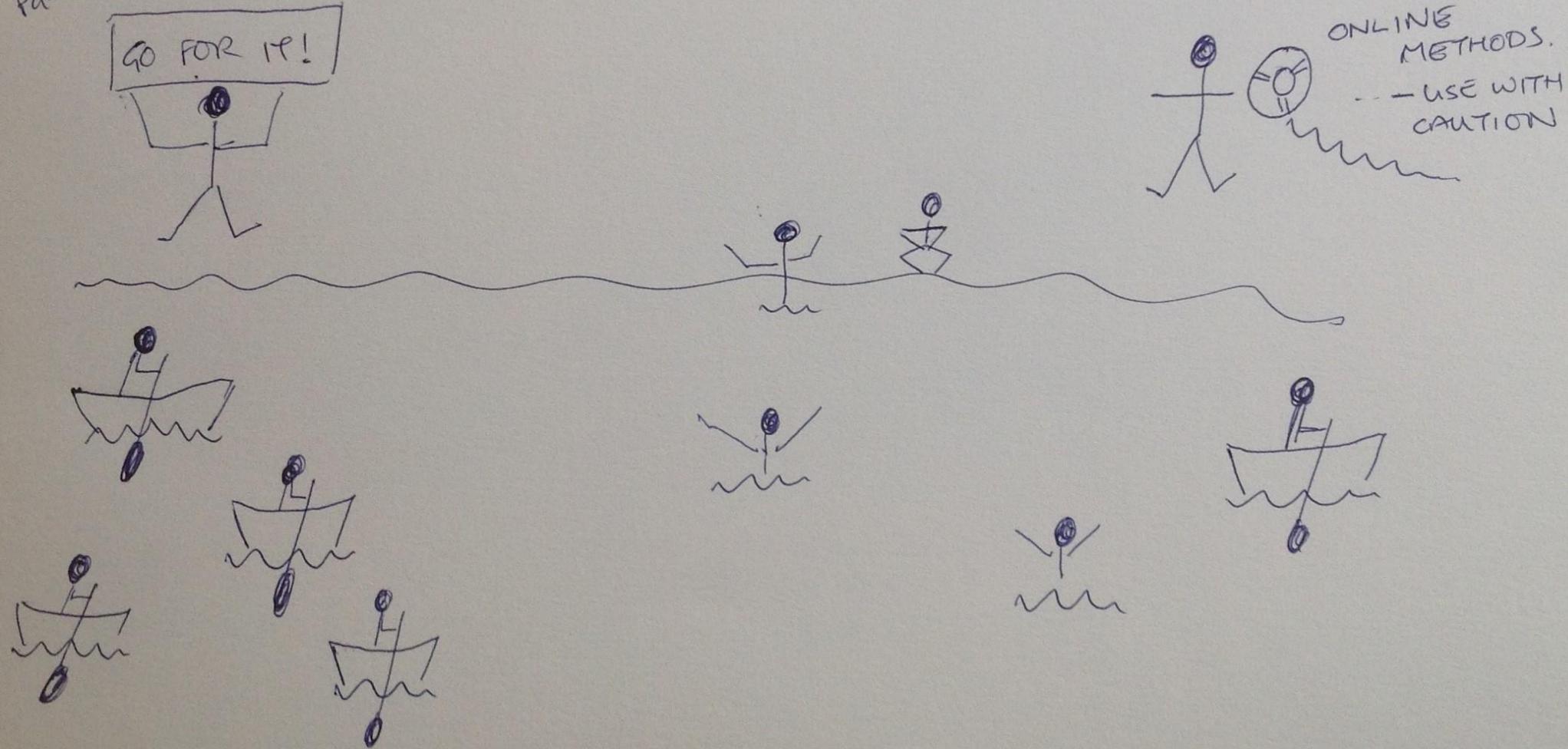
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GO FOR IT!

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ONLINE METHODS.  
--- USE WITH CAUTION



# UTILITY OF VISUAL METAPHOR

# THINKING METAPHORICALLY

Enables us to  
enhance understanding of one 'kind  
of thing in terms of another' (Lakoff  
& Johnson 1980, 5)

generate and analyse data (elicited  
and found metaphor)

be playful (Nind & Vinha 2016)

Using metaphor  
can be verbal, written, visual or  
multisensory as in Brown's (2019)  
participants constructing identity  
boxes

e.g. Rathmayr's (1991) types of social  
researchers: hunters, generals,  
ornithologists, detectives and hikers

# RESEARCHING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XT8HZt2nRyQ>

Fitzgibbon (2022, p.31) writes of crisis:

Whether personal, local, or global, crisis disrupts our understanding of how to respond. Our tools no longer fit the task. Our research may not fit either. New urgencies distort and undo earlier purpose and influences. We find just moments after assessing a situation that we must reassess. And then reassess again. How then should we proceed? Which influences should we accept or resist? Which tools are no longer 'fit for purpose' and for how long should we set them aside?

The crisis – or as Koppe (2022, p.46) sees it ‘point change, or series of events , that disrupt the social world, introducing a period of uncertainty’ – calls everything into question, including the immediate issue of what should we do. Crises demand urgent response and rushed decisions based on incomplete knowledge, they also demand learning for the future. Crises ripple out so that the original crisis prompts other crises and, for researchers as for others, personal and professional crises demand swift thinking, reflection and multiple decisions on questions without single answers. Crises ‘tend to crack open an uncertain future, exposing us to emotionally laden transitionality’ (Green et al., 2022, p. 83).

# UNCERTAINTY =

perhaps

indeterminacy and

ignorance

risk, ambiguity

disruption

feeling insecure

perhaps

need to be flexible

adaptive methodology

iterative approach

feeling agile

perhaps

interruption

the social world as

‘becoming’

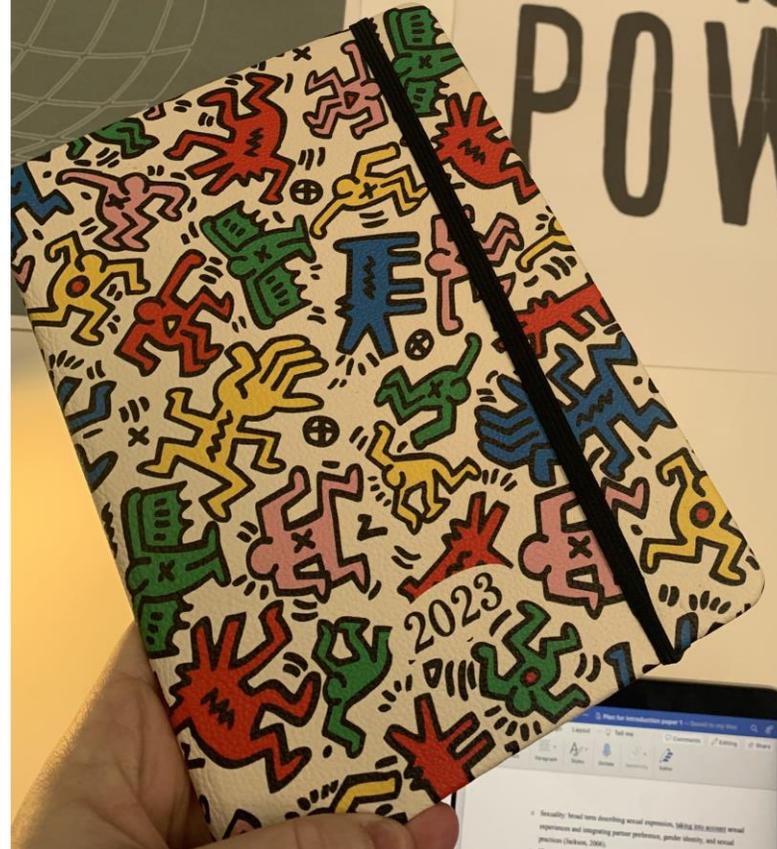
hopeful expectation

feeling responsive and

creative



INTELLIGENCE  
AND  
ENTHUSIASM  
IS  
POWER









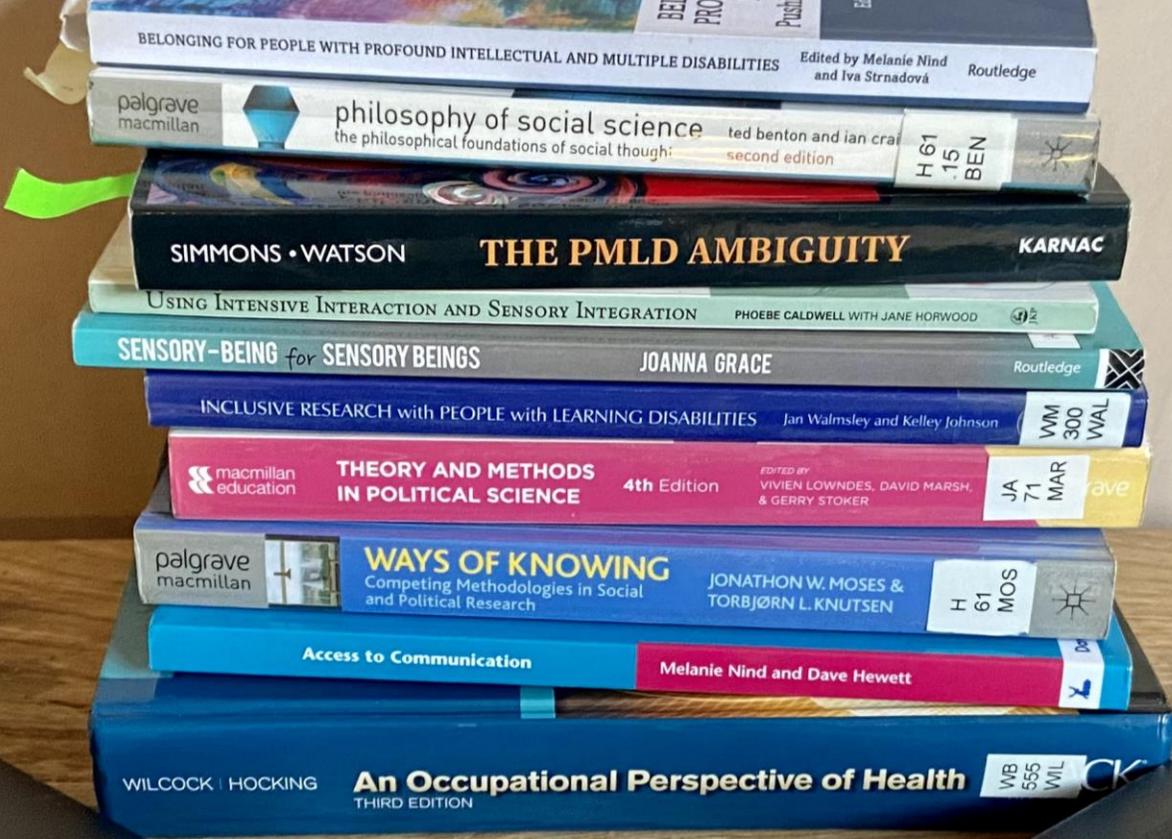
**Live away from cities**

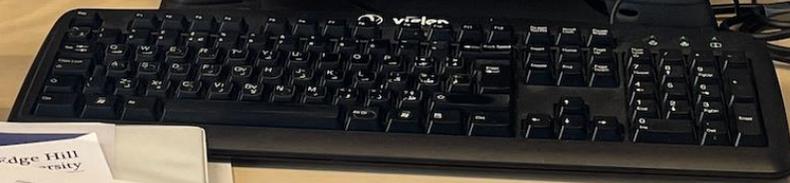
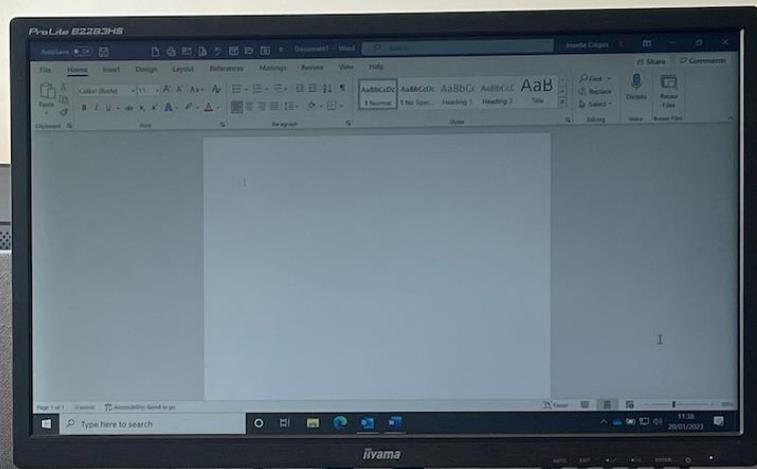


**Live in cities**









Handwritten notes on yellow sticky paper:

- 23rd Jan - 2nd year meeting
- 24th Jan - 3rd year meeting
- 26th Jan - Meeting at 10:00
- 27th Jan - 4th year meeting
- 28th Jan - 5th year meeting
- 29th Jan - 6th year meeting
- 30th Jan - 7th year meeting
- 31st Jan - 8th year meeting

Printed documents and papers:

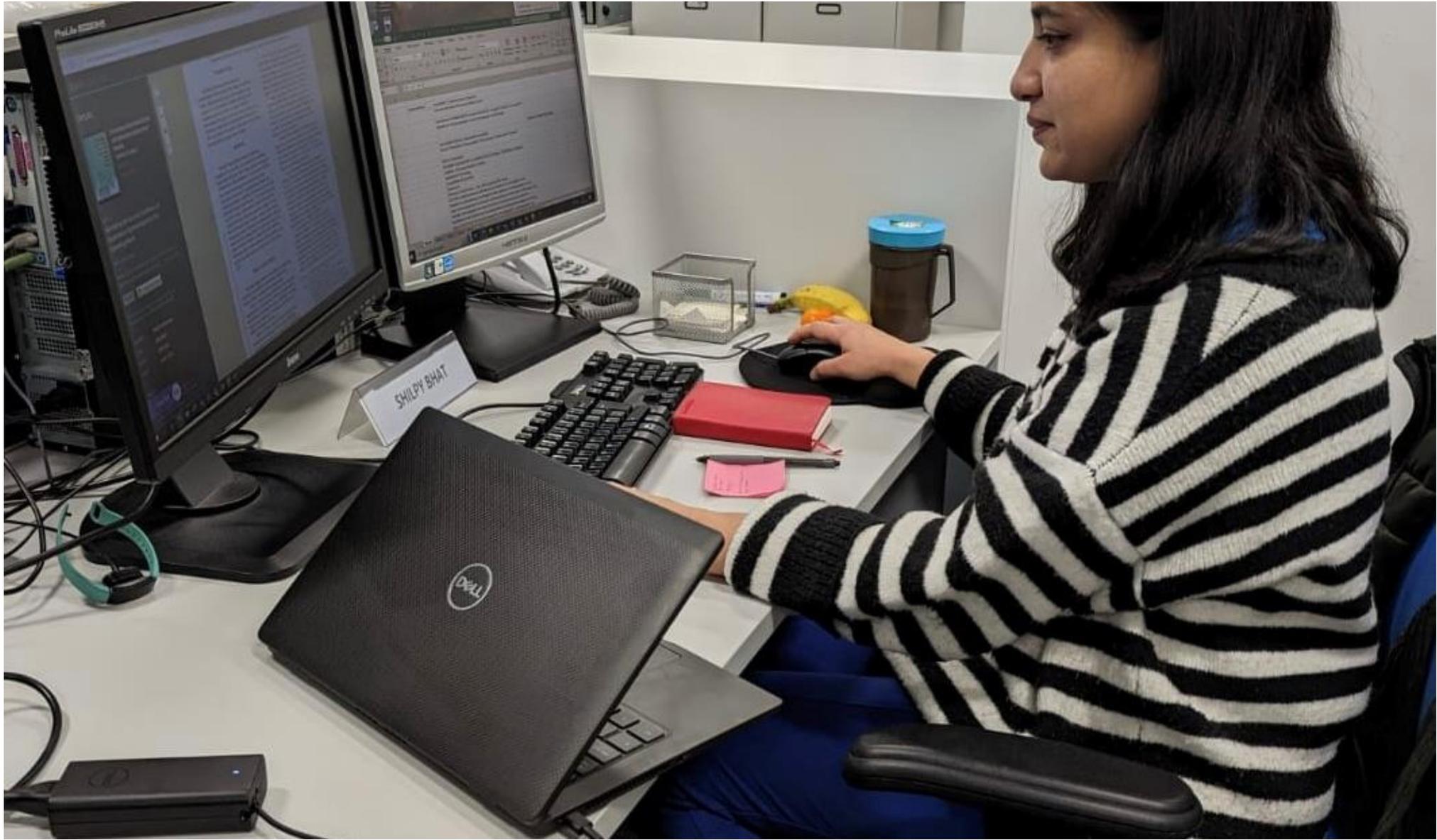
- SHTAC EPRC Literature Review on appropriate interventions to facilitate W... Healthcare
- edge Hill University
- What works + Widening Participation A system
- Dr Axel Kassam, Michelle Madson, Prof Lisa Thomas, Dr Jeremy Brock, Prof Brenda Gidycz (all Edge Hill University)

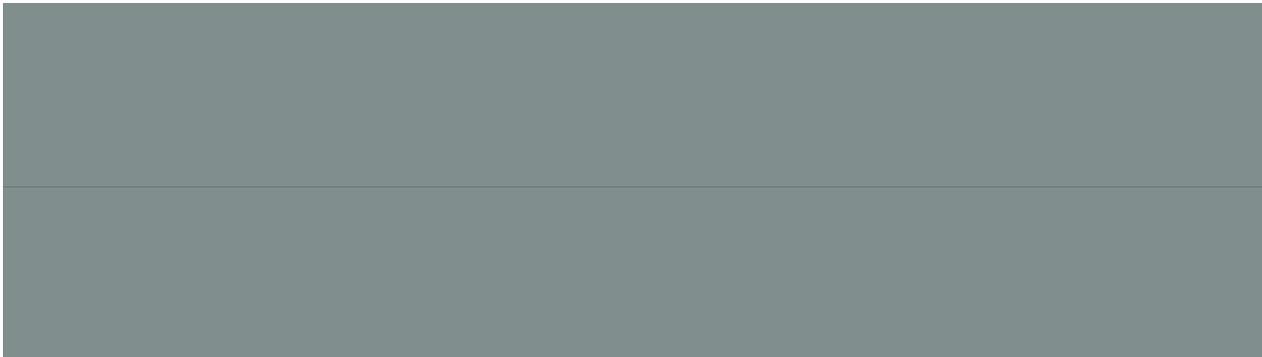
Book cover: **DOING A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW: A Student's Guide**, 2nd Edition, edited by Angela Boland, M. Gemma Cherry, Rumona Dickson.











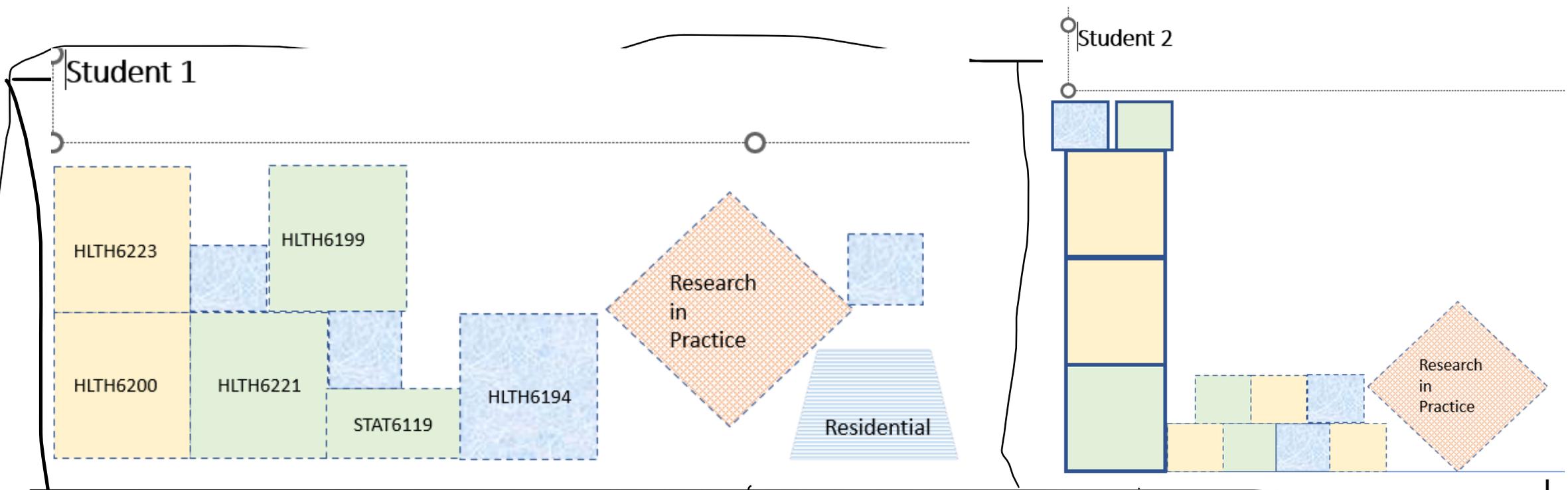




Other training in the mix

# Alternative timeline view





# NEXT COHORT TRAINING JUNE 2023

THINKING  
ETHICALLY

THINKING  
MULTI-  
DISCIPLINARILY

THINKING  
CRITICALLY

THINKING BIG

THINKING  
AHEAD



HOMEWORK!

Before we next meet, try drawing or photographing or some how visually charting the progress of your PhD journey