Our “6-in-1” course for PhD students: ‘Introduction to Research Support & Integrity’

- Coordinated by the RDM & Research Integrity teams, with the support of the Doctoral School
- A 3-hour, Lecture Theatre-based course with 6 convenors who are expert in 6 different areas
- For up to 100 students, from varied disciplines and PhD years
- A non-compulsory course which gives students 1 training point (out of 20 points recommended per year by the Doctoral School)
- Material: AV equipment, slides, voting handsets, feedback forms and handouts
- Handouts: essential information + take-away messages for each area
- 1st session: 7/12/2016, fully booked in 1 week; 56 students attended (out of 73 registered)

Benefits
- For students
  - What did you think about the content of the course?
    - Useful
    - Very useful
    - Not really useful
  - “Interesting presentations which led to good discussions.”
  - “Real situation has been touched”
  - “I would have appreciated this session at the very beginning of my research.”
  - “I learned new ways to protect, store and organise data.”
  - “Really great course. Very informative. I was not excited at all to attend (and really did it for the points) but I am really glad that I came. Don't change a thing!”
- For speakers
  - Reaching a large audience
  - Reaching users early in their research career
  - Presenting support services without having to plan an hour-long course
- For coordinators
  - Slow process to organise the course (6 months) but material reusable for many sessions

Future plans
- Running 2 sessions (term for students; next session: 01/03, 28/03, 02/05)
- Creating a course for research staff
- Creating an online version of the course (asked in feedback)