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Report

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The Windsor Postgraduate Workshop was organized by the British Society for Geomorphology on December 5-8, 2022. It was dedicated to first year PhD students. The event, as annually, took place in the royal residence Cumberland Lodge in Great Windsor Park. The place was perfect – big enough to contain spacious bedrooms, a restaurant, a bar, few living rooms and an entertainment zone - small and cosy enough to feel like at home. It was an adventure both to study and relax for 4 days in the palace in the middle of a royal park.





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Attendees of the workshop were 24 PhD students from several universities in UK, Poland, Italy, Austria and Ireland. It was a brilliant opportunity to confront my research experiences with people at a similar career stage - starting their project in the other parts of Europe.

The lecture's topics included the nature of the PhD studies, key research websites to join, academia funding (algorithms of evaluating researchers' work) and research paper submitting. We were also given a practical introduction to Python modelling and had a chance to discuss appropriate social reactions to climate change. What is more, in groups we practised quite detailed planning of a research project. During one of the sessions we presented our own research proposals – making sure we keep the timeline and answer questions of the other young researchers.

I really appreciate professionalism combined with a friendly, supportive atmosphere. I must confess I had been afraid it would be much more stressful! The workshop made me feel more comfortable with my skills as well as with my fears – I realised it was quite normal to have my head full of various questions at this early stage of my project.

I would like to thank all the organisers, especially Lucy Clarke and John Wainwright, for preparing and leading such an inspiring event! I am sure many of chosen topics are really important to know at the start of a research project but not always discussed deeply in our home institutions.

